

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2013 AT 7.15 PM**

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

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Press representative  
3 members of the public.  
County Councillor K Mans  
Mr C Read and Mr M Cash (NFDC)  
Mr B Major

**134. Public Participation**

Mr Williams stated that he was a resident of Sandy Lane and wished to complain about the fact that the pavement in Shrubbs Hill Road (adjacent to the Forestry Commission land) was, he felt, the same level as the road and this section of the road was subject to flooding. Mr Williams stated that he had reported this matter some 18 months previously and felt the Parish Council should have taken action. It was pointed out to Mr Williams that the Parish Council were not a highway authority and that the matter had been reported to Hampshire County Council on previous occasions. County Councillor Mans said that he was looking at flooding issues with Tim Lawton and that, during the inclement weather of 2012/13 HCC Highway staff had been very stretched.

Mr Abbott reported that there was still a problem with drainage in Gosport Lane that was supposed to have been dealt with some time ago.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to HCC to report the problems and also the flooding that was occurring on the A35 near Chapel Lane and to copy Mr Mans in on all correspondence.

**135. Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**136. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Rollé and Mrs A Trend.

**137. Presentation by NFDC**

Mr Read explained that he and Mr Cash were present to give details regarding the work that would be taking place to the public conveniences in the main village car park. The "old" toilet block would eventually be closed permanently and work would commence on the "newer" toilet block in February, ensuring they were ready for use by the first Bank Holiday in May. The aim was to cut down on vandalism and ensure a safe haven for users. The toilets will be environmental and family friendly with disabled facilities. The building will be re-roofed and the footprint will remain as at present. There will be doors on all four sides which will require additional landscaping. A modular design will be used, similar to public conveniences recently installed in Fordingbridge, Keyhaven and Ringwood which were proving very successful. Mr Read said he would keep the Chairman and Clerk informed of progress.

**138. Presentation by Mr Major**

Mr Major explained that Arthur Phillip, who had lived at Vernals Farm and Glasshayes, Lyndhurst at one time, had been the first Governor of New South Wales, Australia. He had been appointed to take the first fleet of convicts to Botany Bay and was Commander of the Fleet. Due to his association with farming and the fact that he had taken Henry Dodd, gardener at Vernals Farm, with him to Australia he was able to grow vegetables and introduced grape vines in Australia to provide food. 2014 will mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death and the British Australia Society are organising events to mark this date and would like the New Forest to feature in the story.

The Clerk said that she had spoken to Mrs Trend, who was unable to be present this evening, but who would like to be involved in the project and who was already progressing ideas.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Major provide a 20 minute presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting and that two one hour presentations be considered at a future date.

### **139. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

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

### **140. Matters Arising**

None.

### **141. Correspondence**

**Ashurst Cricket Club** – Email thanking the Parish Council for the grant of £500 to be used towards refurbishment of the electricity supply in the cricket pavilion. NFDC are also supporting the refurbishment plans and there are several other grant applications pending.

**Rob Millar, Hampshire Highways West** – Confirmation that the Olympic Torch plaque can be placed on the railings around the tree near the Fox & Hounds PH.

**Julian Lewis, MP** – Letter concerning a complaint from a resident of Foldsgate Close regarding the condition of the two greens outside the Forest Lodge Hotel and Gales Green and the Clerk's reply.

It was noted that dragons teeth would not be acceptable in this area.

It was noted that an area of verge on Southampton Road opposite the caravan park had become badly eroded.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the Highway Authority and ask for two dragons teeth to be instated.

### **142. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

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

Planning Committee – 18 December 2012

Mrs Wyeth reported that the previously postponed meeting with Steve Quartermain concerning the loss of affordable housing would be held on 17 January.

Mrs Wyeth reported that the Clerk had received an email from NFDC stating that the owners of Knightwood Lodge Hotel had requested a meeting, to which a representative of the Parish Council should be invited, as although they had now signed the agreement regarding affordable housing they were unhappy with the way that Raglan Housing Association had dealt with them.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to NFDC explaining that the Parish Council did not feel that this was something they should be involved in and it would be better dealt with by NFDC.

Mrs Wyeth reported that the planning application for 2/2a Gosport Lane would be going to the NFNPA Committee because of previous committee interest due to the fact that it is an important site.

With regard to the proposals for Bertie's Restaurant Mrs Wyeth reported that the correct planning permissions are in place, although lighting and signage will have to be checked.

### **143. County Councillor's Report**

Mr Mans reported that the County Council revenue support grant was likely to be cut by 11%, although it was hoped that there would be no major changes to services, public health playing an important part in the Council's remit. Water table levels were of concern following recent weather conditions. Councillor Mans advised an early application for financial support regarding speed indication device purchase and agreed that he would be able to finance one of the Olympic Torch Village signs.

### **144. District Councillor's Report**

Mrs Wyeth reported that the WRVS had lost the contract for delivery of Meals on Wheels to a private company. Mr Charlesworth said he understood that frozen meals would be delivered to clients on a weekly basis with sufficient meals to last a week.

### **145. 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 8 January 2013.

Mrs Wyeth asked for clarification regarding ornamental trees that had been purchased for the Cemetery as she had received comments about the large number that been planted, which would inevitably lead to maintenance costs as well as the initial cost of the trees. Mr Boyes stated that people are buying the trees in memory of loved ones and the trees were useful to absorb water during wet weather, experienced recently. He said that the majority of people liked them. They would not be planted in the old section of the Cemetery or in the Catholic section. More trees would be planted although old ones would also be removed and replaced. It was noted that only miniature, ornamental trees would be purchased.

Mrs Wyeth asked if money raised in the Cemetery was ring fenced for use only in the Cemetery. It was noted that upkeep of the Cemetery was a large outlay item. Mr Charlesworth said that Committees had planned their budgets very well. Mr Bisson said he considered it was acceptable to move the budget around between various Committees as the need arose.

**146. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies**

Mr Charlesworth reported that the Community Centre would be holding their rates for hire of rooms, etc at the same level for 2013.

**147. Traffic Problems in Lyndhurst**

It was noted that the designated crossing in Shrubbs Hill Road had now been instated. Mrs Klaassen stated that the organisers of the campaign would still like to see a pavement on the left hand side from Cedar Mount to Sandy Lane and have been told this will eventually take place.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk request that the Forestry Commission clear the undergrowth from the path on the right hand side.

An email had been received from HCC regarding consultation on high level planning of their highway maintenance service.

**RESOLVED:** That Councillors notify the Clerk of any matters they would like referred before the end of January.

**148. Dates of Future Committee Meetings**

Planning Committee – 22 January 2013.

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

Items brought forward from the January Agenda and meeting.  
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 4 February 2013.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX A

### Accounts due for payment:

|                                                       | <b>Amount</b>  | <b>VAT</b>   | <b>Total</b>   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>Mrs M Weston</b>                                   |                |              |                |
| Clerk's Salary and Expenses                           | 1503.93        |              | 1503.93        |
| <b>J Malcom &amp; Son</b>                             |                |              |                |
| Allotment track grasscutting                          | 130.00         |              | 130.00         |
| <b>Lyndhurst &amp; District Community Association</b> |                |              |                |
| Room Hire - PC meeting                                | 21.50          |              |                |
| Room Hire - Planning Committee meeting                | 21.50          |              |                |
| Total                                                 |                |              | 43.00          |
| <b>Hampshire Probation Trust</b>                      |                |              |                |
| Cemetery Maintenance                                  | 70.00          |              | 70.00          |
| <b>NFDC</b>                                           |                |              |                |
| Servicing of dog bins                                 | 269.98         | 54.00        | 323.98         |
| <b>Total</b>                                          | <b>2016.91</b> | <b>54.00</b> | <b>2070.91</b> |