

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

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

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M H Weston

In attendance: Mr B Foley, Interim Chief Executive, NF NPA
3 members of the public
PC A White

256. Presentation by Mr Barrie Foley, Interim Chief Executive, NF NPA

Mr Foley explained that he was trying to attend as many meetings of the 93 stake holder groups as possible as he believed good communications to be the key to resolving the issues that had arisen as a result of the draft plan. There are pressures because the New Forest is the smallest national park with the largest population and has 13.5 million visitors a year. We must get the balance right but there must be change. Visitors have a massive impact and our Forest and coastline is changing due to wider issues. The intention was that the NPA will act as a forum and expand on the expertise of others. Planning would be a big issue.

The current plan would consist of two documents:

- (a) The Management Plan outlining the vision and objectives to guide the National Park for the next 20 years.
- (b) The Core Strategy setting out the Authority's planning policies dedicated to the National Park.

The draft Management Plan will be received by NPA members on the 29 October and the public will be given two weeks to give feedback. The NPA will then have three weeks to make any changes and on 10 December the revised Management Plan will be taken to the NPA meeting.

The Chairman thanked Mr Foley for giving his presentation.

257. Public Participation

A question was asked regarding the filter system that it was felt should be operating with cars coming into Lyndhurst on the A35 from the Bournemouth direction and those feeding into this line of traffic from Shrubbs Hill Road. It was thought that signage here would be appropriate. Mrs Wyeth explained that the Clerk had written for information regarding the progress of the findings following the series of meetings that had taken place last year and early this year to try to alleviate the traffic problems in Lyndhurst.

258. Disclosures of Interest

Mrs Wyeth declared an interest in Agenda item number 12 as she was a member of the NFNPA.

259. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr F Alexander, Mr G Bisson and Mr I Clark.

260. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 September 2009, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

261. 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.

262. Correspondence

NFDC – Letter from Councillor Chris Treleaven, Portfolio Holder Panning and Transportation stating that as a trial NFDC has decided to suspend parking charges for one afternoon in each the Towns/Villages within the District during December. The Parish Council have been asked to nominate a date for this.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council request that parking charges be suspended on the afternoon of Saturday, 28 December to coincide with Fun Day.

Community First New Forest – Autumn 2009 Newsletter.

Brockenhurst Parish Council – Copy of letter from the Chairman to Barrie Foley asking “What are the positive objectives that the NPA can realistically hope to achieve”?

New Forest Branch Alzheimer’s Society – Autumn 2009 Newsletter.

NFDC - New Forest Access for All – Request for nominations for organisations who have made a special effort in making their premises accessible to everybody – including the disabled and frail members of the community.

New Forest Community Safety Partnership – New Forest Community Safety Operational Joint Action Group free information day to provide information to Safer Neighbourhoods Teams and Parish Councils about how the Partnership works, the information it needs and how we can all get involved in improving the quality of life for residents, visitors and businesses in the New Forest. 18 November 2009 from 9.30 am to 3 pm at Dibden Golf Centre – refreshments and lunch provided.

Mr M Clarke/Mr J Wilding – Correspondence concerning the “noisy” road surface in Gosport Lane, the Clerk’s reply and information from Rob Millar at Hampshire County Council that attempts are being made to rectify the problem.

NFDC – Information regarding the Inspector’s Report on the Examination into the New Forest District outside the National Park Core Strategy can be viewed on the Council’s website www.newforest.gov.uk on the Core Strategy Public Examination page.

Community Action Hampshire – Newsletter.

263. Minutes of Committee Meetings

The minutes of the following Committee meeting held since the date of the last meeting were received:

Cemetery Committee – 14 September

Mr Boyes reported that it would be necessary to purchase a sign indicating that cremated remains should not be spread in the Cemetery without obtaining prior permission from the Clerk.

Mrs Trend asked that it be minuted how much time and effort Mr Boyes put in at the Cemetery, thus saving the Parish Council a good deal of money.

Planning Committee – 23 September

264. 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 13 October 2009.

265. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

PC White stated that during September there had been two thefts from motor vehicles, seven thefts, five road traffic incidents, one dwelling burglary and five non dwelling burglaries. A purse had been stolen from a closed handbag in a Lyndhurst charity shop and an elderly man living alone had money taken. The thefts from motor vehicles had both been from cars in Andrews Mare car park and residents were reminded not to leave valuables in cars left unattended in car parks. There had been a theft from a charity box in the public library and a man had taken money from the till in a Lyndhurst hotel.

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the Open Forest Advisory Committee. At the present time if they felt it necessary to fell any trees they must apply for a felling licence. The alternative idea had been mooted to supply a map of where they wanted to fell trees to see if there were any objections. It was noted that a tree would have to be removed at Ganders, Goose Green which would involve a road closure.

Mrs Trend had attended the relaunch of local plans and felt that it had been a sensible meeting and had emphasised the need to work with Parish Councils.

Mrs Trend reported on the How We Used to Live project and asked for any information on outlying areas. Mr Foley offered assistance.

Mrs Klaassen had attended the HALC AGM. Discussion had taken place on traffic, accident statistics and the 30mph limit in villages.

Mrs Klaassen reported that Allotment Collection evening had taken place and regular allotment meetings would now be held with allotment holders, who would also be informed in advance when the Parish Council were conducting visits to the allotment gardens.

Mr Charlesworth reported on progress with work at the Community Centre. Work was ahead of schedule. Toilet facilities would not be available on the 2 and 3 November for part of the day. Cycle racks would be installed as would new internal doors.

266. Remembrance Day Parade – 8 November

The Clerk reported that a road closure order was being sought. The Police would provide assistance and some marshals had been found. It had not, however, been possible to find a bugle player. Mrs Wyeth said that she had the name of one marshal and would lay a wreath on behalf of NFDC. Mr Böckle reported that it was hoped to provide a commemorative seat near the war memorial and a seat would be removed near the Cemetery. Mr Charlesworth reported that there would be a band concert in the evening at the Community Centre.

The Clerk said she had received enquiries and complaints that a service did not take place at 11.00 am on Remembrance Sunday at the war memorial.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Reverend James Bruce to see if he would be prepared to hold a church service earlier in order to accommodate this idea.

267. Planning Enforcement

Mr Foley explained that following the complaint regarding breaches or planning regulations at Pondhead Farm information had now been collated and a letter had been issued. Temporary “stops” can be issued and if these are not adhered to legal action can be taken.

RESOLVED: That this matter be dealt with at the October Planning Committee meeting.

268. Future Planning

Mr Rollé explained that the Recreation Ground Committee would be exploring the possibility of refurbishing the skateboard ramp. Mrs Trend said that the fencing round the younger children's play area was damaged, possibly because children climbed over it to reach the Play Trail. Mr Rollé said that the fence would be mended and a gate inserted so that children could gain easier and quicker access to the play trail.

Discussion took place regarding whether or not Councillors wished to charge for expenses.

RESOLVED: That it be noted that Lyndhurst Parish Councillors do not wish to charge for expenses although they should be fully reimbursed for items bought for use by the Parish Council.

269. Dates for Future Committee Meetings

Amenities Committee – 22 October – Community Centre – 6.00 pm

Recreation Committee – 24 October – Coles Mead Recreation Ground – 9.00 am

Allotment Committee – 26 October – Community Centre – 7.15 pm

Planning Committee – 27 October - Community Centre – 7.15 pm

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

270. 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 3 November 2009.

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:-

Mrs M Weston	
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1632.81
Lyndhurst and District Community Association	
Room hire – Allotments	
Room hire - PC meeting	
Room hire – Planning	
Total	58.50
Mrs H Klaassen	
Re allotment prizes	53.45
NFDC	
Contribution to CCTV line rental costs	381.00
Forestry Commission	
Recreation Ground ground rent	
Allotment Gardens rental	
Total	775.00
Mr A Todd	
Removal of gorse/clearance/treework	
Materials for lych gate	
Maintenance of play equipment in Rec Ground	
Bulb planting	
General Cemetery maintenance	
Total	916.54
British Legion	
Donation to Poppy Appeal	16.50
Positano Limited	
Cemetery Grasscutting	
Supply of weedkiller	
Total	943.93
DM Property Maintenance	
Maintenance to war memorial railings	310.00
Forestry Commission	
Seat at Bank	287.50
Kevin Bennett	
Seat and shelter Maintenance	1020.00
Audit Commission	
Audit fee	460.00
A Todd	
Cemetery road maintenance	350.00
Total	7262.83

Chairman _____

Date _____