

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mrs H Klaassen, Mr M Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mr P Boyes, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell, Mr K Kaljura, the Revd Dr C Wilkins and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Five members of the public, Mr C March, Press Representative.

81 Public Participation

Report from PC White

PC White reported that during September there had been 47 incidents, but not all had been crime related, compared with 50+ in August and the main occurrence was distraction theft. There had been an increase in theft from motor vehicles in Forest car parks and a special unit was dealing with vehicle crime. There had been more lead theft in the High Street and criminal damage in Pikes Hill. The priority for the village was public order, mainly in public houses. PC White explained that it was inevitable that we would lose Lyndhurst Police Station and only Totton and Lymington stations would have a manned front office. The new Chief Inspector will be able to attend an occasional meeting and there are two new Line Managers. It was possible that Beat Reports would be slower in coming although people can monitor Crime Reports UK. There had been a good uptake for the Speed Watch campaign with nine volunteers. Speeding on the A35 going out of Lyndhurst towards Ashurst was highlighted as a problem and it was thought that the decrease from 60 mph to 30 mph coming into Lyndhurst was too steep a decrease in speeds.

82 Disclosures of Interest

None.

83 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Rollé and Mrs A Trend.

84 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 13 September 2011, having been circulated, were signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and accurate record.

85 Matters Arising

Request for parking restrictions at Great Mead

Councillor Cornell asked, on behalf of the Residents Association, for clarification of the Parish Council's request concerning parking restrictions at Great Mead. The Clerk reported that she had written to NFDC to enquire into the possibility of double yellow lines beyond the turning into Dearing Close but stopping before the hammerhead at the bottom of Great Mead. A reply had been received that no further restrictions could be made for a period of at least two years.

86 Correspondence

HCC – Proposals to reduce the expenditure outlay at libraries in the county. This will lead to the hours at Lyndhurst Library being cut by 2.5 hours per week. Response forms are available in the library

Mr Charlesworth said that figures for those using the library had increased from 800 per month to 2,000 and the use of volunteers was not the answer.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send a letter pointing out that the Library is an important part of the Community. Furthermore the Community Centre had built the Library, not HCC, therefore both had invested a lot of time and money in this very recent project.

Hampshire Constabulary – Email from Andy White explaining that Accredited Community Safety Officer Kirstie Harding will be liaising with local constabulary and has already assisted with the No Cold Calling Zone in The Meadows.

ALCNFD – Invitation to join proposed planning focus group to liaise with NFNPA.

Mr Bisson reported that the idea of a Planning Focus Group was suggested at the last ALCNFD meeting but the majority opinion was again formation and he would not recommend getting involved.

Various Correspondence re No Through Road Signage in Silver Street – Residents are pressing for signage on the approach to Silver Street (rhs) from A35. HCC have said they will negotiate with SatNav companies re giving more careful instructions.

RESOLVED: To inform NFDC that the Parish Council thought it would be worth pursuing No Through Road signage attached to the Silver Street sign now that the resident of the nearby cottage had volunteered to park elsewhere, thus enabling the sign to be more visible.

Infrastructure Planning Commission – Letter regarding proposed Navitus Bay Wind Park, together with recommendations from the Revd Dr Caroline Wilkins

RESOLVED: To send a letter stating that the Parish Council were against the proposals.

Howard Taylor, on behalf of the New Forest Keepers – email drawing the Parish Council's attention to the Forestry Commission Review Group's recommendation that New Forest Keepers be reduced by 50%.

RESOLVED:

- (a) To make more enquiries into the Forestry Commission Review Group's proposals for keepers, stating that the Parish Council are concerned at the severity of the cuts and to put this subject on the Agenda for next month.
- (b) To consult with Brockenhurst Parish Council to ascertain if they would be interested in making a group response to this item.

NFDC – requests for nominations for New Forest Access for All Awards 2011.

NFDC – Invitation to become a partner in the Community Task Force for the passage of the torch through the District.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council accept the invitation.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons – Guide to taking part.

RESOLVED: To discuss this matter further at the November Parish Council meeting

CPRE – Email giving the CPRE Hampshire's response to the National Planning Policy Framework.

RESOLVED: To respond stating that the Parish Council have noted their views and to ask a representative from NFNPA to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain the likely effects of the policy on this area.

NFNPA – Notification of adoption of Guidelines for Horse-Related Development Supplementary Planning Document. The Statement of Consultation and this Adoption Statement are available to view www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/supplementary-planning-documents

87 Minutes of Committee Meetings

(a) Planning Committees (27 September)

It was noted that the Revd Dr Wilkins had attended this meeting.

Mr Abbott reported that there had been 12 applications for discussion on the agenda and that, as a result, he would be going to the next NFNPA Planning Committee meeting regarding the applications for Beechen House and 2/2a Gosport Lane. The latter application concerned a proposal to reduce the number of affordable housing units from nine to three.

88 County Councillor's Report

None.

89 District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth stated that a decision had been made by the Government in favour of developers with regard to affordable housing. Developers are claiming that in the current economic climate it is not viable to give affordable homes, especially as the ratio is now 50:50 instead of the previous 35%. The application at South View, although unsuccessful, had led to heavy costs for the NFNPA.

Mr Bisson reported that David Ilsley had given a presentation at the ALCNFD meeting and the suggestion was that exception sites be released.

RESOLVED: To write to Dr Julian Lewis, MP and Eric Pickles, MP, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government with a strong message that there is a need for housing to rent for local families.

Mrs Wyeth reported that there would be an increase in the parking clock charge to £20 for the short stay car park and stated that the rental paid by NFDC to the Forestry Commission for the car park in Lyndhurst had increased dramatically.

90 Traffic Problems in Lyndhurst

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Clerk ascertain when the new signage for the bus priority route would be put in place.
- (b) That the Clerk request a January meeting with Paul Garrod and Richard Bastow and that Parish Councillors should email their questions to the Clerk by 12 December 2011.

Mr Abbott reported that Wightlink Ferries now had permission to expand and that this would lead to extra traffic in Lyndhurst, particularly during the summer months.

91 Parish Champion

The Clerk reported that Mrs Trend had prepared some information regarding this item.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman, Mr Bisson, Mrs Butcher and Mrs Trend meet to discuss this item and report back to the Parish Council.

92 Village Fete

The Vice Chairman reported that she had not had a good response to her email inviting those interested in taking this matter forward to attend a meeting and the general feeling was that there is a lot of other events taking place.

93 Remembrance Sunday

The Clerk reported that arrangements are in place for the Remembrance Sunday Parade on 13 November.

94 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 2011 to 11 October 2011.

The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had completed a successful audit of the Parish Council accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2011.

95 Design Guide

RESOLVED: To leave consideration of the design guide until a decision had been reached regarding the Lyndhurst Area Plan.

96 Parish Council Christmas Tree at St Michael and All Angels Church

RESOLVED: That Mrs Butcher, Mrs Trend, Mrs Klaassen and the Revd Dr Caroline Wilkins hold a meeting to give consideration to a theme for decorating the tree.

97 Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Charlesworth reported that the Community Centre would be hosting a quiz and buffet on 22 October, teams to consist of 6-8 members.

Mr Bisson had attended a quadrant meeting of ALCNFD which had included a talk by a countryside ranger on access in the New Forest, information from David Ilsley on NFNPA planning and Paul Hocking on development and enforcement. There is a scheme to replace stiles with gates, although gates cannot be replaced by stiles.

98 Future Planning

Mrs Wyeth reported on the situation regarding Le Canard. Environmental Health are dealing with rats in the yard. The front architrave is also dangerous. A charge will be made on the property if payment is not made.

99 Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Cemetery Committee – 25 October 2011 at 6.00 pm

Planning Committee – 25 October 2011 at 7.15 pm

80 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Lyndhurst Area Plan.

National Planning Policy Framework.

Items brought forward from the October Agenda and meeting.

Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 31 October 2011.

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 accounts were authorised for payment:

	Amount	VAT	Charge
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1720.94		1720.94
Mr P Boyes			
Materials for Cemetery and Chapel	81.95		81.95
Mr J Gardner			
Cemetery Maintenance	180.00		180.00
GDM (Surfacing Contractors) Limited			
Resurfacing of Cemetery Road - PC portion	5177.00	1035.40	6212.40
Lyndhurst and District Community Association			
Room hire - Allotment collection	20.50		
Room hire - PC meeting	20.50		
Room hire - Planning Committee	20.50		
Printing - Allotment Terms and Conditions	140.00		
Room hire - Cemetery Committee	20.50		
Total			222.00
Colin Phillips			
Steel rods	25.00	5.00	30.00
Forestry Commission			
Annual rent - allotments	492.00		
Half yearly rent - Colesmead	300.00		
Total			792.00
NFDC			
CCTV	366.00		366.00
RS Contract Garden Services			
Grasscutting - Cemetery	400.00		
Hedgecutting - Allotments	420.00		
Total			820.00
Weed It and Reap			
Grasscutting - Cemetery	400.00		
Hedgecutting - Allotments	420.00		
Total			820.00
Came & Company			
Additional Insurance premium - play equipment	25.00		25.00
Beckley Joinery Limited			
Maintenance work - Recreation Ground	60.00		
Signage - Allotments	45.32		
Signage - Recreation Ground	277.76		
Total			383.08
Total	10612.97	1040.40	11653.37