

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 12 JULY 2011 AT 7.15 PM

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

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Fifteen members of the public, County Councillor K Mans, Mr C March, Press representative.

39 Love Lyndhurst Campaign

The Vice Chairman welcomed Mr Tony Climpson, Employment and Tourism Manager, NFDC who had come to the meeting to outline the concept of the Love Lyndhurst Campaign and gain support for five A3 size boards to be placed in strategic positions around the village to promote shopping in the village. A leaflet would also promote the Brand New Forest loyalty card, costing £3, which, through means of a discount, would promote loyalty to the businesses supporting this venture. The scheme had been backed by the Chamber of Trade who had provided half the funding and only covered Brand New Forest shops and Chamber of Trade members. Mrs Trend felt that places of interest should have been shown. Councillors identified sites for the A3 boards as the top end of the village, Community Centre, Youth Club, corner of public toilets and near the Lyndhurst Park Hotel.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council support the scheme in principle.

40 Public Participation

Members of the village youth club explained that they had come to the meeting because they had heard that there were plans to upgrade the skateboard facilities and other facilities for the youth of the village in the Recreation Ground. Ideas included a box, volcano, spine, vert, rails, bowl, shelter/bench, street course, quad box, hip and a concrete path, with a box and shelter as the items most favoured. Ideas for fundraising included cake sales, Ebay nights, Fun Day, car wash, sponsored cycle walk/run, hire a youth and street performances.

It was explained that there were formative plans to provide further facilities for young people in the next financial year and the Parish Council would be working with young residents to provide the right equipment.

41 Disclosures of Interest

None.

42 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Rollé and Mr P Boyes.

43 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 14 June 2011, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

44 Matters Arising

(a) *“Unofficial” layby opposite Police Station*

Mr Bisson reported that although temporary remedial work had taken place to the surface of this layby this was already proving inadequate. The Clerk said that she had been informed that more work was planned.

(b) *Dropped kerb*

Mr Bisson was able to report that he had dealt with this matter.

45 Pedestrian Crossing Requests

(a) *Request for a pedestrian crossing at Shrubbs Hill Road*

Jane Parry, Jo Perrett and Cathy Cooke gave an update on progress made since the last Parish Council meeting. They would be meeting with senior HCC planners in August and had received a great deal of support from local organisations, schools and the Police. Mr Bisson stated that care must be exercised to create a balance between urbanisation and protection of residents. He felt that a Puffin crossing might be appropriate. Mr Charlesworth said that crossing Shrubbs Hill Road from Cedar Mount was dangerous due to the speed of vehicles using the inside lane. The residents were thanked for an excellent presentation.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write a letter of support in principle to Hampshire County Council.

(b) *Request for a pedestrian crossing at Southampton Road*

Mrs Annie Braisher stated that since that last Parish Council meeting she had received support from County Councillor Mel Kendal regarding the difficulties experienced in crossing this road and, amongst other things, he was looking at the possibility of an illuminated speed limit sign on Southampton Road. The problems would be considered in the 2012/13 Traffic Management Programme.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write a letter of support in principle to Hampshire County Council.

46 Correspondence

NFDC – Correspondence relating to proposed waiting restrictions near the Oak Inn, Bank.

RESOLVED: To write to NFDC to give support to the proposals

Digital UK – The digital TV switchover community outreach pack.

NFNPA – Consultation draft guidelines for horse-related development – Supplementary Planning Document. Consultation 29 June to 10 August 2011.

Frank Alexander – Proposals for path from Dearing Close or Car Park to Surgery Car Park via Queens House grounds.

Hampshire Constabulary – Letter of introduction from Lucy Hutson, new District Commander of the New Forest. Inspector James Douglas will cover Lyndhurst area.

Ringwood Town Council – Copy of comments submitted to Department of Communities and Local Government regarding planning for travellers' sites.

Association of Local Councils in New Forest District – Notification that Clive Maton has been elected as Parish Council representative for the SE Quadrant of the NFNPA.

Association of Local Councils in New Forest District – Correspondence concerning notification under the Data Protection Act 1998 that a Councillor will need to make a payment fee of £35 if he or she retains personal information about an elector on their computer as they will be deemed Data Controllers and therefore need to complete the notification to the Information Commissioner.

Residents Association – Email from Tony Herbert concerning yellow lines at the top of Great Mead and parking between Dearing Close and the hammerhead.

RESOLVED: To write to NFDC asking that consideration be given to adding yellow lines in Great Mead from the junction with Dearing Close towards, but not including, the hammerhead.

Paul, Mark and Adam Reeves – Correspondence from two Ballard School boys and their father concerning the boys' project which had produced a garbine – a wind powered generator. The project has already won several awards and in order to gain Gold Crest accreditation it will be necessary to temporarily mount the garbine 1m above the family house's chimney stack in order to undertake research. The family ask for the Parish Council's support in this matter.

RESOLVED: To give full support to this worthwhile project and to offer the Parish Council's congratulations on the work so far.

Mr Cornell stated that he had seen an email sent to the Clerk by a resident concerning maintenance of roadside verges, the Clerk's request for residents' opinions on future bulb planting on verges and greens around the village and the resident's belief that the Cemetery was not being correctly managed from an ecology viewpoint. He asked why this email had not been discussed in correspondence. The Clerk said she felt this matter was a subject for the next meetings of the Amenities and Cemetery Committees but she had replied to the writer of the email stating that roadside verge cutting was not the responsibility of the Parish Council, but Hampshire County Council and that she would take the writer's views on bulbs to the next Amenities Committee meeting and had suggested that the writer contact the Cemetery Committee Chairman to discuss her issues regarding the Cemetery.

47 Minutes of Committee Meetings

(a) Amenities Committee

Mrs Wyeth asked that it be noted that she had asked if the possibility of having the existing Welcome to Lyndhurst signage at the entrances to the village refurbished rather than produce new signage.

(b) Planning Committee

Mr Abbott drew attention to the fact that the Old Police Station, Southampton Road had now been listed as a Grade II property and this had necessitated a further planning application which would be considered at the next Committee meeting.

With regard to the planning application for land adjacent to 2/2A Gosport Lane the Committee had recommended refusal as the applicant wished to reduce the number of affordable dwellings and the Parish Council are committed to providing much needed affordable housing for local people.

48 County Councillor's Report

Councillor Mans reported that he had now met Tim Lawton regarding road and traffic issues around the village. The possibility of pedestrian crossings had been discussed and the Southampton Road crossing was considered more difficult as this was a long, straight road. He pointed out that noise and speed reduction measures had taken place as a result of requests from residents. Possible improvements at Swan Green had also been discussed.

With regard to Southern Cross there were tried and tested procedures that were put into place when a care home went into liquidation.

Councillor Mans stated that he would like to give a grant of £500 towards the proposals for improved facilities for youth in the Recreation Ground. At his request, Mr Bisson said he would forward information regarding the Garbine wind turbine project.

With regard to County Council finances in the last financial year less has been spent than anticipated which should avoid more radical cuts later.

Councillor Mans gave the Clerk a copy of the Open Public Services White Paper for information.

49 District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth stated that a decision regarding the planning application at Wymering House was expected shortly. The site at South View has now been cleared although they have received earlier permission to demolish the property after a previous planning application was granted. Mrs Wyeth has alerted the NFNPA to the situation. A hearing regarding their Planning Appeal will be held on 9 August and Mr Abbott may attend. Mr Herbert, on behalf of the Residents Association, has asked if the Parish Council and NFNPA would be prepared to accept six units of affordable housing, but the application has requested only three units.

With regard to highways there will be two stages to the proposals. These include additional lining, signage, monoblocks on the western side and junction as a trial in a joint agreement with NFDC and HCC. Improvements will commence in early August and stage 2 will follow. There will be a full traffic study on the monoblocks and it will be a trial.

With regard to her Community Grant Mrs Wyeth reported that she would like to give £250 to the Parish Council for CCTV in the Recreation Ground and £250 to Fenwick 2.

50 News Sheet

The Clerk reported that she had placed an item regarding the possibility of the Parish Council producing an email news sheet in the July What's On. To date there had been no feedback.

RESOLVED: To hold this matter in abeyance until the September meeting.

51 Traffic Problems in Lyndhurst

The Clerk reported that she had written to Adrian Gray and Tim Lawton at Hampshire County Council requesting a meeting to discuss traffic issues and that the matter was still ongoing.

RESOLVED: To hold this matter in abeyance until the September meeting.

52 Parish Champion

RESOLVED: To hold this matter in abeyance until the September meeting.

53 Village Fete

RESOLVED: To hold a Committee meeting shortly.

54 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 12 July 2011.

55 Independent Panel on Forestry

Mrs Wyeth reported that she had recently attended a meeting at NFNPA on this subject and read out their recommendations which recommended that the size and management of the New Forest remain as at present. The reasons included:

The proportion of land currently Crown owned and managed by the Forestry Commission that is part of the National Park and the dependence of the National Park and its communities on the preservation of the integrity of the Crown land.

The unique quality of the New Forest amongst England's forests in its composition of large extents of heath, mire and grassland in addition to wooded areas and in the extent of common rights of grazing.

The co-existence of conservation with unrivalled public access.

The need to ensure the survival of the New Forest Acts.

The need to manage as a single entity, with core staff who have significant local knowledge and professional expertise.

The ability to engage with communities and support local involvement that is brought about by public ownership and responsibility.

Accountability needed for improvement of protected habitats, the maintenance of existing access facilities and the facilitation of commoning.

Policies that support complementary management of public and privately owned woodlands in the New Forest to deliver green infrastructure, reconnect landscapes and alleviate pressure on more sensitive habitats.

RESOLVED: To send a reply along similar lines to the NFNPA's response.

56 Design Guide

RESOLVED: To discuss this subject further at the September Parish Council meeting.

57 Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. Items discussed had included roadside verges, the Independent Panel for Forestry and the Land Management Design Service.

58 Future Planning

None apart from items taken forward to the next Parish Council meeting.

59 Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee – 21 July 2011 (amended date)

60 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the July Agenda and meeting.

Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 2 September 2011.

In the absence of any other business the Vice Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

Chairman _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A

	Charge	VAT	Total
The following account was paid between meetings:			
Ideal Fire & Security Ltd	1547.00	309.40	1856.40
CCTV - 50% of payment			
The following accounts were authorised for payment:			
Mrs M Weston	1378.49		1378.49
Clerk's Salary and Expenses			
NFDC	257.12	51.42	308.54
Dog waste collection			
Lyndhurst and District Community Association	82.00		82.00
Room hire (x4)			
Timberline	54.00	10.80	64.80
Parts for Buccaneer Ship			
Communicorp	11.00		11.00
Subscription Clerks & Councils Direct			
Mr J Gardner	180.00		180.00
Cemetery Maintenance			
Mr J Gardner	180.00		180.00
Cemetery Maintenance			
Mr R Sturt	400.00		
Cemetery Grasscutting			
	75.00		
Recreation Ground Grasscutting			
	450.00		
Cemetery Maintenance			
			925.00
Total			
Mr K Bennett	300.00		
Cemetery Maintenance			
	400.00		
Cemetery Grasscutting			
	75.00		
Recreation Ground Grasscutting			
			775.00
New Forest Tree Surgeons	65.00		
Emergency Tree work - Great Mead			
Total	5454.61	371.62	5826.23

Chairman _____

Date _____