

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 11 DECEMBER 2012 AT 7.15 PM

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

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Press representative, 17 members of the public.

117. Public Participation

Mrs Bisson reported that £515.58 had been collected in Lyndhurst for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This had been forwarded to the Copythorne Branch of the British Legion.

118. Disclosures of Interest

Mr Charlesworth declared a non pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 11 and said he would take no part in voting for any decision that was made at the meeting.

119. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr K Kaljura, Mrs A Trend and County Councillor K Mans.

120. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 11 December 2012, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

121. Matters Arising

Mr Cornell reported that the public transport leaflet had now been distributed to Emery Down and Bank. The Chairman said the pdf version on the website would be updated and a new paper copy would be available in the Spring.

It was noted that a further four iPads had been purchased for Councillors' use. These had been authorised at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

122. Correspondence

Terry Simpson, NFALC/Glynnie Miles, Head of Customer and Financial Services, NFDC/Steven Lugg, HALC – Localisation of Council Tax – Tax Base Information. MEETING AT ATC ON 8 JANUARY AT 6.00 PM.

County Councillor Mel Kendal – Letter informing Parish Council that New Forest County Members have agreed to prioritise funding for a crossing on Southampton Road (design is likely to be a refuge island and bus lay-by will be retained, albeit in a slightly different position). Officers will consult with Parish Council.

NFDC – Temporary Road Closure, Queens Parade from 23.01.12 for a period of 6 months or until completion of the works (probably no longer than two weeks 0730 hrs and 1700 hrs).

NFDC Monitoring Officer – The Localism Act 2011 and Registration of Interests. Explanation regarding members' pecuniary interests.

NFDC – Further clarification required regarding yellow lines in Chapel Lane. Possible further amendment asking for yellow lines to be extended to Haskells Close.

Mrs Wyeth asked for clarification regarding the proposed double yellow lines in Chapel Lane and the Chairman confirmed that it would be more appropriate if they did not end until the entrance into Haskells Close as parked cars could affect motorists' sight lines when exiting Haskells Close.

123. Minutes of Committee Meetings

The Minutes of Committee Meetings held since the date of the last meeting were confirmed as follows:

F&GP Committee – 20 November 2012

Planning Committee – 27 November 2012

124. County Councillor's Report

None.

125. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth presented her report and explained that a Food Hygiene Rating Scheme had been adopted by NFDC. Rating would be numbered from one to five (five being good) and would probably be run on a voluntary basis at first. The new Parliamentary Constituency boundaries would see Lyndhurst remaining in the New Forest East constituency. Mrs Wyeth suggested that Rachel Higgins be asked to come to the February meeting to give an update on the Lyndhurst air quality statistics, which now shows improving figures.

126. Accounts

(a) 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.

(b) The Clerk submitted details of spending for the period 1 April 2012 to 11 December 2012.

In response to a question from Mr Cornell the Clerk explained that some of the amount showing as allotment income was in fact funds transferred forward from last year's end of year accounts.

127. Community Amenity

The Clerk read out a letter from the Chairman of Lyndhurst and District Community Association asking for a grant of £2,000 which would enable the Community Association to keep the old staging, whilst purchasing new, more portable, staging. The old staging could be used for outside venues, whereas the new staging was unsuitable for this purpose.

RESOLVED: That a grant of £2,000 is authorised for the Community Association for the above purpose

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128. Commemoration of Olympic Torch Relay Through Lyndhurst

Two plaques had been purchased from Black Forge Art for a total cost of £828.00. Permission had been obtained from the Head Teacher at Lyndhurst Infant School to place one plaque on the outer wall of the school.

RESOLVED: That permission be sought to place the other plaque on railings adjacent to the tree near the Fox & Hounds PH.

129. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Cornell reported that he had attended the HCC New Forest Passenger Transport Forum on 21 November. Two main subjects were on the agenda. The first presentation was entitled 'Supporting and Developing the Community Transport Sector in Hampshire'. There is a £270,000 pot of money available from the Government for community transport initiatives, such as the promotion of community transport, the recruitment and training of volunteer drivers and the Transport Challenge Fund; this fund sourced our grant for the transport leaflets. The second presentation was entitled

'Local Sustainable Transport Fund' and is the source of a much larger pot of Government money for supporting economic growth and reduction of carbon in Hampshire. A large amount of the money will be allocated to transport projects in and around the New Forest National Park, such as a new transport hub in Hythe, various transport related projects in Totton and the Waterside, improved access to key visitor attractions (e.g. the New Forest Tour bus) and new railway name plates. Mr Cornell said he would keep the Parish Council informed of any initiatives which are specific to this part of the New Forest.

In the New Year bus transport would be provided by "More".

Mr Bisson reported that the new Renault electric car had been on display during Lyndhurst Fun Day. This is environmentally friendly and can be used for journeys around the New Forest. Hire charges also include parking charges and a Brand New Forest card.

Mr Charlesworth reported that there had been an excellent response to the public transport leaflet.

Mr Charlesworth said the Community Association had obtained a grant for two skittle mats which would be available for use in February.

130. Traffic Problems in Lyndhurst

It was noted that sewer work would be causing disruption in the High Street and Romsey Road in the New Year.

131. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee – 18 December 2012.

132. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Mr B Major to talk about the Australian connection.

NFDC to report on the proposals for new public conveniences in the car park.

Items brought forward from the December Agenda and meeting.

Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 2 January 2012.

133. Parish Champion

The Chairman stated that this was a new award which would be made on an annual basis to a resident of Lyndhurst who had contributed a substantial amount to the community. This year the award would be given to Mr Michael Grant for the tremendous amount of work he had done both in plotting out the ground in the Cemetery and in updating the cemetery records and maps. Mr Grant was awarded a cut glass trophy and Mrs Grant was given a bouquet of flowers.

In the absence of any other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting by asking those present to join the Parish Council in seasonal refreshments.

Chairman _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A

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Accounts paid between meetings:

	Amount	VAT	Total
Black Forge Art			
Olympic Torch Route Commemorative Plaque (x2)	690.00	138.00	828.00
Awarded2u Ltd			
Achievement Award	128.99	25.80	154.79
John Lewis			
iPads and cases	1213.17	242.63	1455.80
John Lewis			
Printer consumables	74.75	14.95	89.70

Accounts due for payment:

Hampshire Probation Trust			
Cemetery maintenance	140.00		140.00
Everton Nurseries			
Cemetery trees	797.01	159.38	956.39
Lyndhurst & District Community Association			
PC meeting	21.50		
F&GP meeting	21.50		
Remembrance Sunday meeting	21.50		
Planning Committee meeting	21.50		
Total			86.00
Mr John Gardner			
Cemetery Maintenance	180.00		180.00
2nd New Forest North Scout Group			
Grant to Stanley's Own Centenary Scout Band	50.00		50.00
Grant to Stanley's Own Scout and Guide Band	50.00		50.00
Mrs M H Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1486.32		1486.32
HM Revenue & Customs			
PAYE/NI payments Oct - Dec 2012	1020.18		1020.18
Total	5916.42	580.76	6497.18