

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON THURSDAY 26 JUNE 2013 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr G Bisson, Mr P Boyes (until Agenda Item 3), Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell and Mrs P Wyeth.

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

1. Election of Chairman

Mr Charlesworth stated that he wished to resign as Chairman of the Amenities Committee. Mrs Wyeth proposed, seconded by Mr Cornell that Mr Bisson be elected Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the year commencing 1 May 2013.

RESOLVED: That Mr Bisson be elected Chairman of the Amenities Committee.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

Mr Boyes stated that he wished to resign as Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee and also wished to resign as a Committee member. Mr Charlesworth proposed, seconded by Mr Boyes, that Mr Cornell be elected as Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the year commencing 1 May 2013.

RESOLVED: That Mr Cornell be elected Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee.

Mr Bisson asked that thanks be recorded in the minutes to both Mr Charlesworth and Mr Boyes for all the hard work they had undertaken on behalf of the Parish Council in connection with the Amenities Committee.

3. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mr Rollé.

4. Declarations of Interest

Mr Bisson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10 – Great Mead as he owned property abutting this land.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting held on 28 March 2013 were approved.

6. Matters Arising

(a) Welcome to Lyndhurst Signage

It was noted that Mr Charlesworth, Mr Cornell and the Clerk had met with Mandy Ware, HCC to discuss relocation of the Welcome signage on Southampton Road. An email had recently been received by the Clerk indicating that possible improvements would be added to the programme for 2014/15.

(b) Footpath between Calpé Avenue and Pikes Hill Avenue

The Clerk reported that HCC had indicated that maintenance of this footpath was their responsibility and that unless it became impassable they would not be taking remedial action. Mr Cornell and the Clerk confirmed that the path could be walked for its duration.

7. Bulbs

Mrs Trend had given the Clerk photographs of sites where she considered bulbs might be needed in the future.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk purchase bulbs in the Autumn in line with the budgetary allowance.

8. Shelters

It was agreed that the bus shelters were in good order following refurbishment in 2012, except that the shelter adjacent to the entrance to Foxlease would need attention in the future, having been subject to remedial action three times in recent years. Mr Cornell was thanked for undertaking work on the shelters, mainly regarding painting out graffiti.

9. Seats

It was agreed that the seats were in good order except for the bench seat at Goose Green which was in urgent need of renewal.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Clerk contact James Malcom and ask when he would be undertaking the work necessary to bring it up to an acceptable standard.
- (b) That the Clerk give Mr Cornell a copy of the map showing the position of all seats owned by the Parish Council in order that he could inspect them on a regular basis and alert the Clerk when remedial action was necessary.

10. Great Mead

Mr Bisson and Mr Charlesworth had met Martin Witney on site and decided on work necessary to the trees at Great Mead. Mr Charlesworth said he would contact Mr Witney to see when the work would be taking place.

It was still planned to provide a seat round the new Jubilee tree which had recently been planted by Mr Boyes as the original one had died. Mr Bisson said he would keep an eye on the tree.

11. Parish Lengthsman Scheme

Following discussion on this subject at the June Parish Council meeting, the Clerk further outlined the scheme. It would seem that there were sufficient adjoining parishes to form a cluster and it was agreed that a cluster consisting of the parishes of Lyndhurst, Ashurst and Copythorne would be appropriate. The Clerk would liaise with HCC and other parishes and report back in due course.

12. Parish Walk Leaflets

It was reported that Mr Cornell had made changes to the leaflet and had also undertaken the walk to make sure all the information was now accurate. The Clerk had asked Hampshire Print Services for quotations for 10,000 and 20,000 copies of the leaflet and it was hoped that NFNPA would fund the print run. Councillor Cornell was thanked for all the work he had undertaken on this project. It was noted that it might be prudent to ask the Visitor Centre to ensure that the leaflet was only given out to those who wished to undertake the walk as it seemed likely that some people were taking it just to get a map of Lyndhurst.

13. Any Other Business

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

Signed _____

Date _____