

LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Present: Mr G Bisson (Chairman), Mr J Lock and Mrs P Wyeth.

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

1. **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Bisson declared an interest in Agenda item 8 as he was the owner of property that abuts Great Mead and had the problem with flooding.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Rollé, Mrs H Klaassen, Mr K Kaljura and Mrs A Trend.

3. **Public Participation**

None.

4. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 30 June 2015 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman of the Committee.

5. **Matters Arising**

None.

6. **Maintenance Programme**

Seats and Shelters

Mr Bisson reported that he and Mrs Bisson had undertaken an inspection of all the seats and shelters within the parish and had prepared a schedule of necessary work. The Clerk had discussed this with Kevin Bennett who had subsequently undertaken all work required for the current financial year. Following on from this it had again proved necessary to clean the bus shelter adjacent to the ex-Lyndhurst Park Hotel.

Mr Lock asked whether the Parish Council had ever considered the supply of memorial seats as a means of paying for additional seating. It was noted that the Forestry Commission would not allow additional seats on the open forest. Mr Bisson and Mrs Wyeth explained that when memorial seats were purchased by the Parish Council a charge was levied on the person donating the seat. This consisted of the cost of the seat plus an amount for its upkeep. However, over a period of time this could be a costly exercise due to maintenance requirements. Mr Bisson said that Stephen Short, on behalf of the Village Lighting and Decorations Committee, had asked if a seat could be considered on behalf of this organisation and names could be added of past members.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries of HCC to see if it would be possible to put a seat and litter bin on Gales Green.

7. **Noticeboards**

Discussion took place regarding the proposed new noticeboard in the public open space that would shortly be created in the car park. The Parish Council had requested an open, public noticeboard for this site and Bob Jackson, NFDC Chief Executive, had previously indicated that this might be a possibility. However, the Clerk had received an email today from Jill Colclough, NFDC Architect, to say that this

would not be possible and another site would have to be found. Discussion took place regarding possible sites but no firm conclusion was reached.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Jill Colclough stating that the Parish Council were disappointed that the noticeboard could not be accommodated in the public open space and asking if there was any way that this could be revisited to provide a satisfactory outcome.

Discussion then took place regarding the Parish Walk noticeboard which would have to be moved from its present location due to the changes taking place on demolition of the old toilets.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Jill Colclough asking if it would be possible to retain the existing framework but to replace the posts and provide new interior information, the artwork for which would be undertaken by TLC Online.

Mr Lock asked if consideration had ever been given to providing sponsored maps in the village as these could be a good source of revenue.

RESOLVED: That Mr Bisson ask the Chamber of Trade for their views on this matter. Mr Lock would also obtain more information.

8. Great Mead

Mr Bisson explained that during wet weather earlier this year surface water had entered his garden under the gate in the wall between his property and Great Mead. The Clerk had contacted Tom Fisher from the Flood and Water Management Team at HCC who he had subsequently spoken to Mr Bisson regarding the problem and had agreed to look at the matter at a future date.

RESOLVED: To monitor the situation.

It was followed that excavation work had been carried out by the Parish Council on the ditch forming the boundary between Great Mead and some properties in Shaggs Meadow. The work fell within the remit of riparian responsibilities and although some property owners had paid for the work to be done some invoices were still outstanding.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact the property owners concerned, asking that prompt payment be made.

9. Dog Waste Bins

Following the last meeting of the Amenities Committee the Clerk had contacted Alan Pidgeley, NFDC who had now agreed to undertake more frequent collections to the dog waste bin at the top of Great Mead and to place a notice on the litter bin at Emery Down stating that dog waste could also be placed in the bin. Mr Lock queried whether the Parish Council could change all its litter bins to dual use, thus avoiding the need to pay for dog waste collection but it was pointed out that most of the existing dog waste bins did not have a litter bin in the vicinity.

It was noted that dog waste was appearing around the car park.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact NFDC asking that the dog waste be cleared and that the Dog Warden assist in preventing reoccurrence.

10. Bulbs

It was agreed that the daffodils had provided an excellent display this year but a few more bulbs would be appropriate on the Romsey Road.

RESOLVED: That less bulbs be purchased this Autumn and that new bulbs be planted on the Romsey Road.

Mr Lock reported that the hedge forming the perimeter of the former Magistrates Court would shortly be receiving remedial action.

11. Parish Walk

Mr Bisson reported that updating of the Parish Walk was nearly completed. He had walked a section near Coxlease and the route had been changed so lapwings were not disturbed and better ground conditions were followed. He had recently taken some additional photographs to ensure that all illustrations on the new leaflet would be of scenes within the parish of Lyndhurst. The Clerk was proof reading the wording and layout in liaison with TLC Online.

Mr Bisson reported that he had walked the new path between Silver Street and Blackwater and that Countryside Access at HCC had done an excellent job. However, it was noted that the footpath between Emery Down Church and the A35 on the opposite side of the road to the Bank turning was in a very poor condition.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact John Cartwright at Access Team South, HCC to see if this was something they could tackle in the future.

12. Accounts for the Current Financial Year

Description	Income 2015/16	Actual Spend to February 2016	Estimates/Budget 2015/16
Amount brought forward	11295.81		
Precept	7600.00		
Seat/Shelter Maintenance		1440.00	1500.00
Bulbs		416.00	300.00
Dog Waste Collection		675.00	700.00
Noticeboards/Signage		286.00	1000.00
Walk			500.00
Grasscutting at Great Mead		648.00	1000.00
Consumables/Administration		70.50	100.00
Graffiti /Removal			
Silver Street Contingency Sum			
Bus Shelter Replacement			1000.00
Great Mead		380.00	1500.00
Total	18895.81	3915.50	7600.00

Mrs Wyeth asked for clarification on whether the Section 106 grant of £10,000 for maintenance of the open space known as Great Mead had ever been used. The Clerk reported that it had not and discussion

took place as to whether it should be used in the future bearing in mind that once it had been used up it would be necessary to add an additional amount to the precept each year.

Mr Lock said that he felt that, in the interests of transparency, notes should be added to the accounts for clarification, especially where large amounts were being held for specific projects.

13. Any Other Business for the Next Meeting

None.

Date of next meeting – 20 September 2016.

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

_____ Chairman

_____ Date