

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2009 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr G Bisson (Chairman), Mr M Rollé (Vice Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr F Alexander, Mr P Boyes, Mrs A Butcher and Miss H Palmer.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M H Weston
1 member of the public
Mr B Craig, Lymington Times

130. Public Participation

None.

131. Disclosures of Interest

None.

132. Apologies for Absence

Mr M Böckle, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr I Clark, Mrs A Trend and Mrs P Wyeth.

133. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting dated 9 December 2008, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

134. Matters Arising

(a) Parking Clocks

It was reported that it was no longer permissible to use the parking clocks for 2008, the time interval having lapsed.

(b) Condition of Footpaths

In response to a question from Mrs Butcher the Clerk reported that she had not had a response from the Highways Department to a letter sent expressing concern at the condition of footpaths in the parish.

(c) Bus Services

Mr Abbott reported that Wilts and Dorset Bus Service would be taking over the No 35 service between Ringwood and Lyndhurst following termination of the contract by Black Velvet Travel.

(d) Premises for Youth Club

Although funding of a youth worker could now be made premises were still being sourced.

135. Correspondence

HCC – Quality of Life in Hampshire 2008 (Report). This can be downloaded at www3.hants.gov.uk/quality_of_life_repor_2008t-2.pdf

HCC – New Forest Passenger Transport Forum. Next meeting will take place on 23.01.09.

Community First New Forest – Annual Report 2007-2008.

Lyndhurst Scout Group – Letter of appreciation for Parish Council grant aid in the sum of £1,500.00

Communities and Local Government – Communities in control: Real people, real power: Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – A consultation. Responses required by Thursday 12 March 2009. Can be downloaded from www.communities.gov.uk

Forestry Commission – Notification from Area Land Agent, New Forest (Mark Street) that the rental on land at the allotment gardens will increase from £450 per annum to £533 per annum. This represents an increase of 18%+ and will be held for three years. Parish Councils comments are required please.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Forestry Commission to state that such a large increase had not been envisaged in the precept for 2009/2010 but the Parish Council would be prepared to accept an increase of 5% (say £475).

ACTION BY: The Clerk

HALC – Information on Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill.

Ringwood Town Council – Correspondence re GIS.

The Chairman outlined the proposals and advantages of this system and discussion took place.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council take up the offer to become involved in the new GIS Mapping proposals to be provided by NFDC at an annual cost of £231 per annum.

ACTION BY: The Clerk

NF NPA – Draft National Park Plan and Draft Recreation Management Strategy Public Consultation (copied to all Councillors with Packs).

136. Minutes of Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings had taken place since the date of the last meeting.

137. Annual Parish Meeting

Discussion took place as to the format for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on 17 March 2009.

RESOLVED:

- (a) To invite the District and County Councillors to present reports and to invite PC Andy White to attend and give a report if he so wished.
- (b) To keep as far as possible to the format adopted in 2008, using slides and Powerpoint presentations.

138. 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 1 April 2008 to 13 January 2009.

139. The New Forest Community Planning Guide

Copies of the draft guide had been circulated to all councillors and were presented for comment. The Clerk pointed out that a response was not necessary until 15 February which would allow Councillors further time to study the proposals and make comments.

RESOLVED: That Councillors report to the Clerk by the end of January any comments they wished to make. Subject to any comments being favourable the Clerk would then report back to NFDC that the Parish Council accepted the proposals.

ACTION BY: All Councillors

140. Financial Regulations

Copies of proposed regulations had been circulated to all Councillors and it was agreed that these were in line with the policy already adopted by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Financial Regulations be adopted.

141. Assets Register

An assets register had been prepared for consideration. Miss Palmer said she felt that the assets register and insurance values should be considered as entirely different items.

RESOLVED: That further consideration should be given to this matter and a decision held in abeyance until this had taken place.

142. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. A Forestry Commission representative had given a talk on gypsy occupation on Forestry Commission land. Sudden oak death had been identified in rhododendrons, etc at Rhinefield. Discussion had taken place on the National Park Plan.

The Chairman asked that the Parish Council's congratulations be recorded to the Community Association regarding their successful lottery grant bid. The hard work undertaken by Mr John Charlesworth and his team was fully recognised.

143. Dates for Future Committee Meetings

Amenities Committee – 20 January 2009 – Community Centre – 7.15 pm
Planning Committee – 27 January 2009 – Community Centre – 7.15 pm
Allotment Committee – 2 February 2009 – Beechings Over – 7.15 pm

144. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the Agenda for the January meeting.
Any other items brought to the Clerk's attention by 2 February 2009.
Assets Register.

The Chairman stated that following discussions with the Clerk he would like to propose that the remaining Section 137 allocation of £500 be considered at the February meeting. This would allow sufficient time for cheques for grants to be presented at the March Parish Council meeting and paid before the end of the financial year.

RESOLVED: That Section 137 grant allocation be discussed at the February Parish Council meeting.

145. Rumour Corner

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

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

APPENDIX A – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 13.01.09

The following accounts have become due for payment since the date of the last meeting:

Mrs M Weston

Clerk's Salary and Expenses £1060.26

Lyndhurst and District Community Association

Room hire (x3)	£58.50	
Affiliation fee	£12.00	
Total		£70.50

Mr A Todd

Cemetery Maintenance – December	£375.00	
Work at Cemetery – December	£225.00	
Total		£600.00

Lyndhurst Village Lighting & Decorating Committee

Grant Aid £1,000.00

Total for the period 10.12.08 to 13.01.09 = £2730.76

Voucher Numbers 1340, 1220, 1434 - 1435

Chairman _____

Date _____