

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2010 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, Mr L Cornell, Mrs A Trend and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M H Weston

In attendance: Five members of the public (early part of the meeting)
Press representative

80. Public Participation

Pastor Clive Tibbles reported that The Hub had now opened in the car park as a youth centre. He stated that he would like to make a grant application.

RESOLVED: That this be considered at a future Parish Council meeting.

81. Disclosures of Interest

None

82. Apology for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mr M Rollé (Chairman).

83. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 October 2010, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

84. Matters Arising

(a) *Bus shelter at Foxlease*

Mr Böckle reported that work on the bus shelter at Foxlease had commenced the previous day although inclement weather had prevented any work today.

(b) *Half day free parking*

It was confirmed that NFDC had granted a half day free car parking at Lyndhurst to coincide with the Christmas Fun Day on 11 December 2010.

85. BT Telephone Kiosk at Silver Street Emery Down

The Clerk reported that she had carried out various checks and could now confirm that the land on which the telephone kiosk was situated was owned by the Forestry Commission and was a SSSI. NFNPA had confirmed that, if purchased, the Parish Council could resell the kiosk and whether the Parish Council or local residents owned it, it would not be subject to a planning application. The Land Agent at the Forestry Commission had confirmed that the kiosk could be added to the licence held for public seating on the open forest at no cost to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact BT with a view to purchasing the telephone kiosk and that it remain in the ownership of the Parish Council, but be maintained by local residents. Mr Böckle agreed to furnish Mr Power, a local resident, with a maintenance schedule and the Clerk would check the condition of the kiosk when she visited the Parish Council noticeboard in Silver Street. The kiosk would be added to the insurance schedule.

86. Correspondence

Community First New Forest – Volunteering at Christmas. Mainly aimed at organisations that require help from volunteers at Christmas time.

Hampshire County Council – Street lighting policy document. Handed to the Vice Chairman.

ALCNFD (formerly NFALC) – First meeting of this newly formed association will be held in Lyndhurst Community Centre on 18 November at 7.00 pm.

RESOLVED: That Mr Bisson attend this meeting.

NFDC – Road closure notification at Pikes Hill for 5 days from 15 November (8.00 am to 5.00 pm) to carry out sewer works. Diversions will be in place via Mill Lane.

HCC – Email correspondence from Adrian Gray resulting from the October Parish Council meeting (previously copied to Councillors).

NF NPA – Email from Director of Strategy and Planning with an update of the Authority's emerging new planning policies for the National Park. The Parish Quadrant meetings are to be revived and Lyndhurst Parish Council is in the South East quadrant. The first meeting would be on Wednesday 1 December at the Fountain Court Hotel, commencing at 7.00 pm. This email had been copied to all Councillors.

Mr Tony Herbert – Email expressing concern at the number of A boards on pavements in the High Street.

District Councillor Pat Wyeth – Copy of email to Tim Lawton drawing attention to the fact that although the roadway leading from the High Street to Gosport Lane had recently been resurfaced it was already breaking up. It was reported that remedial action would be taken.

NF NPA – Email asking for the dates of Parish Council meetings as the NF NPA would like to send a member representative to a meeting over the coming months.

87. Applications for Grant Aid

Mr Robin Mair, representing 1st New Forest Scouts addressed the Parish Council regarding their application for grant aid to purchase items that would make letting of the premises more amenable. This, in turn, would enable the Scout Group to pay outstanding commitments. Mr Mair left the room and discussion took place.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Scout Group be invited to submit a copy of their latest statement of accounts in order that further consideration could be given to this application at a future Parish Council meeting.
- (b) That the Clerk ascertain the level of grant support the Scout Group had already received from the Parish Council for this project.
- (c) That applications received from New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau Limited and Lyndhurst Youth and Community Club also be considered at a future Parish Council meeting.

88. Minutes of Committee Meetings

Recreation Committee – 16 October

Planning Committee – 26 October

89. Highway Issues

Consideration was given to the outcome of the highway issues raised with Tim Lawton and Adrian Gray at the October meeting. Mr Charlesworth suggested that a "No Right Turn" sign at the Chapel Lane end of Sandy Lane would assist residents problems but this would mean that some residents living in Chapel Lane who used Sandy Lane as a through route would no longer be able to do so. Mrs Wyeth reported that she had tried to get an overall plan for something to be done regarding traffic problems and had spoken to NFDC regarding the ongoing air pollution issues but had not received a satisfactory answer. 30 mph issues were also discussed. In general it was

considered that ideas suggested so far would not solve the traffic issues around the village but were merely “tinkering” with the problem and moving it elsewhere in the village.

RESOLVED: To request consultation with representatives from HCC and NFDC (Nick Hunt).

90. Priority Bus Scheme

Consideration was given to the proposed amendments to signage which were not considered to be satisfactory.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Tim Lawton requesting a meeting between representatives from HCC Highways Department, NFDC and the Parish Council in order to discuss the ongoing traffic problems as discussed in Minutes 89 and 90.

91. District Councillor’s Report

Mrs Wyeth reported that the NF NPA Core Strategy and Management Plans would be adopted shortly. Stag Yard has been signed off so action should shortly be forthcoming. Planning proposals at South View would not be accepted as there was no provision for affordable housing. It had been difficult to prove ownership of the rails adjacent to Rufus Court but HCC had now agreed to paint them.

The subject of the proliferation of A boards in the High Street was discussed. The Chamber of Trade have asked that nothing be done unless there is a danger or the pavements are totally blocked. The problem of liability cover for A boards was discussed.

RESOLVED: That no action be taken.

It was noted that Martin at the Holiday Shop would shortly be leaving the village.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write a letter of appreciation from the Parish Council for his efforts on behalf of the community.

92. Accounts

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.

The Clerk submitted records showing spending for the period 1 April 2010 to 9 November 2010.

93. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Abbott reported that he had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. Topics discussed included ragwort pulling and the financial situation of the Forestry Commission. Mr Jonathan Gerrelli explained about the management of stock. The Forestry Commission is to be retained but DEFRA financial statement is down 29%.

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the Open Forest Advisory Committee. This committee deals with the management of the open forest, eg burning, repair of ground, bridges, cutting of roadside trees. Hollands Wood camp site would be closed due to the fact it was situated on an SSSI etc.

Mr Charlesworth stated that there would be a band concert at the Community Centre on 14 November. The Community Club lunches had started last month with 40 people attending.

Mr Bisson, reporting on behalf of the Village Decorations Committee, stated that the main strings are now erected and trees would follow in two weeks time. Fun Day would be 11 December and the Carol Service would be held in the car park near the Community Centre.

94. CCTV in the Recreation Ground

Requests for estimates had been sent out and quotations were awaited.

RESOLVED: That this matter be held in abeyance until the next meeting.

95. Theft of Plaques from the Cemetery Wall of Remembrance

Mr Boyes reported that it had been decided to ask Lockerley Stone/J and L Sturney to undertake the work for new plaques, where requested by members of the public. The new plaques would be made of granite and would be the same size as the previous plaques. The Clerk would write to everyone who had made enquiries enclosing a letter from the Parish Council together with a form to be returned to Lockerley Stone or J and L Sturney, who would pursue the matter from that time.

96. Village Fete

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Vice Chairman join the Committee.
- (b) That the date of the fete be set for 2nd July 2011.

97. Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk reported that all arrangements were now in place.

Mr Boyes reported that the war memorial was in good order but if any Councillors did notice anything amiss could they please contact him immediately.

98. Future Planning

It was reported that Mr Charles Curry, Editor of the Lymington Times had recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

RESOLVED: That a letter of congratulations be sent by the Clerk to Mr Curry, also thanking him for the way the Parish Council had been reported over the years.

99. Dates for future Committee Meetings

Allotment Committee	11 November	6.50 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre
Amenities Committee	11 November	7.15 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre
F & GP Committee	16 November	7.15 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre
Planning Committee	23 November	7.15 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre

100. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the Agenda for the November meeting.
Any other items brought to the Clerk's attention by 14 December 2010.

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 account has been paid between meetings:

	Charge	VAT	Total
Raymond Brown Minerals & Recycling Ltd			
Path gravel for allotment track	330.48	57.83	388.31

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

	Charge	VAT	Total
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses (October)	1476.27		1476.27
Audit Commission			
Audit fee	470.00	23.50	493.50
Lyndhurst and District Community Association			
Room hire - Parish Council meeting	20.50		
Room hire - Finance and General Purposes meeting	20.50		
Room hire - Planning meeting	20.50		
Total			61.50
Mr John Gardner			
Cemetery maintenance	195.00		195.00
Mr P Boyes			
Materials for Cemetery maintenance	715.93		715.93
Kevin Bennett			
Cemetery landscaping	240.00		240.00
Raymond Brown Minerals & Recycling Ltd			
Path gravel for allotment track	332.52	58.19	390.71
Everton Nurseries			
Cemetery trees and shrubs, etc	301.26	52.71	353.97
Southern Water			
Allotment water supply	88.21		88.21
J Malcom & Son			
Allotment grasscutting	154.00		154.00
ASAP			
Remembrance Day signage	171.00	29.93	200.93
Total	4205.69	164.33	4370.02

Chairman _____

Date _____