

LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held at Lyndhurst Community Centre on Tuesday 29 April 2014 at 7.15 pm.

Present: Mr G Bisson (Chairman), Mr L Cornell (Vice Chairman), Mr J Charlesworth, Mr Kaljura and Mrs P Wyeth.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Rollé and Mrs H Klaassen

2. Declarations of Interest

Mr Bisson and Mr Kaljura declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 – Great Mead as they owned property abutting this land. Mrs Wyeth declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 – Great Mead as her brother (Mr Bisson) owned property abutting this land. Mr Kaljura declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6(a) New Memorial Seat.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 1 October 2013 were approved as an accurate record.

4. Matters Arising

It was noted that the newly refurbished bench seat at Goose Green was now in place.

The ground surface of the bus shelter that had been moved in Southampton Road was considered to have a poor and uneven surface and needed to be redone.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to HCC to ask that remedial action be taken.

5. Bulbs

RESOLVED: That the Clerk purchase the usual amount of bulbs this Autumn and that they be placed near the Welcome signage on the Romsey Road and on the piece of land near the Lyndhurst Park Hotel on Southampton Road. The following year consideration would be given to bulbs for the piece of land at the top of Knightwood Avenue.

6. Shelters and Seats

(a) New Memorial Seat

Mr Kaljura explained that his family would like to place a memorial seat in the High Street adjacent on existing seats near the Fox & Hounds PH. An email had been received from the Tea Rooms stating that they would be happy to see the seat in this position. Mrs Wyeth voiced her concerns regarding restriction on sight due to the location of the car park entrance. Mr Kaljura explained that the siting of the seat should not cause a problem.

RESOLVED: That Mr Bisson and Mr Kaljura visit the proposed site for the seat after the meeting and decide whether the position was appropriate.

(b) Seat and Shelter Maintenance

Mr Cornell pointed out that there was some graffiti on the bus shelter opposite the Lyndhurst Park Hotel. He had been prepared to deal with this but now wondered if this would be a job for Kevin Bennett who had recently been appointed as the new parish lengthsman.

RESOLVED: That Mr Cornell give the materials already purchased to the Clerk and that she ask Mr Bennett to do the work.

7. Great Mead

Mr Bisson reported that he had staked a lose tree that was near the Twinning tree. The Jubilee tree was flourishing. Mr Bisson stated that there were a number of brambles along the boundary just after the entrance to Dearing Close and that the path at the entrance to Great Mead at the Gosport Lane end needed to be treated with weedkiller.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk ask Mr Bennett to deal with these items.

8. Welcome Signs

It was noted that the sign at Romsey Road was now quite badly faded. The sign on the A35 will be moved towards Bank as the 40mph sign would also be moved. Mr Cornell stated that the signs on the A35 Southampton Road still needed to be moved and Mr Charlesworth explained why this was not possible. Mr Bisson stated that the Parish Council would keep an eye on the situation. The Clerk said she felt that the Parish Council should take the fact that the signs had deteriorated so quickly up with HCC.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to HCC expressing the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the condition of the signs.

9. Village Walk

(a) Noticeboard

Mr Bisson had replaced the map in the mapboard.

(b) Leaflets

It was noted that approximately half of the leaflets had now been used and the Clerk recommended adding a sum into the precept for 2015/16 to cover a reprint.

10. Silver Street

Mr Bisson stated that he had walked along the path and felt that it was still in a satisfactory condition.

11. Any Other Business

Mr Charlesworth reported that the tree on the right hand side of the road junction between Chapel Lane and the A35 needed to be trimmed as it was affecting sight lines. Brambles also needed to be cut back.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact HCC regarding the tree and the owner of the adjacent property regarding the brambles.

It was noted that the new wooden litter bins needed to be treated.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to NFDC asking if remedial action could be taken.

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

Chairman _____

Date _____