

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 12 APRIL 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM**

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mrs H Klaassen (Vice Chairman), Mr G Bisson, Mr T Dunning, Mr J Lock, Mr S Se-upara, Mrs A Trend, Mr A Wiltshire and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: 12 members of the public  
Ms Carolyn Griffiths (Press) – first part of the meeting

**197. Presentation by Carole Gallagher and Rachel Higgins, NFDC regarding Air Quality in Lyndhurst**

Rachel Higgins explained that she and Carole Gallagher had come to the meeting to report on the latest figures for air quality in Lyndhurst, with particular emphasis on the High Street. The figures were an update on those given in their report the previous year. The High Street had been declared an Air Quality Management Area in 2005 as air quality levels had exceeded the objective level. However, for only the second time in nine years, pollution levels had not exceeded targets. It was noted that both short and long term exposure to air pollution can be damaging to health (cardiovascular and respiratory conditions). NFDC had looked at reducing pollutants and had carried out feasibility studies. This had resulted in signage on the M27 to discourage motorists' entering the village at busy times and the use of a filter system which allowed motorists to turn left from the High Street into Romsey Road but the filter automatically cut out when large lorries needed space to manoeuvre around the corner. Weather conditions might have also been a contributory factor and figures could also have been affected by the fact that Easter was early this year and weather during the Bank Holiday period had not been good. It was noted that a review of the AQMA could be made after three years if Lyndhurst was considered, as at present, to be below the government-set mean objectives for nitrogen dioxide levels.

**198. Public Participation**

A resident said that following a report in Clerk's Corner she thought it might help to increase numbers of people attending Parish Council meetings if they could sometimes be held during the day. It was noted that this might not be possible as some Councillors worked during the day.

A resident said that there were a number of areas around the village where trees and shrubs were encroaching onto roads and pavements. It was pointed out that the responsibility for dealing with this problem lay with HCC and there was a contact on their website for reporting such matters. However, the Clerk said that if people who did not want to use this facility contacted her she would report faults.

**199. Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**200. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Dr E Chell, Mr K Kaljura, the Revd Dr C Wilkins and County Councillor Keith Mans.

**201. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Clerk pointed out that she had now corrected the minutes to indicate that the £300 grant given by Mrs Wyeth to the Parish Council would be match funded by the Parish Council and used to finance the purchase of flags and bunting to be erected in the High Street to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 March 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record.

## **202. Matters Arising**

None.

## **203. Parish Champion**

The Chairman explained that this was an annual award given to someone from within the parish community who it was perceived had given a great deal of voluntary time and effort. This year the award was given to Monica Langston and the Chairman invited Monica to come forward and accept the award. Monica initially came to the village over 30 years ago to run a business but soon joined the Community Association Committee, commencing as a Committee member but moving on to become Secretary and now Treasurer. She has over the years also been a stalwart at St Michael's Church and a former President of the WI.

## **204. Lyndhurst Library**

This item was moved forward from Item 15 on the Agenda. It was noted that there was a possibility that the future of the HCC Library in Lyndhurst was under threat of closure or might be staffed purely by volunteers. Councillors recognised that volunteers could play an important part in any Library but qualified staff are also important. Lyndhurst Library was well used.

**RESOLVED:** That support for the future of the Library be advertised widely, including the Parish Council's website and Facebook page.

## **205. Committee Meetings/Annual Parish Meeting**

The minutes of the following meetings held since the date of the last meeting were approved:

*Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday 15 March 2016*

*Planning Committee – Tuesday 22 March 2016*

Due to her absence from the Annual Parish Meeting Mrs Klaassen, as Chairman of the Planning Committee, gave a short report on the progress of this Committee since May 2015. She reported that she had taken over as Committee Chairman at the 2015 Annual Meeting. The former Lyndhurst Park Hotel had been of particular concern and the decision on Coopers Yard was still awaited. There had been several planning applications for development of gardens which the Parish Council had not considered appropriate or within policy. Mrs Wyeth reported that there was a two week extension on the Coopers Yard retail unit application regarding a query on a highway issue.

## **206. Speed Indicator Devices**

It was reported that Councillor Rob Humby had taken over from Councillor Sean Woodward as Executive Member for Transport and Environment at HCC and the Clerk had contacted him regarding the possibility of the Parish Council funding permanent static SIDS within the parish boundaries. The resulting email received from Councillor Humby had been disappointing in that the contents had stated that SIDS could only be used for short term deployment as it was believed this would help to ensure that they provided maximum impact to motorists. In Hampshire the use of permanent electronic safety signs was deliberately reserved for locations that have particularly stubborn injury accident problems.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to Dr Julian Lewis, MP and the Rt Hon Patrick Loughlin, MP, Minister of Transport to highlight the Parish Council's desire for permanent SIDS within the parish boundaries.

It was noted that Mrs Trend and Mr Bisson would be attending the June meeting of Minstead Parish Council and would draw their attention to the Parish Council's concerns regarding issues with traffic in Emery Down.

**207. Arthur Phillip**

Mrs Trend said she wished to put on record that Arthur Phillip was not a murderer, as had been stated at a previous Parish Council meeting, and had been appointed by the Crown to carry out his duties. He had learned farming here in Lyndhurst and had taken his knowledge to Australia to set up a colony.

**208. Public Open Space in the Car Park**

*(a) Public Noticeboard*

Mrs Wyeth reported that she had seen a noticeboard at Brockenhurst that was partly used as a public noticeboard and which might be suitable in a similar way in Lyndhurst.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact Jill Colclough, Architect for the scheme at NFDC to further discuss this matter.

*(b) Village Lighting and Decorations Committee Seat*

**RESOLVED:** To further discuss the provision of a seat with Jill Colclough to ascertain if one could be provided in the public open space.

*(c) Arthur Phillip Commemoration*

Mr Lock stated that he felt that historical figures are judged on today's morals and a low key memorial would be more appropriate in this case.

The Chairman reported that the bricks had now been obtained from Vernalls Orchard in readiness for use in conjunction with any memorial. Mrs Trend requested that it be minuted that any memorial must be acceptable to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

**RESOLVED:** That the bricks be used as a support for a bench to be erected in the public open space, which could be engraved as a memorial to Arthur Phillip.

Discussion took place regarding the sandstone block which formed an earlier memorial to Arthur Phillip.

**RESOLVED:** That as a decision could not be reached at the present time regarding the destination for this block it remain in the Cemetery Chapel for the time being.

**209. Cranleigh Paddock**

It was noted that a request had been minuted in the March Parish Council minutes from the Manager of Cranleigh Paddock for financial aid to provide items for the dementia unit at Cranleigh Paddock to stimulate residents' minds. This included gardening items and a shed.

It was noted that the Parish Council did not have a \$137 grant allocation in its budget.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council would lend support to this project by mentioning it in Clerk's Corner by way of a "wish list".

## **210. County Councillor's Report**

None.

## **211. District Councillor's Report**

Mrs Wyeth reported that the NFDC Cabinet had undertaken a land swap and had handed over Stocklands at Calmore to HCC, which would be developed for housing once planning permission had been obtained. The retail unit in the High Street/Coopers Yard was still under planning consideration at NFNPA.

The proposed change in the county boundaries was out for further consultation.

Mrs Wyeth drew the Parish Council's attention to the overgrown trees on Romsey Road. The trees were not on the open forest but actually on the highway land at either side of the road.

Mrs Wyeth also drew attention to the pavement repairs outside Fells Gulliver which still needed to be reinstated properly. There were also other loose paving slabs in the High Street which needed attention.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Highway Authority regarding both of these matters and ask that remedial action be taken.

Mr Bisson thanked the Clerk for action taken regarding correspondence from Mr Grunwell and said this gentleman had received a visit from HCC and it was hoped action would be taken.

It was noted that the Clerk had not received a reply from NFDC regarding the fact that the Parish Council considered the new lighting in the centre of the car park to be inadequate.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write again to Colin Read, NFDC to ask for action in this matter.

## **212. Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that since the date of the last meeting all other items of correspondence that required the attention of Councillors had been forwarded by email and further action had not been requested by any of the Councillors.

## **213. Accounts**

*(a) Accounts paid and due for payment since the date of the last meeting*

The Clerk submitted accounts which had been paid or had become due for payment since the date of the last meeting, as detailed in Appendix A, and these were approved.

*(b) Changes in smaller councils External Audit arrangements*

As the date for opting out of the new scheme had now passed, the Parish Council would automatically opt into the scheme which would run from the financial year commencing 1 April 2017.

## **214. Staff and Councillor Training**

It was noted that the Clerk had not yet invited Karen Murray, HCC be invited to talk to Councillors regarding devolution. Mrs Klaassen said she did not feel that was now necessary and Councillors, in general, agreed with her sentiments.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk would obtain a list of HALC courses and report back to the next Parish Council meeting when it could be decided whether there would be any courses of use to Councillors or local businesses in general.

**215. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies**

Mrs Trend reported that there would be an Alice in Wonderland themed exhibition “Curiouser and Curiouser” at the New Forest Centre from Saturday 7 May until Sunday 10 July. The Arthur Phillip Exhibition was now on show at Hampshire Records Office, Winchester.

Mrs Klaassen said she had attended a Festive Lighting Workshop but felt it had been tailored for larger Councils.

Mr Wiltshire said he had placed a notice on the war memorial railings to try to gain more details regarding the names engraved on the war memorial and had already received three replies.

Mr Lock said he had visited the European Parliament.

**216. Dates for Future Committee Meetings**

Planning Committee	26 April	7.15 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre
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**217. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting**

Items brought forward from the April Agenda and meeting  
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 2 May 2016  
Events at Foxlease  
Air Quality Report

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

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Appendix A

### Accounts presented at the April 2016 Parish Council Meeting:-

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Accounts paid between meetings</b>			
<b>BT</b>			
Broadband	72.00		72.00
<b>TLC Online</b>			
Website maintenance	120.00		120.00
<b>Awarded2u Ltd</b>			
Parish Champion Trophy	84.95	16.99	101.94
<b>Accounts due for payment</b>			
<b>NALC</b>			
Local Council Review	17.00		17.00
<b>Forestry Commission</b>			
Coles Mead Rent	325.00		325.00
<b>HALC</b>			
HALC Affiliation fee 2016/17	452.00		452.00
NALC Levy 2016/17	159.00		159.00
<b>Lyndhurst &amp; District Community Association</b>			
APM	42.00		
Planning meeting	23.50		
Total			65.50
<b>Mrs M Weston</b>			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1724.19		1724.19
<b>Total Amount Paid</b>	<b>3019.64</b>	<b>16.99</b>	<b>3036.63</b>