

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2012 AT 7.15 PM**

Present: Mrs H Klaassen (Vice Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mr P Boyes, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell and Mrs A Trend.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: County Councillor K Mans  
Eight members of the public  
Press representative

**189 Public Participation**

None.

**190 Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**191 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from the Chairman Mr M Rollé, Mr K Kaljura and Mrs P Wyeth.

**192 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 13 March 2012, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**193 Matters Arising**

None.

**194 Olympic Torch Relay**

Mr Boyes outlined progress made regarding the Olympic Torch Relay. A further meeting of the Task Force would take place in two weeks' time. The proposal for a plaque to commemorate the event was being progressed by Christopher Stephens, jewellers in the High Street and examples would be available in due course. The hoardings would be in place at Hill House until at least the end of the year but the site manager did not object to the Parish Council displaying "dressing" to disguise them. The Clerk reported that it seemed likely that NFDC would be facilitating stewards for the event. She had been notified that the scrim dressing ordered was no longer available and had substituted this with banner dressing for a similar cost. Mr Bisson reported that the Chamber of Trade would be providing balloons to traders for the Torch and Jubilee celebrations. The Workmen's Club would open early and the owners of Lyndhurst Gallery are being pro-active.

Concern was again expressed regarding the lack of car parking facilities. The Clerk had written to NFDC to see if their car park could be made available and had received a negative reply and the Chamber of Trade had also sent a similar letter.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to Barry Rickman, NFDC Leader to see if a change of mind might be forthcoming. Ineos would also be approached to ascertain how many parking spaces they could provide and the possibility of Park and Ride would be explored.

**195 Queen's Jubilee**

Mrs Klaassen reported on progress made so far with arrangements for a Jubilee picnic in the Recreation ground from 11.00 am to 4 pm on 2 June. So far she had booked a bouncy castle and

bouncy slide, catering van, ice cream van, live music (the Buble Experience), and a DJ. The Clerk would make bunting, the Workmen's Club would operate a beer and Pimms tent and it was hoped that FOLS would contribute with strawberry teas. Tea and coffee would be provided and it was hoped that the Pre-School and Infant School would run stalls. The Junior Football Club had been invited to contribute.

Mrs Klaassen stated that she would like to organise a Jubilee King, Queen, Prince and Princess and Mr Charlesworth said that he could provide some prizes for this event.

It was noted that an entrance fee could not be charged as the Recreation Ground was a public open space. However, those attending could be invited to purchase a programme with a number on it which could be used in the same way as a raffle ticket. In this case prizes would be necessary.

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairman and Mr Kaljura be asked if they would be prepared to invite traders, etc to provide raffle prizes.

Mrs McLaren asked if it would be possible to hold an evening event, although it was pointed out that the Recreation Ground could not be used after dusk. It was also pointed out that this would involve a lot of work and, at the present time, it seemed only a few people were willing to become involved in this aspect of the event.

**RESOLVED:** That the sum of £2,000 be allocated by the Parish Council in order to facilitate the event. Seven Councillors voted in favour with one abstention (Mr Cornell).

Mr Charlesworth gave information on the scheme outlined to the Clerk by Ringwood Town Council whereby that Council had purchased a number of Jubilee party packs which would be distributed to local people, groups and non profit making organisations who were holding street parties, etc to celebrate the Jubilee.

**RESOLVED:** That the sum of £300 be allocated to purchase similar packs for Lyndhurst residents. Packs would be given out on a first come, first served basis and Mr Charlesworth agreed to visit Peeks in Christchurch and make the necessary purchases.

## **196 Correspondence**

Copy of letter received from Mr Adrian Wiltshire. Mr Wiltshire was present at the meeting and stated that he had received comments following the November 2011 Remembrance Sunday Parade regarding the depleted numbers marching and also the fact that there was no longer a band or at least a bugler. He had composed a letter to send, in the first instance, to HMS Collingwood to see if they could assist.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Wiltshire be thanked for his efforts and, with one amendment, be authorised to send the letter. A copy of his letter would be sent to Mr Mans who expressed an interest in assisting.

Copy letter received from C H Jeremy concerning disabled access outside the Crown Hotel. Mr Bisson pointed out that the footpath and step were not on a public highway but belonged to the Crown Hotel. There was however a permitted right of way.

**RESOLVED:** To reply to Mr Jeremy, stating that his comments had been noted.

Copy of letter received from NFDC Monitoring Officer concerning the Localism Act 2011 and the new standards regime. Mr Bisson stated that the letter was in agreement with the views expressed at a recent ALCNF meeting where it was agreed that there was a need for some form of standards and there should be a common agreement.

## **197 Minutes of Committee Meetings**

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

(a) *Planning Committee – 27 March 2012*

Mrs Klaassen asked if there was any information on the future of the redundant Magistrates Court building.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to ask if the Parish Council could be kept informed of any developments or future plans for the building.

## **198 County Councillor's Report**

Mr Mans reported that approximately one third of Hampshire secondary schools have applied for academy status. This is below average for the country. All but one will use Hampshire support service. Numbers applying for primary school places have risen. Mr Mans devolved budget will be available from next month and he invited Lyndhurst to make an application if they had a worthwhile project. Mr Mans has the responsibility for communities grant funding in general in Hampshire with a budget of £200,000.

## **199 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.

## **200 Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies**

Mr Charlesworth reported that the recent Community Centre AGM had been well received with approximately 70 attendees. A Young Farmers Club from Cornwall undertaking a cycle ride would be staying overnight at the Centre at the end of April. A very successful coach outing had taken place to Hampshire County Council for Singalong in Hampshire. The Community Centre, with sponsorship from two individuals, would be purchasing machines for use to encourage people to sing and these could also be used in care homes, etc.

## **201 Traffic Problems in Lyndhurst**

With regard to contractors from Hill House parking in Knightwood Avenue and the surrounding area, Mr Boyes reported that he had asked them not to block the road, particularly following complaints from neighbours. It was noted that parking on pavements in the High Street had increased, particularly around 8.45 am.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact PC Andy White and PCSO Lisa Quinn and ask them to be vigilant in this area.

## **202 Dates of Future Committee Meetings**

Planning Committee – 24 April 2012 at 7.15 pm

## **203 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting**

Remembrance Sunday Parade.

Items brought forward from the March Agenda and meeting.

Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 1 May 2012.

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:

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Charge</b>
<b>Mr Robert Sturt</b>			
Cemetery Maintenance	300.00		300.00
<b>Mr K Bennett</b>			
Cemetery Maintenance	300.00		300.00
<b>HALC</b>			
HALC Affiliation Fee/NALC Levy	545.00		545.00
<b>Mr J Watts</b>			
Groundwork at Cemetery	190.00	38.00	228.00
<b>NALC</b>			
LCR Subscription	156.00		156.00
<b>Forestry Commission</b>			
Recreation Ground rent	300.00		300.00
<b>Mr P Boyes</b>			
Cemetery Materials	261.11	27.02	288.13
<b>Mrs M Weston</b>			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1531.43		1531.43
<b>NFDC</b>			
Temporary Events Licence	21.00		21.00
<b>Mr L Portwain</b>			
Cemetery Markers	550.00		550.00
<b>HMRC</b>			
Income Tax and NI Contributions	996.33		996.33
<b>Mr M Grant</b>			
Cemetery Maps	£114.00		114.00
<b>Mr J Gardner</b>			
Cemetery Maintenance	180.00		180.00
<b>Lyndhurst and District Community Association</b>			
Room hire	64.50		
Printing re Olympic Torch	150.00		
Total			214.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>5659.37</b>	<b>65.02</b>	<b>5724.39</b>

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_