

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT GINGKOES, PIKES HILL AVENUE, LYNDHURST ON WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2007 AT 7.15 PM

Present Mr F Alexander (Chairman), Mr G Bisson., Mr P Boyes, Mr J Charlesworth and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston.

Apologies for Absence Mr M Böckle.

Minutes The Chairman read the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 20 June 2007.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising (a) Signs

Mrs Wyeth reported that the NF NPA are considering boundary markers. HCC had intimated that they are considering new signs.

RESOLVED: Clerk to make further enquiries.

Street Lighting Ownership Mrs Wyeth reported that NFDC were considering whether certain named NFDC owned lights should be redesignated as Highway Lighting (for which HCC would assume responsibility).

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council had no objection to the named lights being transferred to new ownership.

Bulb Planting Discussion took place regarding the position of new bulb planting for this year. Mr Alexander had purchased 85 kg. The Clerk thought it would be more economical to purchase bulbs from a wholesaler next year.

RESOLVED: To consider strengthen the Clayhill area next year.

Bond/Maynard Memorial Seat The seat had now been removed. Mr Alexander said that a decision would have to be taken as to whether or not to make repairs. The Clerk stated that both Mrs Maynard and Mrs Bond were prepared to reimburse the Parish Council for the repairs and would like to see the seat returned to site. Mr Malcom felt that the seat could be repaired fairly easily.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk ask Mr Malcom to provide an estimate for the necessary work, which would then be put in hand.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the on Romsey Road, adjacent to The Emporium was damaged.

RESOLVED: That Mr Malcom be asked to provide an estimate for the repair of this seat.

The Clerk reported that Mr Malcom had offered to provide an oak plank to repair the seat at Swan Green. The plank and the work involved would be free of charge.

RESOLVED: That Mr Malcom be thanked for his kind offer and asked to proceed.

Seat/Bus Shelter maintenance and inspections Mr Alexander explained that he had prepared a schedule which would be used in connection with seat and bus shelter maintenance and inspections. The seats and bus shelters had not been cleaned for some time.

RESOLVED: That Mr Alexander prepare a specification of work required and the work be put out to tender.

Dog bin collection costs **RESOLVED:** That an amount of £620 be allowed for this work in the coming financial year.

Graffiti Removal Provisions **RESOLVED:** That an amount of £200 be allowed for any remedial work required in the coming financial year.

Any Other Financial Commitments including Great Mead (a) Great Mead
It was understood that £10,000 would be coming to the Parish Council from the developer but it was not known at this stage whether money for treework already undertaken had been deducted from this amount.

RESOLVED: To leave consideration of how the £10,000 should be allocated until the next financial year.

Any Other Business (b) Noticeboard
Discussion took place regarding the condition, content and positioning of the Parish Council noticeboard at the exit road to the car park. It was generally felt that the noticeboard would be better positioned nearer to the Community Centre.

RESOLVED: To ascertain whether funding could be made available from the Leader Fund.

Precept for 2007/08 **RESOLVED:** That the Amenities budget for the financial year 2008/09 be submitted as follows:

Budget Item	Budget 2008/09
Bulbs	£250.00
Seat Maintenance	£600.00
Graffiti Removal	£200.00
Bus Shelter Maintenance	£400.00
Dog Waste Collection	£620.00
Noticeboards	£200.00
Bus Shelter Replacement	£300.00
Total	£2570.00

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

Chairman _____

Date _____

