

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2010 AT 7.15 PM**

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mrs H Klaassen (Vice Chairman), 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: 2 members of the public.

**301. Public Participation**

None.

**302. Disclosures of Interest**

Mr Rollé declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item No 13 - Chairman's Allowance.

**303. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr M Abbott and Mr F Alexander.

**304. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

**305. Matters Arising**

Mrs Wyeth reported that she had met with representatives of Meridien Modina and it had been confirmed that the owner was unwilling to allow Scotia Gas to undertake work across their land, even though a right of way existed. The matter was now in the hands of solicitors but it was recognised that it would be impossible to meet the time frame to alleviate loss of trade for village businesses in general. Another route across the Recreation Ground and the adjoining meadow and out onto the A35 had also been suggested and this was being explored by Scotia Gas.

**306. Correspondence**

NFDC – Information regarding SID deployment information can be found at [www.newforest.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=8172](http://www.newforest.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=8172).

NFDC – Information regarding temporary road closure at A337 Goose Green from Monday 1 February 2010 (likely duration of one week). Alternative route around Goose Green will be provided.

NFDC – New website [www.inq.org.uk](http://www.inq.org.uk) coming shortly specifically for young people in the New Forest.

HCC – Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group Newsletter.

Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing – Newsletter.

Email correspondence from Mr and Mrs Porter concerning the planning application from Ineos at Beechen Lane that had been considered at the December meeting of the Planning Committee.

Discussion took place on this item and it was felt that lengthy consideration had been given to this application at the Planning Committee meeting. All members of the Parish Council had been informed that the matter would be discussed and were welcome to attend. Mrs Wyeth said she would look at the question regarding light pollution.

Mrs Wyeth reported that the Recreation Management Strategy would be published on 21 January. She did not consider that sufficient regard would be given to the freedom of people living in the National Park and felt that any moves to restrict access and channel everyone to designated areas should be avoided. She expressed concern regarding the possibility of additional tourist attractions which could add to existing pressures faced in Lyndhurst, eg traffic congestion. There is a lack of investment on the forest's road infrastructure. Also causing concern were the possibility of additional camping sites and cycle tracks.

### **307. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

Planning Committee Meeting – 15 December 2009

### **308. 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 12 January 2010.

### **309. Membership of NALC**

Correspondence had been circulated to all Councillors concerning HALC's proposal for withdrawal from NALC and their request for input from member Parish and Town Councils.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council support HALC's decision.

### **310. Vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

Councillors were reminded that there was a vacancy for a Parish Council. Information concerning this vacancy would be published in What's On, on the website and noticeboards.

### **311. Village Planning**

Mrs Wyeth outlined her idea that the Parish Council should be formulating plans for how they would like the village to remain or develop in the foreseeable future. Mrs Trend reported that the Parish Plan were still waiting for feedback from one Committee and would then be in a position to bring their findings to the Parish Council and these would be published in due course.

**RESOLVED:** That the matter receive further discussion in June.

### **312. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies**

Mr Charlesworth reported that work was progressing well at the Community Centre despite weather conditions. Volunteers would be sought to help in the Community Centre once it reopened. A Saturday club for children would commence on 27 February. The official opening would be on 26 March. In future, due to fire regulations, glass fronted noticeboards would be provided for clubs and societies using the Community Centre to display information.

Mr Böckle reported that he would be meeting with Cath Hart, Hampshire County Council, the following day to discuss the possibility of undertaking remedial work on the bridleway between Silver Street and Blackwater. He had also arranged for some cutting back of undergrowth at Bank to facilitate the village walk. He had also met with Simpson Hilder Architects to discuss the possibility of providing drawings for a bus shelter to be placed near the school. Once he had more information on these items he would hold an Amenities Committee meeting.

Mr Bisson reported that 2010 would see the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Twinning Association.

### **313. Chairman's Allowance**

Lengthy discussion took place regarding the merits of paying a set annual Chairman's allowance to cover any out of pocket expenses that might be incurred whilst undertaking this post.

**RESOLVED:** That £200 be allocated to the Chairman to cover the expenditure, additional to normal expenses claimable by a Parish Councillor, at his or her own discretion.

**314. Future Planning**

To be held in abeyance until the February meeting.

**315. Dates for Future Committee Meetings**

Planning Committee – Tuesday 26 January – 7.15 pm – Lyndhurst Community Centre  
Parish Council – Tuesday 9 February – 7.15 pm – Lyndhurst Community Centre

**316. 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 1 February 2010.

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:-

	<b>Charge</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Mrs M Weston</b>			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1304.44		1304.44
<b>Lyndhurst and District Community Association</b>			
Room hire - PC meeting	20.50		
Room hire - Planning	20.50		
Printing	59.00		
Affiliation fee	13.00		
Total			113.00
<b>John Gardner</b>			
Cemetery Maintenance	225.00		225.00
<b>Positano Limited</b>			
Cemetery grasscutting - November	712.00	106.80	818.80
<b>Kevin Bennett</b>			
Cemetery maintenance	900.00		
Bus shelter renovation - 75%	350.00		
Total			1250.00
<b>NFDC</b>			
Servicing of dog bins	257.12	38.57	295.69
<b>St Michael &amp; All Angels Church PCC</b>			
Part payment re churchyard maintenance			384.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>4448.53</b>

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_