

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mrs H Klaassen (Vice Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr F Alexander, Mr G Bisson, Mr M Böckle, Mr P Boyes, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mrs Trend and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M H Weston

In attendance: 13 members of the public, PC A White and PCSO Lisa Quinn.

Mr Andy Chatwin gave a report on progress made to date on the rebuilding of the local Scout hut in Wellands Road stating that the building work to date had gone very well. The wooden frame had been completed and the brickwork was now going up. It was planned to have an official opening at Easter and to be able to offer residential and conference facilities. There would be parking for ten cars on site but other cars would have to be parked in the main public car park. The Scouts were still approximately £12,000 short of the amount needed for the initial build and subsequently more money would be needed to equip the building.

287. Public Participation

None.

288. Disclosures of Interest

None.

289. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Mr M Rollé.

290. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 November 2009, having been circulated, were signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and accurate record.

291. Matters Arising

None.

292. Correspondence

HCC – Consultation regarding Hampshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy – 23 November to 29 January. This can be viewed on line at www.hants.gov.uk/mwcorestrategy

NF NPA – Letter from Paula Freeland, Head of Environmental Services concerning the possibility of the Parish Council adopting a BT telephone kiosk. There are three possible sites – near Racecourse View, Silver Street and near the Roak Oak PH at Bank. The kiosks are considered to be a valuable feature in conservation areas.

RESOLVED: That after further consideration no action be taken.

NFDC – Two copies of the New Forest District (outside the National Park) Core Strategy as adopted by NFDC on 26 October. Can also be viewed at www.newforest.gov.uk

HCC and Amey – Highways newsletter.

293. Minutes of Committee Meetings

Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting

294. Accounts

- (a) The Clerk submitted accounts which had become due for payment since the date of the last meeting, as detailed in Appendix A and these were approved.
- (b) The Clerk submitted details of Parish Council spending for the period 14 April 2009 to 8 December 2009.

295. Bus/Taxi/Local Traffic Signage at Shrubbs Hill Road

Mr Alexander reported that there were ten temporary signs in the vicinity of Shrubbs Hill Road resulting from the trial bus lane routing. The question of whether more permanent signage displayed more logically was discussed.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Hampshire County Council to ascertain whether there had been an appraisal of the system that had been put in place and, if so, to ask for the results. If the signage had proved useful the Parish Council feel that more appropriate signage should now be used.

It was also noted that the traffic lights in the High Street/Romsey Road junction seemed to be working haphazardly and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

296. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

PC Andy White reported that there had been eight reported incidents in the previous month. There had been a considerable number of thefts from motor vehicles in Forest car parks. A number plate had been stolen from a Jaguar car. PC White undertook to inform the Clerk when a Pub Watch meeting was held.

Mr Charlesworth said that 90 children would be attending the children's Christmas party, which would be followed by the carol service. The community centre would close for building work from 4 to 30 January. The Parish Council meetings will be held in the Library which would officially open on 1 February. There would be a grand opening of the Community Centre on 26 March.

Mr Böckle reported that he had attended a reception at the Great Hall, Winchester for countryside access volunteers. The Lyndhurst Circular Walk had received praise from Hampshire County Council who are now keen to assist in enhancing the route and it is hoped that this can be taken forward.

Mr Bisson reported that there would be carol singing outside the Fire Station from 5.00 to 7.00 pm on Saturday 12 December. It was noted that some of the village traders are unhappy at the way in which the event has now been split, with the village fun day taking place at the end of November.

297. Meeting with Scotia Gas Network and HCC

Mrs Wyeth explained that she had attended a meeting (at which the Clerk had also been present) with representatives of Scotia Gas Network, Hampshire Highways and Alistair Banks (who was hoping to set up a broadband connection in the village). Due to the necessity for updating and to increase capacity it would be necessary to undertake work in the near future and the original location was planned for Romsey Road and the junction with the High Street which would necessitate a road closure for an unspecified period of time. However, Mr Alexander had suggested an alternative route which could be accommodated over a small amount of open forest, fields and the public right of way through Meridien Modena land. Unfortunately the owner of this land would not grant permission for the work to take place and although the matter was now in the hands of solicitors it was still hoped that an amicable agreement could be reached. Mrs Wyeth was endeavouring to make an appointment with the garage owner to ascertain if this was possible.

298. Future Planning

Mrs Wyeth said the Parish Council should be considering what they wanted for the village and its local distinctiveness.

RESOLVED: To place this on the agenda for the January meeting.

Mr Boyes said he felt that an allowance should be made to the Chairman for expenses incurred associated with the position.

Mr Boyes stated that all invitations addressed to the Chairman should be brought to the attention of the full Council so that everyone could have the opportunity to attend if the Chairman was unable to do so.

285. Dates for Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee – 15 December – Community Centre – 7.15 pm

Mr Abbott reminded Councillors that the application at Beechen Lane would be under discussion and all Councillors were welcome to attend.

286. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the Agenda for the December meeting.

Any other items brought to the Clerk's attention by 2 January 2010.

Village Planning.

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

Chairman _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A

The following accounts were authorised for payment:-

	Charge	VAT	Total
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1305.28		1305.28
Lyndhurst and District Community Association			
Room hire - PC meeting	19.50		
Room hire - Planning	19.50		
Total			39.00
TLC-Online			
Website Maintenance (Dec, Jan, Feb)			100.00
Mr P Boyes			
Materials for use in Cemetery	336.02	50.40	386.42
J Stickland Limited			
Repairs/Upgrade to Chapel Windows	1376.82	206.52	1583.34
Mr M Rollé			
Computer Security Software	18.37	2.46	20.83
Hampshire County Council			
Parish Walk leaflet reprint			720.00
Total			4212.47

Chairman _____

Date _____