

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
APPLETREE COURT, LYNDHURST ON TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2008 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr G Bisson (Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr F Alexander, Mr M Böckle (part of the meeting), Mr P Boyes, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mrs A Trend and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M H Weston

158. Public Participation

None.

159. Disclosures of Interest

Mrs Wyeth declared a non prejudicial interest in item 164 – letter from NFDC regarding request for payment for CCTV in Lyndhurst car park.

160. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Professor K Barber, Mr M Böckle (part of the meeting), Mr E Gailor and Mr M Rollé.

161. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting dated 8 January 2008, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

162. Matters Arising

(a) Building adjacent to Fire Station

It was reported that this building had now been removed from site.

(b) Trailers – Marchwood Recycling Centre

Clarification was given that owners of trailers larger than 4 ft x 6 ft would now need to obtain a permit if they wished to use Marchwood Recycling Centre.

163. Minutes of Committee Meeting

The minutes of the following Committee meeting held since the date of the last meeting were received:

Planning Committee – 22 January 2008

164. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Charlesworth reported that the Forestry Commission had requested further information regarding the proposed broadband cable installation.

165. Correspondence

NFDC – New Forest District Local Plan Annual Monitoring Report

NFDC – Ethical Governance Bulletin

Brockenhurst Parish Council – Record of meeting with NF NPA relating to planning matters.

Volunteer Centre New Forest – Nomination forms for presentation of certificates to committed volunteers – “Unsung Heroes”.

Kan-do-it – The quick and easy way to become a “plastic bag-free village”.

Hampshire ALC – Press Release concerning Village of the Year 2008 contest.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk keep the Parish Council informed when more details became available.

New Forest Community Safety Partnership – CCTV funding.

A letter had been received from NFDC drawing the Parish Council’s attention to the fact that all other Parish and Town Councils taking part in this scheme make a contribution towards costs.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply stating that when the equipment was installed this was done on the understanding that no charge would be made as it could be hardwired to Appletree Court due to its close proximity. This was not possible in any other case.

NF NPA – Confirmation of designation of Forest Central North conservation area.

NF NPA – Housing Land Availability Assessment.

Village Lighting and Decorating Committee – Letter of thanks concerning £1000.00 grant from Parish Council.

Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council – Information concerning Driver Feedback Signs and request to explore the possibility of sharing such a sign.

Mrs Wyeth felt that it would be more appropriate to pursue the possibility of a SID with NFDC as it would be difficult to obtain permission from the Highways Department to erect the necessary pole and device.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to NFDC expressing the Parish Council’s wish to be considered for a SID and to ascertain the time frame involved.

TVBC/NFDC – Forest Force Spring Clean 2008 – 1 March to 9 March.

Email from Hannah Baker, HCC – Request for dates of 2008 Parish Council meetings as HCC would like to attend a meeting to outline the results of the Bypass Scrutiny Review.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk liaise with Mr Charlesworth to send a letter to HCC stating that the Parish Council do not want an inner bypass and asking for a copy of the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Review Panel. The Parish Council route does not split the village.

166. Accounts

(a) The Clerk submitted accounts as detailed on Appendix A for payment.

RESOLVED: That voucher numbers 1389 to 1396 for the period 9.01.08 to 12.02.08 totalling £2,527.28 be approved and paid.

(b) The Clerk submitted accounts outlining the Parish Council’s income and expenditure for the period April to February 2008.

167. Annual Parish Meeting

Copies of the Notice and Agenda had been circulated to all Councillors for approval.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Notice and Agenda be approved with Item 11 being changed to “Report of Welfare Charities”.
- (b) That the Chairman refer in his report to the request from Lyndhurst Community Association for a Parish Council grant of £5,000 for the next three years.

168. Vandalism in the Recreation Ground

RESOLVED: That in the absence of the Recreation Ground Chairman this matter be held in abeyance until the March meeting.

169. Village Walk

Mr Bóckle reported that he was waiting for quotations. On receipt of these he would be able to make application for a grant towards the cost of setting up the walk.

170. Lyndhurst Area Plan

Mrs Trend reported on progress made in the preceding month. The group were looking for projects to involve the community. It was planned to publish a “Who’s Who”. More people were needed to input ideas. A suggestion had been mooted for an Alice festival.

171. Land at Great Mead

RESOLVED: That Mr Boyes, Mr Alexander and the Clerk be authorised as signatories for the legal document in preparation at Hampshire County Council for handover of this land.

172. Memorials and Purchases

Purchases

Confirmation was given for the following purchases granted since the date of the last meeting:

Christopher Neale	Burial Plot	£160.00	P
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Memorials

Confirmation was given for the following memorials granted since the date of the last meeting:

Norman Walter Cooper	Plaque	£30.00	P
Jack Sowter	Additional Inscription	£50.00	NP
Jacqueline Faulkner	Memorial Stone	£180.00	NP

Mr Boyes asked if it was necessary for this item to be reported at Parish Council meetings. The Clerk said that she did not feel it was a statutory requirement as it supported inconsistencies as other income was not shown in the minutes.

RESOLVED: That, in future, memorials, burials and purchases would be recorded in the Cemetery Committee minutes only.

173. County Councillor’s Report

None.

174. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee

26 February at 7.15 pm

Community Centre

175. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Agenda items brought forward from Agenda for February meeting. Any other items brought to the Clerk's attention by 3 March 2008.

176. Rumour Corner

Mr Böckle asked for clarification regarding NFDC garages at Clayhill.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Wyeth make enquiries and inform Mr Böckle of the situation.

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

Chairman _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 12.02.08

The following accounts are presented for approval:

Mrs M Weston		
Clerk's Salary and Expenses		£943.40
Lyndhurst & District Community Association		
Room hire re Planning Committee meeting (x2)		£36.50
J Malcom & Son		
Bulb planting	£129.00	
Remedial work to seat at Court House Tearooms	£76.00	
Remedial work to seat in play area at Coles Mead	£42.00	
Total		£247.00
Fireguard Services		
Service to Fire Extinguisher in Cemetery Chapel		£27.50
Associated Landscape Services		
Cemetery maintenance		£180.00
Mrs I Claisse		
Reimbursement of fee re burial plot purchase		£320.00
Audit Commission		
Fixed Audit Fee 2007		£334.88
HALC		
Affiliation fee and NALC levy		£438.00
Total for the period 9.01.08 to 12.02.08 = £2,527.28		
Voucher Numbers 1389 to 1396		