

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr M Böckle (Chairman), Mr G Bisson (first part of the meeting), Mr P Boyes, Mr J Charlesworth (first part of the meeting) and Mrs H Klaassen.

In Attendance: Mrs M Weston (Clerk to the Council)

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr F Alexander and Mr M Rollé.

2. Election of Chairman

Mr Charlesworth proposed, seconded by Mr Boyes and it was

RESOLVED: That Mr Böckle be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. Declarations of Interest

Mr Bisson declared an interest, which he considered to be non prejudicial, in Agenda Item No 10 (Great Mead).

4. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 5 May 2009 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

5. Matters Arising

(a) Maintenance of Bus Shelters and Public Seating

The Chairman reported that he had compiled a specification of work required on the bus shelters and seats and a tender had been accepted from Mr Kevin Bennett of Weed It & Reap. The work had now been successfully completed.

RESOLVED: That Mr Bennett be invited to undertake further work on two bus shelters and installation of a seat with an allowance being made for the fact that the weather was likely to be more inclement at this time of year.

(b) Bulbs

These had been planted by Mr Anthony Todd although it was noted that planting had not taken place in two of the places marked out.

(c) Tree at Great Mead

It was reported that remedial action had been taken by Cannon Horticulture and the site left clean and tidy.

6. Village Signs

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of providing new signage at the four entrances to the village. It was understood that Hampshire County Council would only be prepared to fund signs

that displayed the word LYNDHURST and the Parish Council would have to fund any additional wording or logo.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk discuss the “gated” approach signs with Hampshire County Council and that the subject of a new logo be added as an Agenda item at the next Parish Council meeting.

7. Seat near the War Memorial

A letter had been sent to the Forestry Commission Land Agent who had ascertained that the Verderers would be prepared to consider a seat at the war memorial if the Parish Council would relinquish a seat elsewhere on the open forest. The Clerk had written to say the Parish Council would relinquish a seat situated near the Cemetery, making good the ground afterwards. A formal request would now be made to the Forestry Commission for removal of this seat and repositioning of a replacement five metres from the war memorial, facing the memorial on the village side. A seat would be purchased from the Forestry Commission in the same style as the seat recently purchased and positioned at Bank and commemorative plaques could be added at a future date.

8. Bus Shelter at Lyndhurst Infant School

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Simpson Hilder, local architects, asking if they would be prepared to design a bus shelter for the space outside the school between the school gate and the Crown Hotel free of charge in return for a subtle advertising opportunity inside the shelter.

9. Parish Walk

This had proved extremely successful and almost all the leaflets had been taken up by the public. Another print run had been organised which would be funded by HCC (£300), NF NPA (£150) and Lyndhurst Parish Council (£150) although this would see the end of this funding source.

10. Great Mead

Mrs Klaassen suggested that the Committee explore the possibility of providing a wildlife pond at Great Mead.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk enquire whether it would be necessary to erect a fence around such a pond in order to safeguard against young children falling into the water.

Mr Bisson stated that the Twinning Committee might like to put a tree at Great Mead as the tree planted when the village had first been twinned with Le Chevrolière had been removed due to its poor condition. A sweet chestnut tree had been suggested.

RESOLVED: That Mr Bisson ask the Twinning Committee to write formally to the Parish Council regarding this matter.

Mr Bisson stated that he would not like to see Great Mead divided up in any way. The Chairman reminded him that a plan to divide up the land so that one area could be kept free of dogs off the lead had previously been minuted and approved by both the Amenities Committee and the full Council. He stated that as Mr Bisson owned and lived in a property that abutted Great Mead he did not feel he should be commenting on this matter.

11. Budget Request for the Financial Year 2010/2011

RESOLVED: That the following budget request be made for the financial year April 2010 to March 2011:

Budget Item	2010/2011
Seats	£1,570.00
Bus Shelters	£950.00
Bulbs	£300.00
Dog Bin Emptying	£800.00
Parish Walk	£200.00
Noticeboards	£500.00
Ground Maintenance - Great Mead	£2,000.00
WACC @ 7%	£414.40
Total	£6,734.40

12. Any Other Business

Positioning and selection of future bulbs was discussed.

RESOLVED: That in 2010 the Parish Council should diversify from daffodils and plant, amongst others, crocus on the edge of Romsey Road at Gales Green and cyclamen under the tree near Calpé Avenue.

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

Chairman _____

Date _____