

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 12 JUNE 2012 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), 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: Six members of the public
County Councillor K Mans
PC A White and PCSO L Quinn
Press representative

The Chairman welcomed PC White and PCSO Quinn who were attending the meeting regarding the Speed Watch project. PC White demonstrated the equipment that could be loaned from NFDC and explained that NFDC had one piece of equipment at present but were hoping to be able to provide another one this year. The Traffic Police are required to authorise a location for the equipment and it will be operated by three volunteers at any one time. The scheme is working well in Minstead and is popular with the public, where the equipment used was purchased for £2,500. Nine volunteers have come forward in Lyndhurst and Ray Mitchell and Steven Timms were likely to be appointed as co-ordinators. In response to a question from Mrs Trend, PC White said that Emery Down would also be covered by the scheme.

PC White continued with a resume of the current Beat Report, stating there had been 102 incidents in the previous month, with anti-social behaviour and six assaults (mainly domestic and a local school) figuring on the list. There had not been any house burglaries, although lead had been stolen from a roof in the High Street and five irons had been taken from a charity shop. Once again Forest car parks had been targeted as cars had been broken into and valuables such as handbags had been stolen. The message was that people should not leave valuables in unattended cars.

22. Public Participation

It was brought to the Council's attention that there was a large amount of undergrowth around the bus shelter adjacent to the Lyndhurst Park Hotel. Mr Cornell reported that he had called at the hotel and asked that it be cut back but had not received a very helpful response.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Rob Millar, HCC, to ask for an official letter to be sent to the owner of the hotel stating that remedial action must be taken to overcome the problem.

23. Disclosures of Interest

None.

24. Apology for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mrs Klaassen.

25. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 8 May 2012, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record, with the following amendment: "The date of the next Planning Committee meeting should be 22 May and not 12 June, as stated".

26. Matters Arising

None.

27. Olympic Torch Relay

Mr Boyes outlined progress made regarding the Olympic Torch Relay. A further meeting of the Task Force had taken place the previous day and he and the Clerk had attended. It was understood that the Infant School would be using car parking facilities at Ineos and concern had been expressed at the meeting regarding where to position the children with regard to safety implications. It was noted that there would be a barrier in front of the school, although it was also necessary to allow a footpath along this stretch for safe passage of pedestrians. Mr Charlesworth, as Manager of the Community Centre, had agreed that the building could be used as a first aid point. Patrick Kempe and his horse would not now be taking part in the Relay due to time constraints in getting from Lyndhurst to Lyminster. Work was still on going with the plaque.

28. Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

In the absence of the Vice Chairman, the Chairman and Clerk gave short reports on the event and it was agreed by all present that it had been a great success. The Chairman asked that thanks be recorded in the minutes to Mrs Klaassen for the tremendous amount of work she had put into the organisation of this event and also to the Clerk for her efforts. The Chairman also extended thanks, on behalf of the Parish Council, to everyone who had assisted in making the event a success. It was agreed that an event should be held in 2013 and that a meeting would be held as soon as possible to start the planning process.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk inform all interested parties that there would be a meeting to discuss an event for 2013 on Friday, 6 July at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre.

The Clerk reported that the Jubilee Celebration boxes had been very successful with 16 boxes being distributed to local groups, street parties and organisations.

It was agreed that both the Picnic in the Park and the Jubilee Celebration boxes had helped to promote a large amount of goodwill in the villages towards the Parish Council. Mr Charlesworth and Mr Bisson said that their organisations had held successful celebrations and Mr Charlesworth said that people collecting boxes from the Community Centre had expressed their gratitude. The Clerk was thanked for the organisation work involved and she, in turn, thanked Mr Charlesworth and his team at the Community Centre for all the extra work they had undertaken, particularly in the week preceding the Jubilee event.

29. Remembrance Sunday

Mr Wiltshire reported that Mr Farmers had confirmed that the marching band from Copythorne would be available for the Remembrance Sunday Parade and a meeting would be organised to further discuss this matter. The Clerk would proceed with the road closure notice based on a 12.00 noon High Street road closure.

30. Correspondence

NFNPA – Consultation Draft Development Standards Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). Available to download from the Authority's website www.newforestnpa.gov.uk or at the NFNPA offices at Lyminster Town Hall. Period for making representations is from 1.06.12 to 13.07.12 (5.00 pm).

Various cards, letters and emails – Thank you correspondence concerning the Parish Council's donation to local organisations, care homes, schools, etc of Jubilee celebration boxes.

Navitus Bay Development Limited – correspondence attached.

RESOLVED: That the Revd Dr Wilkins prepare a response which could be circulated to all Councillors to be sent on behalf of the Parish Council.

Southern Health NHS – Summary consultation document “Planning for the future of older people’s mental health services in West and East Hampshire”. Consultation period 4.05.12 to 27.07.12.

HCC – Notification of temporary road closures in Hampshire due to the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

HCC – Information concerning the 3rd Local Transport Plan (2011 – 2031). Draft statements can be found at <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/transport-schemes-index/transport-statements>

Chris and Sue Reeves – Request for update on situation regarding parking in Chapel Lane.

Allan Ellis, NFDC – Drawing of proposals to implement plans to help combat parking problems in Chapel Lane.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply rejecting the scheme, which was considered too drastic.

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

31. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

Planning Committee – 22 May 2012

32. County Councillor’s Report

Councillor Mans reported that he had received an email concerning flooding in Pikes Hill Avenue at the junction of the side road. This had been passed to the Highways Department for attention.

The national way in which schools are funded is being adjusted away from weighting for rural schools. However, Councillor Mans did not feel this would adversely affect the Infant School in Lyndhurst.

There would be a national initiative for troubled families with a budget of just under £1,000,000 in Hampshire and Councillor Mans is the portfolio holder. Programmes would be put in place to assist these families in areas of deprivation.

The devolved budget scheme will focus on environmental funding. Councillor Mans said he was looking into the possibility of getting the village signing on the A35 Southampton Road moved so that all the houses were inside the signage. It was pointed out by Councillors that the Parish Council would not be prepared to fund any such move at the present time.

33. District Councillor’s Report

Councillor Wyeth said that in view of time constraints she would leave her report until the July meeting.

34. 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 12 June 2012 and this was noted.
- (c) The Clerk submitted the accounts for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012.

RESOLVED: That the accounts for the period 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 be signed by the Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer as a true and accurate record.

35. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Cornell reported that he had attended a HCC Parish Engagement event and had taken part in sections on Local Transport and Traffic Safety. He felt he had picked up some useful contacts and would pass details on to the Clerk.

Mr Charlesworth reported that two members of the public had contributed £840 each for the purchase of a special machine which would be arriving on Friday to facilitate a singalong. The machine could be taken out into the community.

Mr Boyes reported that in future the grass in the Cemetery would be cut earlier as although this would not benefit the bulbs, etc complaints had been received about the long grass that had only recently been cut. The long grass had been difficult to cut and clearance had added to costs.

Mr Boyes reported that the old metal bus shelter in Southampton Road had been removed today and a new wooden shelter would be installed on Thursday.

36. Traffic Problems in Lyndhurst

New hatching layout on A35/C17:

The Clerk reported that HCC were unwilling to make any changes to the new road markings.

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

The Clerk reported that HCC were unwilling to make any changes to the white lines.

RESOLVED: To discuss these matters further at the July Parish Council meeting.

Yellow lines on High Street

It was noted that these road markings were still causing problems.

37. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee – 26 June 2012 at 7.15 pm

38. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the June Agenda and meeting.

Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 2 July 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 had been paid between meetings:	Amount	VAT	Charge
Alan Vandome			
Picnic in the Park Entertainment	250.00		
Total			250.00
Peeks of Bournemouth			
Jubilee party boxes/PITP	131.36	26.27	157.63
Mr A White			
Picnic in the Park Entertainment	200.00		200.00
The following Accounts were authorised for payment:			
Hampshire County Council			
Parish Walk leaflets (reimbursed by HCC)	736.00		736.00
Lyndhurst & District Community Association			
Advertising	55.00		55.00
Everton Nurseries			
Cemetery commemorative trees	371.08	74.20	445.28
Hampshire Probation Trust			
Unpaid work in community contribution	65.00		65.00
John Gardner			
Cemetery Maintenance	225.00		225.00
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1855.42	47.33	1902.75
R Sturt			
Cemetery Maintenance	425.00		
Recreation Ground grasscutting (x2)	150.00		
Total			575.00
Lyndhurst & District Community Association			
Printing/Laminating for PITP	351.80		351.80
Beckley Joinery			
Change to Welcome signs	120.00		
Allotment noticeboards	1769.64		
Total			1889.64
Mrs H Klaassen			
Vistaprint - Banner re PITP	93.89		
Advertiser and Times - PITP Ad	4.50		
Total			98.39
K Bennett			
Cemetery grasscutting	425.00		
Removal of bus shelter	150.00		
Recreation Ground grasscutting (x2)	150.00		
Total			725.00
Waterside Marquees			
PITP Marquee hire	350.00		350.00
1st New Forest Scout Group			
PITP Marquee hire	150.00		150.00
Total amount due for payment	8028.69	147.80	8176.49

Chairman _____ Date _____