

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2013 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, the Revd Dr C Wilkins and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Press representative
9 members of the public
County Councillor K Mans
PC A White and PCSO L Quinn
Mr W Andrews, Chairman, Minstead Parish Council

150. Public Participation

Mr Whittam, a resident of Rufus Court, stated that he had a petition regarding residents' concerns with speeding traffic in the High Street. The petition, containing 150 names, called for speed cameras in the High Street.

Mr Wiltshire reported that a meeting had been held to ascertain whether it would be possible to reform a branch of the Royal British Legion in Lyndhurst. The meeting had been very successful with Mr Roy Farmers, President of the Hampshire Branch attending to explain how this could be achieved. Another meeting would be held on Wednesday, 20 February at 6.00 pm in the Workmen's Club to elect a Committee and Officers. It was necessary to have 15 members and Mr Wiltshire was confident this could be achieved. Cost of membership was £13 per year, although this was likely to rise to £15 in October. The Branch would meet bi-monthly.

Mrs Trend said the local history group had recently completed a poster on the two war memorials (Bolton's Bench and Emery Down lych gate).

151. Disclosures of Interest

None.

152. Apologies for Absence

None – all present.

153. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 8 January 2013, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

154. Matters Arising

None.

155. Community Speedwatch and Traffic Calming Measures

PC White confirmed that sufficient volunteers had come forward to carry out a stand alone Community Speedwatch scheme in Lyndhurst. Mrs Wyeth said she had recently seen flashing chevron signs in Leicestershire and she would be prepared to progress something similar at Swan Green. County Councillor Mans said he would also give support to these signs.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send a request to NFDC with copies to Councillor Mans and Mrs Wyeth to progress the possibility of chevron signs at Swan Green.

Discussion took place regarding the Parish Council's commitment to purchase devices to deal with the problem of speeding traffic around the village.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council purchase a device that could be used by the Community Speedwatch team and continue to pursue purchase of two fixed SIDs.

156. Correspondence

Rob Dewing, Chairman, Lyndhurst and District Community Association – Email thanking the Parish Council for their grant of £2,000 given towards the purchase of the stage for community use.

Navitus Bay Development Ltd – Information concerning the next round of public consultation from 1 February to 5 April. Consultation documents are available from public libraries and www.navitusbaywindpark.co.uk. Copies can also be obtained from Freepost Navitus Bay Wind Park, emailing info@navitusbay.com or telephoning 0800 008 6763.

Catherine Kirkham, Community Action Hampshire – Information regarding working with communities and Parish Councils to increase the provision of affordable housing for local people. NFDC Housing Register indicates that there are 62 people claiming a local connection to Lyndhurst who have a housing need. Would like to know if the Parish Council would be interested in exploring whether there is the support within the community to develop a small affordable housing scheme for local people in Lyndhurst.

Mrs Wyeth stated that she had further information on affordable housing which she would give in her report later in the meeting.

Pat and Maurice Porter – Email circulated to Councillors with suggestions for dealing with speeding traffic in Gosport Lane.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply to Mr and Mrs Porter thanking them for their suggestions and explaining measures that would be pursued in order to deal with speeding traffic.

Lyndhurst and District Community Association – Notification of AGM on Monday, 18 March at 11.00 am followed by refreshments.

157. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

Planning Committee – 22 January 2013

158. County Councillor's Report

Councillor Mans reported that the County Council would be meeting shortly to set Council Tax for the coming financial year. It would not be increased and this was being achieved with very few redundancies. Councillor Mans had received a good deal of correspondence regarding flooding and he would be visiting sites to see what could be done to improve the situation. He asked if the system for reporting potholes and other problems was working and Councillors replied that it seemed to be working well in this area, with particular thanks going to Rob Millar.

159. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth reported that following the meeting with Government Chief Planner Steve Quartermain there had been a question and answer session. The subject of affordable housing had been discussed and there were two sites identified in Lyndhurst – Lyndhurst Park Hotel and Beechen

Lane. It was understood that the site of the Lyndhurst Park Hotel might be developed and suggestions had been mooted of a small supermarket, budget hotel, retirement flats and affordable housing. At Beechen Lane the offices at the front would remain. Mrs Wyeth asked that a Parish Council meeting be held in order that further consideration could be given to this matter.

Mrs Wyeth reported that the Section 106 Agreement had been signed for Stag Yard, giving three affordable units.

There are now new permitted development rights to allow commercial property to be used as residential which will come into force this Spring. There will be a meeting of the NFNPA to decide whether they want an exemption. There would be changes to site requirements for broadband cabinets.

160. 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 February 2013.
- (c) The Clerk drew Councillors attention to the fact that Precepting arrangements this year allowed for two discretionary grants to be taken if required. There was uncertainty in general with regard to Precepting arrangements due to the Government changes to the Council Tax benefit scheme. It was unlikely that the grants would be available in future years.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council request a Precept for the financial year 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014 of £65,663, which included an identifiable grant of £3,287 and a transitional grant of £95 with the proviso that the grant money be ring fenced for use with large items of expenditure.

161. Request for Grant Aid

A request had been received from the New Forest Benefice of Lyndhurst, Emery Down and Minstead for a grant of £2,551. The church of St Michael and All Angels, Lyndhurst has been awarded a grant of £25,000 from Viridor Credits under the Landfill Communities Fund Scheme towards improvements to the heating, lighting and rewiring of the church. This forms part of a larger project (approximately £1M). The Viridor grant cannot be activated without an additional Third Party contribution of £2,551.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Restoration Project Manager to ask if they are able to wait until the end of the current financial year (31 March 2013) so that the Parish Council can ascertain what funds are available to assist with grant aid for this project.

162. The Australian Connection – Arthur Phillip

Mrs Trend reported that she had now provided the Clerk with information which would be put on the website and she also suggested that the Parish Council formulate a leaflet for residents and visitors. Mr Major would be coming to give a talk at the Annual Parish Meeting and following this another date for a talk would be arranged. This would be used as a fund raiser for Picnic in the Park.

163. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. The Forestry Commission had given an update on tree disease; there was no Ash disease in Hampshire. Burley Workshop has been closed. There was an update on Forest Watch and Alison Barnes, NFNPA Chief Executive, had given a report.

Mr Boyes had attended a New Forest Celebration of Sport at Hangar Farm, which was a follow on from the Olympic Games 2012 with the aim of continuing to promote sport.

Mr Boyes asked for clarification of ownership of hedges and ditches at Great Mead with particular reference to properties in Shaggs Meadow. Councillors Wyeth, Bisson and Abbott confirmed that the riparian owners are the owners of properties in Shaggs Meadow.

Mr Boyes also congratulated the Vice Chairman on the way she had handled the last meeting with particular reference to a complaint received during Minute 134 Public Participation.

Mr Bisson reported that he had attended a meeting of NFALC, which has reverted to its original name. There had been an IT presentation by NFDC regarding the use of GIS.

Mr Bisson had attended a NFNPA Quadrant meeting and there had been a presentation on permitted development rights.

Mr Charlesworth stated that there was excellent voluntary support at the Community Centre with two new volunteers starting shortly.

164. Traffic Problems in Lyndhurst

Mrs Klaassen stated that now a safe crossing point had been achieved in Shrubbs Hill Road the group concerned were campaigning for a footpath from Cedar Mount to Sandy Lane and she was assured that this had the full support of the Parish Council. She asked if there was a possibility of money to assist funding might be available from developers' contributions but Councillor Wyeth said she did not think this would be a possibility.

165. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee – 26 February 2013.

166. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

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

Chairman _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A

Accounts due for payment:

	Amount	VAT	Total
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1492.72		1492.72
Fireguard Services (NM) Ltd			
Servicing of Chapel Fire Extinguisher	22.80	4.56	27.36
Lyndhurst & District Community Association			
Advertisements (Cemetery & Remembrance Sunday)	30.00		
Advertisemnt (Remembrance Sunday)	15.00		
Affiliation Fee	13.00		
Parish Council meeting	21.50		
Total			79.50
Hampshire Probation Trust			
Cemetery Maintenance	70.00		70.00
Southern Water			
Allotment Water Supply	139.59	27.92	167.51
Aviva			
Parish Council Insurance	2758.21		2758.21
Mr P H Boyes			
Cemetery materials	591.16	110.44	701.60
SBC Solutions			
Broadband Rental	54.00	10.80	64.80
Mr K Bennett			
Cemetery maintenance	716.00		716.00
Everton Nurseries			
Cemetery trees	880.24		880.24
Total	6804.22	153.72	6957.94