

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT APPLETREE COURT, LYNDHURST ON TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2007 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr G Bisson (Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr F Alexander, Professor K Barber, Mr P Boyes, Mrs A Butcher Mr J Charlesworth, Mr E Gailor, Mr D Newport, Mrs A Trend and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M H Weston

In attendance: Press representatives from the Lymington Times and Daily Echo

360. Public Participation

None.

361. Disclosures of Interest

None.

362. Apology for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mr M Rollé.

363. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting dated 13 February 2007, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

364. Matters Arising

(a) Fenwick 2

It was reported that the exhibition had been informative and that people were pleased to see that the Fenwick would be opening, giving a basis to build on for the future.

(b) County Councillor's Report

Concern was expressed that although Mr Kendal had stated in his February report that he did support the Parish Council's preferred Bypass route he had not stated that he was against an inner route.

365. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

Planning Committee (27 February)

366. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel and reported that presentations had been given on the Rural Fire Safety Project and the New Forest Bat Project.

Mr Charlesworth reported that the Community Association had written to Dr Julian Lewis, MP regarding the proposal to withdraw lottery funding from community buildings in order to fund the Olympic Games and had been told that the community buildings fund would close on 1 April. The Community Focus Group now has 14 members, including five young people.

367. Correspondence

NFDC – Rural Housing Development – a 10 Step Guide for developing housing for local people in Rural Communities.

NFDC – Information regarding publicity during the election purdah period. Distributed to all Councillors.

NFDC – Road Closure A35/A337 (part) on Sunday 22 April, 2.40 to 3.00 pm for St George’s Day Parade.

NFDC – Email from Rachel Higgins, Environmental Protection concerning Action Plan of options to improve air quality in Lyndhurst. Consultation period of 14 weeks commencing in April.

RESOLVED: That Environmental Protection be invited to make a presentation to the April Council meeting and a request be made that a copy of the consultation be provided to the Parish Council as soon as it becomes available.

HAPTC – Licensing Act 2003 - Interested Parties
Section 137 Expenditure: Limit for 2007/08 (£5.64)
Vexatious Freedom of Information Complaints.
Purchase of The Parish Councillor’s Guide

Committee for Rural Hampshire – Annual Review 2006-07.

INEOS – Copy of letter sent to neighbours re Beechen Lane planning application.

South East England Regional Assembly – Partial Review of the Draft South East Plan – Revised apportionment of Primary Land-Won Aggregates.

HCC (Cllr Nigel Clarke) Chairman New Forest HAT – Invitation to the Parish Council to give their views on key issues. Distributed to all Councillors.

HCC – Hampshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework – Newsletter 4 – Consultation on sites – Issues and Options.

HCC – Planning Hampshire’s future Newsletter.

South East England Regional Assembly – Regional Housing Strategy Review 2007 – invitation to participate in consultation on the revision of the Regional Housing Strategy.

Hampshire Constabulary (Chief Supt Wakefield) – Letter regarding Safer Neighbourhoods.

368. Accounts

The Clerk submitted the accounts as detailed on Appendix A for payment.

RESOLVED: That accounts as detailed in vouchers 1276 to 1280 and 1200 to 1204 totalling £2,903.47 be approved and paid.

The Clerk drew the Parish Council’s attention to the budget expenditure statement circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting. Concern was expressed at the level of funds remaining unused in the Recreation Ground Committee’s budget.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the Recreation Ground Committee Chairman to arrange a Recreation Ground Committee meeting preferably before the Annual Parish Meeting.

369. Parish Plan

Mrs Trend explained that a meeting had been held with Pastor Clive Tibbles, who had offered his support. A letter would be sent to local organisations asking them to send a representative to the Annual Parish Meeting when the Parish Plan would be an Agenda item. A further meeting would take place in May in the Community Centre. Penny Velander (NFDC) would be invited to the meeting.

370. Elections

The Clerk stated that she had copies of application forms and guidance notes for distribution to candidates and these could also be obtained from NFDC. The deadline for receipt of nomination papers by Electoral Services, NFDC, Appletree Court is Wednesday, 4 April 2007.

371. Annual Parish Meeting

Committee Chairmen were reminded that they would be required to present a report.

372. Memorials and Purchases

Confirmation was given for the following memorials granted since the date of the last meeting:

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Harvey Kenneth Bartlett	Memorial Stone	£45.00	P
John Gordon Kennedy	Memorial Stone	£45.00	P
Reginald Turner	Plaque	£27.00	P

373. Grant Applications

Grant applications received for the financial year April 2006 to March 2007 were considered.

RESOLVED: That grants of £250 each be made to Lyndhurst Scouts and Guide Groups, Streetwise, Lyndhurst and District Community Association and Lyndhurst Decorations Committee.

374. Bypass Comments on the Website

The Chairman explained that the Parish Council has a page on their website inviting comments from members of the public regarding village bypass proposals and he felt that a decision should be taken as to whether comments should be answered.

RESOLVED: To note that the Parish Council felt that no official response was necessary.

Mr Charlesworth, as Chairman of the Bypass Committee, had distributed copies of his proposed report to the Annual Parish meeting.

RESOLVED: That the paragraph headed “Our Response” should read “We welcome A, B, C, D and F ...” as the Parish Council had considered an inner route for a bypass but had deemed it unacceptable as it would destroy the infrastructure and community of the village”.

RESOLVED:

375. County Councillor’s Report

None.

376. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

The following Committee meeting dates were arranged:-

Recreation Ground Committee	To be arranged as soon as possible		
Cemetery Committee	14 March	45 The Meadows	7.00 pm
Planning Committee	27 March	Community Centre	7.15 pm

377. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Agenda items brought forward from Agenda for March meeting.
Any other items brought to the Clerk's attention by 2 April 2007.

378. Rumour Corner

It was noted that the florist shop would be opening shortly and that Penyards Estate Agents had already opened.

Discussion took place regarding the Parish Directory that had been distributed some time ago.

RESOLVED: That the Directory be brought up to date, printed and distributed.

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

Chairman _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 13.03.07

The following accounts are presented for approval:

Mrs M Weston Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£777.82
Lyndhurst & District Community Association Room Hire (APM and Planning Committee)	£54.00
J Malcom & Son Cemetery Maintenance – January	£168.00
Neptune Outdoor Furniture Ltd Wood and metal bench + installation	£656.82
TLC-Online Website maintenance (March, April and May)	£75.00
Mr Paul Boyes Remedial work to gas cylinder pipe at Cemetery Chapel	£15.00
HAPTC Affiliation fee and NALC levy 2007-08	£431.00
Mr G Bisson Expenses incurred	£110.39
NFDC Cemetery Rates	£325.44
Mr C Kilford Allotment Gardens – Hedging and Ditching	£290.00

Total for the period 14.02.07 to 13.03.07 = £2903.47
Voucher Numbers 1276 to 1280 and 1200 to 1204

Chairman _____

Date _____