

## **LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held at Lyndhurst Community Centre on Tuesday 4 November 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. Election of Chairman**

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Bisson be appointed Chairman.

### **2. Election of Vice Chairman**

Mr Bisson asked for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Amenities Committee for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Cornell be appointed Vice Chairman.

### **3. Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Mr M Rollé.

### **4. 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.

### **5. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 29 April 2014 were approved as an accurate record.

### **6. Matters Arising**

#### *(a) Road Surface in front of Bus Shelter, Southampton Road*

It was noted that the road surface in front of the recently repositioned bus shelter in Southampton Road was still in a poor condition.

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

#### *(b) New Memorial Seat*

It was noted that the new memorial seat situated near the entrance to the car park had recently been installed, looked excellent and was well used.

#### *(c) Welcome to Lyndhurst Signage*

It answer to a question from Mrs Wyeth the Clerk explained that the new signs did not seem to be fading but she had received an assurance from HCC that they would take remedial action if this proved necessary.

## **7. Bulbs**

The Clerk reported that bulbs had been purchased and had now been planted. Bulbs had been planted in the tubs at the top of Knightwood Avenue. Bedding plants would be put in next summer and also in the two tubs at the bottom of the village. Hartwood House had agreed to water the tubs at Knightwood Avenue and the owners of the Willow Café would be asked if they would water the lower tubs.

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee take note of how the bulbs bloomed next Spring and that would determine the number of bulbs planted in Autumn 2015.

## **8. Shelters and Seats**

It was noted that the seat at the top of Knightwood Avenue had a slat missing and that John MacKenzie had agreed to look at this. Mr Bisson reported that the seats and shelters had not been added to the GIS mapping yet.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Cornell would look at the two shelters on the Southampton Road and report back to the Clerk. Mr Bisson would look at the seats and see if they needed remedial action.

## **9. Public Noticeboard**

Although it had been resolved to take this item forward to the Amenities Committee from the October Parish Council meeting it was recognised that no further action could be taken until the outcome of negotiations regarding the soon to be created public open space in the car park were known.

Mrs Wyeth reported that some estate agents signs had been removed where they did not meet the necessary criteria.

## **10. Great Mead**

A good deal of necessary maintenance work had taken place along the left hand side of Great Mead when approaching from Shrubbs Hill Road. The area had been considerably overgrown and Kevin Bennett was likely to finish the work within the next week or two. The willow trees had been canopied to allow for more efficient grasscutting. Mr Bisson had adjusted the gate. The possibility of a small wildflower garden was discussed and Mrs Wyeth agreed to ask the Landscape Officer at NFDC to contact the Clerk to advise on this matter.

## **11. Path from Silver Street to Blackwater**

Mr Bisson stated that he had walked along the path and felt that it was still in a satisfactory condition. Both Mr Bisson and the Clerk reported that they had seen articles in the Lymington Times which had mentioned the path

## **12. Adoption of BT Telephone Kiosks**

The Clerk explained that the kiosks had now been transferred into the ownership of the Parish Council. Sam Whitehorn had said he would be willing to keep an eye on the kiosk at Bank and a letter had also been sent to the Brewery who public house was next to the kiosk. The condition of this kiosk was fair. The kiosk at Racecourse View was in poor condition although BT had replaced the missing glass before

signing it over. Jim Mitchell at NFNPA would be assisting with funding to refurbish the kiosks with noticeboards internally which would give historical information about the area as well as details of the Parish Walk. Stephen and Stephanie Ferder had already supplied to interesting historical postcards showing the Racecourse.

### 13. Accounts for the Current Financial Year

Description	Income 2014/2015	Precept 2014/15	Actual/Projected Spend 2014./15
Amount brought forward	6158.05		
Memorial seat donation	1000.00		
Seat/Shelter Maintenance		1000.00	
Bulbs		240.00	350.00
Dog Waste Collection		700.00	550.00
Noticeboards/Signage		800.00	
Walk		300.00	
Grasscutting at Great Mead		1500.00	1000.00
Consumables/Administration		70.00	90.00
Graffiti /Removal			
Silver Street Contingency Sum		500.00	
Bus Shelter Replacement		1000.00	1000.00
Great Mead		1000.00	1500.00
New Memorial Seat			936.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>7158.05</b>	<b>7110.00</b>	<b>5426.00</b>

### 14. Budget for the Financial Year April 2015 to March 2016

Description	Income 2014/2015	Budget 2015/16
Amount brought forward	6158.05	
Memorial seat donation	1000.00	
Seat/Shelter Maintenance		1000.00
Bulbs		300.00
Dog Waste Collection		700.00
Noticeboards/Signage		800.00
Walk		300.00
Grasscutting at Great Mead		1000.00
Consumables/Administration		100.00
Graffiti /Removal		
Silver Street Contingency Sum		500.00
Bus Shelter Replacement		1000.00
Great Mead		1500.00
New Memorial Seat		
<b>Total</b>	<b>7158.05</b>	<b>7200.00</b>

### 15. Precept Request

**RESOLVED:** That a precept request for the financial year April 2015 to March 2016 is made of £7200.

**16. Any Other Business to take forward to the next meeting**

Mr Cornell requested that the repositioning of the Welcome to Lyndhurst signs be put on the Agenda for the next meeting if they had not already been moved to the requested position.

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

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_