

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN LYNDHURST
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 20 JANUARY 2009 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr M Böckle (Chairman) Mr F Alexander, Mr G Bisson, Mr P Boyes, Mr J Charlesworth and Miss H Palmer.

In Attendance: Mrs M Weston (Clerk to the Council)
Mr R Mair (on behalf of the Scout Group)

It was noted that Mrs Wyeth had resigned from the Amenities Committee.

Mr Böckle welcomed Miss Palmer, who had agreed to join the Amenities Committee and would be undertaking work on the opening of the circular walk.

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mr M Rollé.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 21 October 2008 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

(a) Welcome Signs

Mr Bisson stated that it would not be possible to refurbish the existing signs. The Parish Council had been informed by Hampshire County Council that if they wished to have new identical signs it would be necessary for the Parish Council to make a financial contribution.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Hampshire Highways to obtain costings.

(b) Assets Register

Miss Palmer and the Clerk would be looking at updating the Assets Register and Insurance Register and would report back to the full Council in due course.

5. New Bus Shelter

It was reported that the new bus shelter had been installed. It was agreed that it looked much better than the previous shelter, was sturdy but concern was expressed regarding how much protection it would give from inclement weather. However, it was explained that it had proved impossible to provide a deeper shelter because this would obstruct the pavement.

RESOLVED: That Mr Böckle liaise with the Clerk to arrange a small opening ceremony following which a report and photograph would be sent to the Lymington Times.

6. Daffodil Bulbs

Mr Boyes and Mr Todd had planted all the daffodil bulbs.

RESOLVED: That the Amenities Committee's thanks be extended to Mr Boyes and Mr Todd for planting the bulbs.

7. Circular Walk/Launch Day

Mr Böckle welcomed Mr Mair and explained that the Parish Council had devised a circular walk and would be holding a launch day, possibly on 19 April. It was thought that this could be used as an opportunity for the Scouts to raise money to help fund the new scout hut.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Mr Mair look into inviting Mr Böckle to the next Scout Executive meeting.
- (b) That Miss Palmer assist with organisation of the circular walk launch day.
- (c) That the Clerk apply for the necessary licence to collect money from NFDC.
- (d) That Mr Charlesworth arrange for a room and refreshments at the Community Centre.
- (e) That Mr Böckle write to the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire to invite her to the launch day.

8. School Shelter

Mr Böckle reported that the bus stop outside the school was the main stop for children and parents waiting for school buses. It was agreed that it would be useful to provide a canopy with support posts to shelter from inclement weather.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Hampshire Highways to see if this would be feasible and if this proved to be the case to then contact the NF NPA and the Head Teacher to ask for their views.

9. Any Other Business

Mr Bisson reported that James Malcom would like a small opening ceremony for the seat he had voluntarily refurbished and dedicated to the village firemen.

RESOLVED: That the idea be agreed but be held in abeyance until better weather.

Mr Alexander said that he felt that the repairs to the noticeboard had been expensive. Mr Böckle stated that the repairs had been necessary and would enable the noticeboard to be kept for the time being.

Mr Bisson said that in view of the proposed development at Stags Yard the hoardings would eventually be removed. These were used as an unofficial bill posting board. It would be more appropriate for the Parish Council to provide a board for general notices, which should be removed after the event.

Mr Alexander agreed to annotate the map in the middle section of the noticeboard in the car park.

Mr Charlesworth stated that the Community Centre hedge would be removed to accommodate access for building work and Health and Safety measures. During building work a monthly or weekly progress notice would be produced.

Mr Boyes reported that consecration of the Chapel would take place on 25 January 2009 at 2.00 pm. Enquiries had revealed that it would not be possible to hold weddings at the Chapel

In the absence of any other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date