

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), 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 and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M H Weston

In attendance: 4 members of the public, PC A White, representative from the Press

Mr Alexander was welcomed back to the meeting following absence due to his wife's illness and he was asked to give the Parish Council's best wishes to Mrs Alexander for a speedy recovery.

271. Public Participation

None.

272. Disclosures of Interest

Mrs Wyeth declared an interest in Agenda item number 13 as she is a member of the NFNPA.

273. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr I Clark and Mrs A Trend.

274. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 October 2009, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

275. Matters Arising

(a) Speed Restrictions on New Forest roads

Mrs Wyeth reported that she had taken a letter from the Parish Council, stating that they felt that a 30 mph speed limit across the entire forest was not practical, to the Road Safety Group. This Group had also been of the same opinion and had recommended that the 40 mph limit remain with 30 mph being implemented in some Forest villages.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to Ken Thornber drawing his attention to the fact that Lyndhurst Parish Council are of the opinion that the speed limit on forest roads should remain at 40 mph and only be reduced to 30 mph through forest villages.

(b) Gas Works

RESOLVED: To contact Peter Balsom at Scotia Gas to see if any progress was being made with the proposed route for the gas works.

276. Correspondence

Mr Michael Clarke – Letter of thanks regarding the work carried out by Hampshire Highways on the noisy road surface in Gosport Lane. Another area south of Rufus Court is marked for repair but not the broken surfacing in the Shaggs Meadow-A337 junction and pavement to the south.

Mr Anthony Herbert – Email drawing attention to the spate of relatively short electricity failures.

Carers Together – Information and News for Carers.

BT – Invitation to adopt local red telephone kiosk.

HCC – Community Transport Newsletter.

HCC – Letter regarding forthcoming consultation on potential changes to the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy. Website at www.hants.gov.uk/mwp

NFALC – New Constitution. Lyndhurst is now in the south east quadrant.

277. Minutes of Committee Meetings

The minutes of the following Committee meetings were received:

Amenities Committee

Mrs Wyeth said that a number of residents had intimated that they did not want to see any changes at Great Mead. Mr Böckle stated that the Committee felt that this should be an amenity area that could be enjoyed by everyone and not just dog walkers. Mr Bisson declared a non prejudicial interest in the land at Great Mead and said he still held the view that the present arrangement regarding the use of this land was satisfactory and should not be changed. He was reminded by the Chairman, the Clerk and Councillors Böckle and Alexander that they did not feel it to be appropriate for him to speak on this matter as they considered that because he owned property abutting Great Mead his interest was prejudicial. It was suggested by Mr Charlesworth that it might be appropriate to send out a questionnaire to residents asking for their opinions. Mrs Wyeth said she did not consider it appropriate to place a pond on the land. She asked that it be noted that she did not consider a chestnut tree to be an appropriate tree for the Twinning Committee to plant in this area. She also advised the Amenities Committee that policy stated that advertising could not be allowed on bus shelters.

RESOLVED: That Mr Bisson ask the Twinning Committee to formally approach the Parish Council with a request for the type of tree they wished to place at Great Mead and this would be considered by the Amenities Committee.

Recreation Committee

Allotment Committee

Planning Committee

278. 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 10 November 2009.

279. New Forest National Park Management Plan

Councillor Wyeth commended the new Plan to Councillors stating that it was an improvement and was now interpreting NFDC policies.

280. Parish Council Logo

Mr Böckle explained that the approach signs to the village were under consideration by the Amenities Committee and it had been suggested that a more appropriate logo be sought.

RESOLVED: That the Amenities Committee give this matter consideration at their next meeting.

281. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

PC Andy White reported that during October there had been four domestic assaults, criminal damage consisting of damage to the phone box near the Community Centre and thefts from motor vehicles in forest car parks. There had been two incidents of theft, one in a hotel and the other at the museum. A bicycle had been taken from a shed in Pikes Hill and there had been three dwelling burglaries, all to the same flat. Halloween and bonfire nights had passed quietly. There had been a slight increase in cold calling and people were urged to look out for their elderly and vulnerable neighbours.

Mr Charlesworth stated that there would be a children's Christmas party at the Community Centre on 12 December from 2.00 4.30 pm for the children of Lyndhurst School and children residing in Lyndhurst. Tickets would be available from 16 November. The Community Centre would be hosting an event on New

Year's Eve for families with crèche facilities for children. A Band Concert had been held in the Community Centre to commemorate Remembrance Sunday and 200 people had attended.

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel at which there had been feedback regarding the New Forest tour. A visit had been organised to the railway at Warwick Slade and the SSSI restoration works. There had also been a talk on fly tipping.

The Chairman gave an update on the progress being made on the new Scout hut. Work was progressing well. However, there would be a large financial shortfall which would have to be met by way of a long term loan.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of providing a youth club.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council would be willing to provide assistance.

282. Remembrance Day Parade – 8 November

The Chairman reported that this had gone well. It was hoped to liaise more fully with the Church next year and to obtain the services of a marching band. The idea had been mooted of holding a civic event in April. It was noted that the collection would go to the Haig Fund and a CD of music would be given to the Church.

283. Planning Enforcement

The Clerk explained that she had spoken to Sandy Tolmay, Chief Enforcement Officer with the NF NPA and was satisfied that this matter was now in hand, although it might take some time to gain remedial action.

284. Future Planning

Mr Alexander drew the Council's attention to the number of temporary bus lane signs that were in the Shrubbs Hill region and said he would like to see less signs, but of a more permanent nature.

RESOLVED: To make this an Agenda item for the December meeting.

The Clerk asked the Parish Council to consider the possibility of inviting a number of people to the December meeting who had assisted the Parish Council in some way during the year in order to show the Council's appreciation by way of light refreshments at the end of the meeting. This had been done to some extent in previous years but the Clerk would like to see this matter formalised.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and Chairman put together a list of possible attendees.

285. Dates for Future Committee Meetings

Finance and General Purposes Committee – 17 November – Community Centre – 7.15 pm

Planning Committee – 24 November – Community Centre – 7.15 pm

286. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the Agenda for the October meeting.

Any other items brought to the Clerk's attention by 30 November 2009.

Bus lane signs in Shrubbs Hill.

In the absence of any other business the 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	1498.63		1498.63
Lyndhurst and District Community Association			
Room hire - Amenities Cte meeting	19.50		
Room hire - PC meeting	19.50		
Room hire - Planning	19.50		
Room hire - Allotment Cte meeting	19.50		
Room hire - F & GP meeting	19.50		
Total			97.50
Wellington Signs			
Cemetery signage	30.00		30.00
Southern Water			
Allotment water	201.70		201.70
Mr Paul Carter			
Recreation Ground strimming	30.00		
Allotment hedge cutting	500.00		
Total			530.00
Mr A Todd			
Cemetery general maintenance	300.00		300.00
Mr P Boyes			
Materials for use in Cemetery	536.57		536.57
Total			3194.40

Chairman _____

Date _____