

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2010 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mrs H Klaassen (Vice Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr F Alexander, Mr G Bisson, Mrs A Butcher, Mr L Cornell, Mrs A Trend and Mrs P Wyeth

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M H Weston

In attendance: Ms A Barnes and Mr S Avery (NF NPA)
County Councillor K Mans
Four members of the public
Press representative

46. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Böckle, Mr P Boyes and Mr J Charlesworth.

47. Presentation

Ms Alison Barnes, newly appointed Chief Executive of the New Forest National Park Authority, gave a presentation in which she outlined her first three months in the post. The aim was to bring 92 stakeholders together and the cost was 9p per person per year with a £30M funding input. She emphasised that our forest and coastline is changing and had to withstand a lot of pressures, both from its 35,000 residents and an increasing number of visitors, as well as such factors as climate change. The aim was to be value added; a listening and supporting organisation and to ensure real input with drop in sessions and working groups. There would be greater accountability. Successes had included the stewardship scheme, New Forest tour bus, coastal heritage project and the New Forest Land Advice Service as well as support for community shops and local information points. This was followed by a question and answer session and issues raised by Councillors included signage, traffic problems in and around the village and public transport issues. The Chairman thanked Ms Barnes and Mr Avery for attending the meeting.

48. Public Participation

None.

49. Disclosures of Interest

None

50. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 July 2010, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

51. Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that an assurance had been received from the Manager at the Wilts and Dorset Bus Company that buses would stop if requested to do so at the bus stop in Southampton Road.

52. BT Telephone Kiosk at Silver Street Emery Down

Presentations in favour of keeping the kiosk were made by Mr P Power, Dr E Newman and Mr A Collins, who all emphasised that they did not believe vandalism would be a problem and that residents of Emery Down would be prepared to maintain the kiosk. It had been confirmed by the Clerk that BT were prepared to sell the kiosk to the Parish Council for £1. However, if the Parish Council then gave or sold the kiosk to local residents planning permission would then have to be sought. However, if it remained in the ownership of the Parish Council planning permission would not be necessary.

RESOLVED: That Mr Avery look into the planning issue and report back to the Clerk. Meanwhile the Clerk would try to establish who owned the land on which the kiosk stood. Subject to these items being clarified advantageously the Parish Council would be in favour of a license agreement regarding the kiosk.

53. Correspondence

Age Concern – Invitation to AGM on 22 September at 1.00 pm at St Andrews Church Hall, Dibden Purlieu.

HALC – Invitation to AGM at St Swithun's School, Winchester on Saturday, 23 October at 9.00 am.

1st New Forest North Scout Group – Letter expressing thanks for grant aid.

NALC – Notification regarding Local Government pay 2010/2011 and 2011/2012.

NFNPA – Email (already circulated) regarding programme aimed at reducing the number of unnecessary or poorly designed road signs within the NPA.

Signage on the A337 at the junction with Mill Lane was discussed, as was the possibility of a 30 mph speed limit for Clayhill and the possible extension of the 30 mph speed limit on the A337 up to and including Broughton Road. Gateway signage was discussed and the Clerk reported that she and the Vice Chairman would be visiting NFDC Graphics Department to discuss the possibility of working with them to provide a new Parish Council logo.

RESOLVED: To provide a list of questions for Mr Tim Lawton, HCC Highways, who was due to attend the October Parish Council meeting.

HCC – Inroads Bulletin.

Robert Simpson – Copy of email sent to Nick Hunt regarding parking at Bank.

Dr Julian Lewis, MP – Response to consultation paper on the proposal to close various courts, including at Lyndhurst.

Mrs Maggie Hill JP – Letter asking the Parish Council to reconsider their decision to recommend closure of the Magistrates Court at Lyndhurst.

RESOLVED: To send a further letter to Dr Julian Lewis, MP stating that it was still the Parish Council's wish that the Magistrates Court be moved to Southampton.

HCC – Information concerning the casualty reduction scheme proposed for the A337 Lyndhurst Road between Cadnam and Lyndhurst.

HCC – Traffic Order proposals – extension of 30 mph speed limit east from Lyndhurst.

Clerks and Councils Direct – Newsletter

TLC Online – Email from visitor to Lyndhurst stating that on each of three occasions he has tried to visit Lyndhurst whilst on holiday in the New Forest he was thwarted by the traffic problems.

HALC – Newsletter.

NFNPA – Letter from Steve Avery (already circulated via email) inviting the Parish Council to send a representative to a quadrant meeting to be held as a forum for closer working procedures.

Wilts and Dorset Bus Co – Letter from Depot Manager giving an assurance that the buses will stop at the bus stop in Southampton Road.

NFDC – Correspondence concerning upcoming changes to refuse collection days.

Kenneth Eastham – Request to use the PC logo on a tie for the Catenian Association, an organization of Catholic men.

RESOLVED: That permission be granted.

HCC – Hampshire Now.

NFDC – Information regarding New Forest Environmental Protection Liaison Committee meeting on 7 October at 7.00 pm in Hythe and Dibden Community Centre, Brinton Lane, Hythe. An invitation to meet the industrialists and ask questions.

54. Minutes of Committee Meetings

Planning Committees – 20 July and 24 August

55. Accounts

The Clerk submitted accounts which had become due for payment, or had been paid, 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 14 September 2010.

56. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

None.

57. CCTV in the Recreation Ground

The Chairman reported that following vandalism to play equipment in the Recreation Ground he would shortly be meeting with a representative from a local company to discuss the possibility of installing CCTV.

58. Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations/Olympic Games 2012

Mrs Wyeth reported that NFDC were looking at ways in which to include the area in celebrations. Mrs Trend said she would still like to see a way of commemorating these events with village activities.

59. Future Planning

The Chairman reported that he had attended a fete organised by Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council. The event had been very successful and he asked if Councillors felt this was something that could be organised in Lyndhurst.

60. Dates for future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee	28 September	7.15 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre
Cemetery Committee	7 October	6.00 pm	St Margaret's Chapel, Lyndhurst Cemetery
F & GP Committee	16 November	7.15 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre

61. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Village Fete

Items brought forward from the Agenda for the September meeting.

Any other items brought to the Clerk's attention by 4 October 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 have become due for payment since the date of the last meeting:

	Charge	VAT	Total
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses (September)	1653.40		1653.40
Lyndhurst and District Community Association			
PC meetings (x2)	41.00		
Amenities Committee laminating	5.60		
What's On advertising - allotments	15.00		
Planning Committee meeting	20.50		
Amenities Committee Advertising	15.00		
Total			97.10
Mr J Gardner			
Cemetery Maintenance	225.00		225.00
Mr M Boulwood			
3no candle holders for Chapel	334.87		334.87
Mr P Boyes			
Cemetery maintenance materials	111.70		111.70
Total	2422.07		2422.07

Chairman _____

Date _____