

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER 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, Mr K Kaljura, Mrs H Klaassen, Mrs A Trend and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Press representative, PCSO L Quinn, four members of the public

**95. Public Participation**

A resident, Mrs Palaccio, stated that she thought the Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade had been excellent.

Mrs Braisher asked if anything could be done about the deteriorated condition of the verge on the opposite side of the road to the Thatched Cottage Caravan Park which had been damaged by vehicle tyres between the Small School and the Thatched Cottage and suggested that dragon's teeth be used. On another issue Mrs Braisher asked for a crossing to be installed to enable nearby residents to cross the road to use the bus stop.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to County Councillor Mel Kendal to see if a crossing might be possible and also write to the Highways Department to see if dragon's teeth could be installed.

**96. Disclosures of Interest**

None.

Mr Bisson asked if the Parish Council was now fully compliant with the declarations of interest register as adopted at the September meeting. He also asked how many Councillors had still not signed the new Declaration of Interest form. The Clerk replied that she did not have the numbers to hand but approximately half of the Councillors had not signed. She went on to report that she had spoken to the Monitoring Officer at NFDC and had been told that a "softly softly" approach was being adopted as the Government had found a loophole in this, their own document, which might make it impossible to operate in its present form. Mr Bisson registered his dismay.

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairman arrange to speak to the Monitoring Officer at NFDC to ascertain the way forward.

**97. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from the Revd Dr C Wilkins.

**98. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 9 October 2012, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**99. Matters Arising**

(a) *HCC Parish Lengthsman Scheme*

New information was not yet forthcoming.

#### **100. Paper Free Meetings**

It was agreed that the four existing iPads were proving very useful, especially at Planning Committee meetings. Mr Abbott stated that, although useful, they could be disruptive to the meeting. The Clerk pointed out that at the last Planning Committee meeting there had only been two iPads available, which obviously did lead to some disruption. When more iPads were available the problem should be resolved. Mrs Butcher had only just taken delivery of her iPad, having only recently secured a broadband connection. Mrs Klaassen stated that the use of iPads by each Councillor individually would mean that Councillors could view whichever part of a planning application that they required at any particular time without any disruption to other Councillors.

#### **101. Remembrance Sunday**

It was agreed that the Parade had been a resounding success. Several suggestions were made including bringing the firemen further forward and placing a notice at the war memorial to alert people to timings, etc. The Chairman reported that there would be a mop up meeting next week. Mr A Wiltshire and the Clerk were thanked for the work they had put into the event.

#### **102. Public Transport Leaflet**

Mr Cornell reported that approximately 2,000 copies of the leaflet had now been delivered. A grant of £750 had now been received from HCC. There was sufficient money for another two reprints of the leaflet, which could incorporate any necessary changes. Delivery to part of Emery Down and Bank was still required. A pdf version of the leaflet had been placed on the website and would be updated when necessary. With regard to buses, Mr Abbott reported that Wilts and Dorset buses would be replaced by More. There were no timetables available from the bus company for Route 6, except photocopies.

#### **103. Correspondence**

Terry Simpson, Ringwood Town Council – Precept update from NFDC as a result of the Government's proposals under the Localisation of the Council Tax regime.

NFDC – Temporary closure of Shrubbs Hill Road/High Street/Romsey Road due to carriageway resurfacing: 1900 to 0700 hrs on Monday, 12 November for 4 nights.

NFDC – Parking Places and Restriction of Waiting Order 2012 relating to Chapel Lane and Sandy Lane, Lyndhurst. Can be viewed at [www.newforest.gov.uk](http://www.newforest.gov.uk) under transport & streets, traffic management, proposed permanent or experimental traffic regulation orders being advertised

Police Area Returning Officer – Statement of persons nominated re Police and Crime Commissioner.

NFDC – Traffic Management Programme 2012/13.

Kevin Stratford – Reply to the Clerk's letter following a visit from Mr Cornell voicing the Parish Council's concern regarding Coopers Yard. The parts of the buildings that have collapsed will be removed and the rest of the building will be made safe. The owners are in the process of deciding the future of the yard and the Parish Council will be kept informed.

NFDC/NFNPA – Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 – Buildings of Special Architectural or Historical Interest – Thatched Cottage, Southampton Road, Lyndhurst.

#### **104. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

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

(a) Amenities Committee – 22 October 2012

Mr Charlesworth reported that the Committee were recommending reflective signs with the message “Lyndhurst welcomes careful drivers” plus 30 mph. Councillor Mans said he could allow some finance from his Highways and Environment Funding to assist with the cost of £1000 for the signage. Before work could take place permission would be sought.

(b) Planning Committee – 23 October 2012

(c) Cemetery Committee – 31 October 2012

(d) Allotment Committee – 2 November 2012

#### **105. County Councillor’s Report**

Councillor Mans apologised for not attending recent meetings. He noted that the traffic light filter at the junction of the High Street with Romsey Road was now operating correctly. Contracts for broadband would soon be going out. Councillor Mans thanked the Parish Council for the tremendous event (the Remembrance Sunday Parade) and he was particularly struck by the number of people who wanted to take part and how those who did take part looked so smart.

#### **106. District Councillor’s Report**

Mrs Wyeth reported that another building firm were now in the frame for development of Stag Yard and they would be requesting an extension on the Planning Permission of a further year. A seminar had taken place on new planning reforms. It seemed likely that the National Parks will be a special case so the NFNPA are going forward with their Core Strategy. Mrs Wyeth stated that she was due to meet Steve Quartermain, the Chief Planner on Friday but this had been cancelled. With regard to the possibility of the Parish Council purchasing a sleeve to help combat speeding traffic, Mrs Wyeth said she would be prepared to finance a sleeve from grant money. Attention was drawn to the hoardings at Stag Yard as the undergrowth was now forcing the hoardings to bend in the direction of the pavement.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to NFNPA to request that the owner be asked to take remedial action.

#### **107. 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 spending for the period 1 April 2012 to 13 November 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.

#### **108. Commemoration of Olympic Torch Relay Through Lyndhurst**

The Chairman showed Councillors an example of forged steel signs commemorating the Olympic Torch Relay route and a second one commemorating both the Olympic Games and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Councillor Mans said that he would be prepared to give grant money towards the cost of one of the signs.

**RESOLVED:** That two signs, one of each design, are purchased and that the five ring Olympic sign incorporating the Jubilee be placed at the school and the Torch Relay sign be placed adjacent to the tree at the Tearooms.

#### **109. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies**

Mr Abbott reported that he had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. Mention had been made of the disease affecting ash trees, although it was noted that there were few of these in the forest. A presentation on pond conservation in the New Forest had taken place.

The Chairman had attended a meeting with NFDC officers to discuss the new toilet accommodation planned for the main car park. It would be maintenance free, more economically viable and vandal proof.

#### **110. Traffic Problems in Lyndhurst**

Discussion took place on the proposals for yellow lines in Chapel Lane. It was noted that white lines are not enforceable. Careful consideration would have to take place to ensure that the problems experienced in Chapel Lane were not moved around the village. It was considered that the scheme might have too large an impact and that yellow lines should only be placed between Sandy Lane and the sub station.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to NFDC to put forward the above information.

#### **111. Community Amenities**

Mr Charlesworth reported that the Community Centre were considering the purchase of new portable staging which would enable one caretaker to handle it on his/her own. The cost would be £8,500. However, the existing staging could still be used by community groups, especially if needed for outside venues. A figure of £2,000 was suggested as appropriate for the Parish Council to purchase the existing staging, which could be stored at the Community Centre when not in use.

**RESOLVED:** To hold this matter in abeyance until the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

#### **112. The Australian Connection**

Mrs Trend explained that she had attended a Rotary Club meeting and had heard a talk by Bev Major who, it was hoped, would be attending the January Parish Council meeting. Arthur Phillips, who was considered in Australia to be of great importance, actually came from Lyndhurst. He eventually became the 1<sup>st</sup> Governor of New South Wales. 2014 will be an important year in Australia as it marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. The connection could be used in Lyndhurst as a tourist attraction.

**RESOLVED:** That the subject be further discussed at the F&GP meeting and that Mrs Trend put together some information for the Parish Council website.

**113. Dates of Future Committee Meetings**

Finance and General Purposes Committee – 20 November 2012  
Planning Committee – 27 November 2012

**114. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting**

Items brought forward from the November Agenda and meeting.  
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 3 December 2012.

**115. Exclusion of the Public and Press**

To consider exclusion of the public and press for Agenda item No 22.

**RESOLVED:** To hold Agenda items 21 and 22 (Minutes 115 and 116) over until the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting.

**116. Parish Champion**

See Minute 115.

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

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX A****Accounts paid between meetings:**

	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Mr D Whitfield</b>	
Allotment rent	32.00
<b>Jonathan Boswell</b>	
Bulb planting	120.00
<b>Alan Vandome</b>	
Picnic in the Park 2013 entertainment	60.00
<b>Audit Commission</b>	
Audit fee	480.00
<b>Lyndhurst &amp; District Community Association</b>	
Parish Council meeting	21.50
Allotment collection	21.50
Amenity Committee meeting	21.50
Planning Committee meeting	21.50
<b>Wellington Signs</b>	
Remembrance Parade signage	180.00
<b>Hampshire Probation Trust</b>	
Cemetery Maintenance	65.00
<b>Ideal Fire &amp; Security Ltd</b>	
CCTV Maintenance	159.60
<b>Mr G Bisson</b>	
iPad Cover	18.99
<b>TLC-Online</b>	
Transport Leaflets	225.60
<b>Mr K Bennett</b>	
Cemetery grasscutting	400.00
Recreation Ground grasscutting	75.00
Allotment clearance	600.00
Recreation Ground clearance	300.00
Total	
<b>Accounts due for payment since the date of the last meeting:</b>	
<b>Robert Sturt</b>	
Cemetery grasscutting	400.00
Recreation Ground grasscutting	75.00
Allotment Clearance	300.00
Total	
<b>Mrs M Weston</b>	
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1655.05
<b>SBC Solutions Limited</b>	
Broadband	54.00
<b>TLC-Online</b>	
Website maintenance and domain renewal	115.00
<b>Lyndhurst &amp; District Community Association</b>	
Cemetery Committee meeting	21.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>5422.74</b>