

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 8 MAY 2012 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mrs H Klaassen (Vice Chairman) (part of the meeting), Mr M Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mr P Boyes, 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: Eight members of the public
PC A White and PCSO L Quinn
Press representative

1. Election of Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman for the ensuing year. Mr Boyes proposed, seconded by Mrs Wyeth, that Mr Rollé be elected Chairman for the ensuing year. There were no other nominations and Mr Rollé indicated that he was willing to stand as Chairman.

RESOLVED: That Mr Rollé be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Mr Rollé proposed, seconded by Mrs Butcher, that Mrs Klaassen be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. Mrs Klaassen had left the meeting but had previously indicated that she would be willing to stand as Vice Chairman.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Klaassen be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. Presentation by Steve Avery, Director of Park Services, NFNPA on the National Planning Policy Framework

Mr Avery explained that following the consultation in July 2011 there is a presumption for over development. However, he feels it is “business as usual” in the New Forest National Park as here there is a development plan and all National Parks have the highest level of protection. However, everyone should be on their guard against poor design. The framework has particular emphasis on housing and there is a problem with lack of affordable housing. There is provision for exception areas. Inevitably there will be more housing outside the National Park and this will lead to extra pressures on our area. Planning enforcement has been replaced by one paragraph in the new document and each planning authority will have its own version. It should be read alongside the Localism Bill which talks about neighbourhood planning.

Mrs Trend said she felt that if areas near the perimeter of the New Forest were developed for housing this would lead to additional traffic problems in our villages. Mr Avery said that there needed to be leisure facilities for residents in the developed areas.

Mr Boyes asked about affordable housing and Mr Avery said he hoped this might be reworked and strengthened. At the present time the District Valuer is coming back in favour of the developer.

Mr Charlesworth asked about the financial implications for the NFNPA when a developer went to appeal on a planning application. Mr Avery stated that the percentage of appeals dismissed was high so there should be few concerns. Mr Charlesworth asked where the developers’ contributions

would be spent. Mr Avery said there was now an amount of £200,000 available which could be used on a worthwhile project.

Mr Abbott asked about the provision of open spaces. Mr Avery stated that the New Forest Park in Test Valley would service the needs of occupiers of new housing.

Mr Cornell asked if there would be agreement regarding interpretation as the document had been reduced in size so much. Mr Avery said there would be technical guidance to support the document.

4. Public Participation

None.

5. Appointment of Committees

Allotment Committee – Mrs Klaassen, Mrs Butcher, Mr Bisson and Mr Kaljura.

Amenities Committee – Mr Charlesworth, Mr Boyes, Mr Bisson, Mr Cornell, Mr Kaljura, Mrs Trend, the Revd Dr Wilkins and Mrs Wyeth.

Cemetery Committee – Mr Boyes, Mrs Butcher, Mr Charlesworth, Mrs Trend, the Revd Dr Wilkins

Planning Committee – Mr Abbott, Mr Bisson, Mrs Butcher, Mr Charlesworth, Mr Cornell, the Revd Dr Wilkins.

Recreation Committee – Mr Rolle, Mr Cornell, Mr Kaljura, Mrs Klaassen and Mrs Trend.

Chairman and Vice Chairman to be invited to attend all Committees. A quorum will consist of two Councillors and the Clerk.

6. Appointment of Representatives to Outside Bodies

Village Decorations Committee – Mr Bisson

Public Transport – Mr Cornell

Village Twinning Committee – Mr Bisson

Lyndhurst Welfare Charities – Mrs Wyeth/Mr Abbott

ALCiNF – Mr Bisson

Chamber of Trade – Mr Charlesworth/Mrs Wyeth

New Forest Consultative Panel – Mr Abbott

Mrs Trend asked if a Parish Council representative could attend Lyndhurst Residents' Association meetings.

7. Disclosures of Interest

None.

8. Apologies for Absence

None.

9. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 10 April 2012, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

10. Matters Arising

None.

11. Olympic Torch Relay

Mr Boyes outlined progress made regarding the Olympic Torch Relay. A further meeting of the Task Force had taken place and plans were now well in hand for the event. NFDC had now decided to open their car park for visitors on 14 July. Christopher Stephens, jewellers were assisting in designing the plaque for the wall at Lloyds Bank to commemorate the safe passage of the torch. Mr Bisson asked if the Clerk knew when the dressing materials would be available, but this information was, as yet, unknown. It was noted that the car park at Ineos would be made available for public parking but that the Parish Council would need to supply at least two stewards. PCSO Quinn stated that the infant school was having difficulties in finding adequate parking as they had asked the other two schools in the Federation to join them for the event.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Ineos and ascertain whether it would be possible for the school to use the parking facilities if they provided the stewards.

12. Queen's Jubilee

FoLS Chairman, David Wilson stated that FoLS would now be doing strawberry teas at the Picnic in the Park event. The Clerk, in the absence of Mrs Klaassen who was organising the event, gave a brief outline of progress. It was noted that a marquee would not now be purchased but a large one would be hired for the day. Toilets had also been hired. The Clerk had written a risk assessment. Mrs Wyeth reminded Councillors that Ineos had offered a grant towards the cost of any Jubilee events. The Clerk said she was concerned about the public perception of accepting such a grant and Mr Boyes stated that he also felt it might be seen as inappropriate. Public attendees were asked for their opinion and a vote took place.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Clerk contact Mr Foster at Ineos to ask if a grant might be forthcoming towards the cost of Jubilee Celebrations in the community.
- (b) That the Clerk contact the Parish Council insurance brokers to enquire as to the feasibility of insurance cover should inclement weather lead to cancellation of the event.

The Clerk reported that she had purchased enough items from Peeks at Christchurch for twelve Jubilee party boxes. However, this initiative had been over-subscribed.

RESOLVED: To allow a further £200 to purchase more boxes.

Mrs Butcher reported that arrangements for the Flower Festival at St Michael and All Angels Church were going well. There would be a red, white and blue colour theme and the festival would take place from 2 to 5 June inclusive.

13. Remembrance Sunday

Mr Wiltshire reported that following the last Parish Council meeting he had written to four military establishments. As a result of this the soldiers from Bulford Camp would be marching at the Parade, following which they would be given refreshments at Lyndhurst Workmen's Club. This would be free to anyone in uniform and £1 to everyone else. Southampton Brass Ensemble could provide two trumpet players and various other organisations were keen to assist, pending other commitments. Mr Wiltshire and the Clerk would be meeting with Mr Roy Farmers, President of the Hampshire Royal British Legion shortly. Mr Wiltshire stated that the Chamber of Trade is keen to get involved and he will also approach local organisations and businesses to gain support.

14. Correspondence

NFDC – Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations 2010 – NFDC (Outside the National Park) Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule.

Mr Cornell stated that he had spoken to Mr Jeremy who had written to the Parish Council concerning disabled access outside the Crown Hotel and Mr Jeremy said he had not received a reply to his letter. The Clerk explained that she had been very busy with the end of year accounts and non-urgent correspondence had been delayed although a letter had now been sent.

There were no other correspondence items for discussion and correspondence had been distributed to Councillors who had an email facility.

15. Minutes of Committee Meetings

The minutes of the following Committee meeting held since the date of the last meeting were received:

Planning Committee – 24 April 2012

Mrs Wyeth updated Councillors on planning applications where a decision had been reached since the date of the April Planning Committee meeting.

Mr Cornell asked for clarification concerning the Gas Pressure Station situated near Le Pergola, Southampton Road.

16. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth reported that she would be giving her grant of £600 to the Boulton Cottages Trust to assist in funding their improvement programme.

17. 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.

18. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

PC White presented his Beat Report. There had been six assaults at a local school, forest car park burglaries and a public order incident. However, no other burglaries had taken place. With regard to the Community Speed Watch scheme there were now eight volunteers from Lyndhurst but only one set of equipment for the New Forest. Equipment could, however, be purchased independently.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to County Councillor Keith Mans to ask if the purchase of equipment might be possible by way of grant aid from his devolved budget scheme. PC White would also bring equipment to the next Parish Council meeting.

Mr Rollé said that he would be attending the Scouts AGM on 15 May.

Mr Abbott had attended a New Forest Consultative Panel meeting where they had been briefed on the New Forest Catchment Project and had been given an explanation of the New Forest Stewardship Scheme.

Representatives from Le Chevroliere would be visiting the village during Jubilee weekend and various events had been planned. Mrs Trend asked if our Chairman would be invited to the reception and Mr Bisson said that he would receive an invitation in due course.

It was noted that Slimming World meetings had been moved from the Community Centre to Deorfrith Lodge in Wellands Road.

19. Traffic Problems in Lyndhurst

Warning signage at St Michael and All Angels School: Mrs Klaassen had asked if more visible signage could be displayed on the A35 approaching the school. The Clerk stated that she had been told by Intelligent Transport at HCC that flashing “school warning” signs could not be used prior to a pedestrian crossing.

RESOLVED: That Councillors view this area and the existing signage prior to the next meeting when the item would receive further consideration.

New hatching layout on A35/C17: General opinion was that the new markings on the road were not working and could lead to an accident.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to HCC to ask that the markings in the road be removed.

White lines on C17 at Emery Down hill, near Old Rectory

RESOLVED: To write to HCC to ask if these lines could be removed as the lack of visibility for motorists approaching the hill make the present arrangement dangerous.

Yellow lines on High Street

RESOLVED: To write to HCC to ask if the yellow lines could be placed adjacent to the pavement as they were causing confusion and were a tripping hazard.

20. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee – 12 June 2012 at 7.15 pm

Mrs Trend asked if future Committee meetings could be arranged at least two months in advance.

21. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the May Agenda and meeting.
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 4 June 2012.

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:

	Amount	VAT	Charge
Accounts paid between meetings:			
Hampshire County Council			
Allotment signage	48.41	9.68	58.09
Peeks of Bournemouth			
Jubilee Celebration Packs			396.96
NFDC			
CCTV contribution	366.00		366.00
TLC Online			
Website Maintenance and Poster			115.00
Accounts due for payment:			
Southern Water			
Water in Allotment Gardens	108.81	21.76	130.57
Elliott			
Portable toilets for Jubilee Celebration	290.00	58.00	348.00
Mrs H Klaassen			
Marquee/Decorations for Jubilee	34.99		34.99
Hampshire Probation Service			
Community Payback Scheme (x2 days)	130.00		130.00
Mr J Gardner			
Cemetery Maintenance	180.00		180.00
Mr P Boyes			
Cemetery Maintenance Expenses	307.46	53.20	360.66
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1740.13		1740.13
SBC Solutions Ltd			
Broadband	54.00	10.80	64.80
TLC-Online			
Poster	15.00		15.00
Total	3274.80	153.44	3940.20

Chairman _____

Date _____