

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 22 OCTOBER 2012 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr G Bisson, Mr P Boyes, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell, Mrs H Klaassen, Mr M Rollé and Mrs A Trend.

In Attendance: Mrs M Weston (Clerk to the Council)

1. Election of Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Boyes and seconded by Mrs Trend and

RESOLVED: That Mr Charlesworth be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Mrs Trend and seconded by Mrs Klaassen and

RESOLVED: That Mr Boyes be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mrs Pat Wyeth.

4. Declarations of Interest

Mr Bisson declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in Agenda Item/Minute 9 in that he owned and resided in property abutting Great Mead.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 5 September 2011 were approved.

6. Matters Arising

It was reported by Mrs Trend that some of the photographs in the Village Walk noticeboard needed to be replaced. The Clerk pointed out that this was a sealed unit and it was doubtful if this would be possible.

RESOLVED: To explore the possibility of obtaining grant aid to help cover the cost of a new noticeboard.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of a shelter outside the school. Various negotiations had taken place with the Head Teacher but no firm resolution had been reached other than the School would prefer it to be between the gates and the Crown Hotel. The Head Teacher had indicated that they would be installing a shelter inside the school gates but this would only be for use by children and parents attending the school.

RESOLVED: To hold this matter in abeyance for the time being.

The shelter in Southampton Road had now been replaced.

The footpath from Silver Street to Blackwater had now received remedial work but it might be possible in the future to add to the work already completed.

New Welcome to Lyndhurst signage had now been installed and Mr Charlesworth reported that he still had one additional sign in stock. Mrs Klaassen asked if it might be possible to add another “rung” to the bottom of the existing signage with the message “Please Drive Slowly Through Our Village”. The problems of speeding traffic and the possible extension of the 30mph speed limits in the village were discussed although it was agreed that this was a topic for full Council meetings.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the possibility of placing the remaining sign further down Southampton Road, near to the entrance to the Golf Course be explored and that Mr Charlesworth check the size of the remaining sign.
- (b) That Mr Charlesworth consult with HCC to see if a reflective sign could be added to the existing sign asking motorists to drive slowly.

7. Bulbs

Mr Charlesworth reported that Smart Yard had planted 500 narcissi bulbs in Haskells Close and 500 bulbs on the green at the top of Knightwood Avenue. Mrs Trend reminded the Committee that there was still an area on the perimeter of Swan Green that required planting.

RESOLVED: That photographs of the positioning of all the bulbs be taken when they are in bloom.

Mrs Trend suggested that bulb planting involving the youth of the village would be beneficial and the Clerk suggested planting in Great Mead.

8. Shelters

Mr Boyes reported that he had now completed the maps showing the shelters and seats within the parish boundaries and it was thought that the map should go on show with an explanation that the Parish Council had responsibility for the upkeep of these items.

All shelters had been cleaned, undergrowth cleared and woodwork treated this summer/autumn by Weed It and Reap. It was noted that the seat at Foxlease would be in need of remedial action and eventual replacement.

9. Seats

Mr Boyes reported that all the seats had been treated this year but, due to the fact that some were tanned and had not completely dried out before treatment, they would need further action next year.

The Clerk reported that a member of the public would like to put a seat on highway land adjacent to the artificial grassed area at Meridien Garage. He was prepared to reimburse the Parish Council for its purchase and erection.

RESOLVED: That a seat be purchased and erected.

The Clerk reported that, following a mention in Clerk's Corner, she had received requests from four members of the public who would be willing to pay for a seat in the village, although they would prefer it to be situated on Bolton's Bench. The Forestry Commission Land Agent had intimated that no further seats would be allowed on the open forest.

10. Great Mead

Tree husbandry had taken place and it was noted that more might be necessary in the near future. A small oak tree, donated by HCC, had been planted to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen but concern was expressed as to whether it was likely to flourish.

RESOLVED:

- (a) To ascertain the cost of a more suitable oak tree.
- (b) To ascertain the cost of placing a hexagonal seat around the Diamond Jubilee tree, which might be financed by people who had expressed an interest in donating a seat in memory of a loved one.

Generally, there was concern regarding dog fouling in Great Mead.

RESOLVED:

- (a) To explore the possibility of signage as a deterrent.
- (b) To obtain quotations for suitable signage.
- (c) To consult the NFDC Dog Warden for assistance and advice.

11. 2012/2013 Budget Report

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS - APRIL 2012 to OCTOBER 2012

	Income	Expenditure
Repositioning Welcome signage		£120.00
Prep for new bus shelter		£450.69
Dog bin collection		£323.98
New bus shelter		£7,408.80
Seat maintenance		£1,506.46
Bus shelter maintenance		£640.63
Bulbs		£234.00
Circular Walk	£736.00	£736.00
Precept	£7,110.00	
Held in reserve for bus shelter replacement	£7,000.00	
VAT recoverable	£1,302.30	
Total	16148.30	£11,420.56

12. 2013/14 Precept Request

RESOLVED: That the following Precept Request be made to the F&GP Committee for the financial year April 2013 to March 2014:

Amenities Committee	Precept Request 2012/13	Actual/Possible Spend to 31.03.12	Projected budget Request 2013/14
Seat/Shelter Maintenance	2500.00	3120.00	1000.00
Bulbs	100.00	234.00	250.00
Dog Waste Collection	860.00	650.00	700.00
Noticeboards/Signage	300.00	120.00	300.00
Walk	1000.00	0.00	800.00
Grass cutting at Great Mead	2000.00	0.00	2000.00
Consumables/Administration	100.00	43.00	60.00
Graffiti Removal	250.00	0.00	0.00
Silver Street Contingency Sum		0.00	0.00
Bus Shelter Replacement		900.00	3000.00
Great Mead			1000.00
Total	7110.00	5067.00	9110.00
Budget requirement	7110.00		9110.00

13. Any Other Business

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

Signed _____

Date _____