

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT APPLE TREE COURT,
LYNDHURST ON TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2008 AT 7.15 PM

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

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M H Weston

The meeting commenced with a Powerpoint presentation on the Lyndhurst Area Plan by Mrs Trend. Results of the Love It, Hate It, Want It survey were outlined which showed the following Top Ten results:

Love It – the beauty of the Forest; community spirit, choice of restaurants/cafes, nice and useful shops, Community Centre, Christmas lights and events, beautiful buildings, easy access to London, Bournemouth, etc, Baptist/Parish Churches, variety of activities.

Hate It – traffic congestion, poor choice of shops, empty shops, high house prices, untidy areas, poor quality of High Street improvements, lorries/cars parking on pavements in High Street, parking on greens near Police Station, etc, speed of traffic, no cycle racks/dangerous pavements.

Want It – transport plan, specialist shops, traffic management, environmental improvements, activities for the young, amenity space, more/better/cheaper transport links, youth club, Community Centre refurbishment and more activities, more aggressive approach to derelict land.

Mrs Trend reported that she had informed the groups within the Plan that they could contact Parish Councillors about matters on which they might have information. They would also be contacting all the local schools and youth organisations to see what could be done.

Mr Charlesworth said that it might be possible to set up a youth club in the unused building adjacent to the Fire Station.

The Parish Councillors expressed thanks to all the people working towards the Plan and also to Angela and Paul Trend for their excellent presentation.

141. Public Participation

None.

142. Disclosures of Interest

None.

143. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Professor K Barber and Mr E Gailor.

144. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting dated 11 December 2007, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

145. Matters Arising

None.

146. Minutes of Committee Meeting

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

It was noted that representatives from NFDC would be present at the next Planning Committee meeting to outline a future planning application and all members of the Parish Council were invited to be present on Tuesday, 22 January at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre.

147. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

PC Andy White stated that the Beat Surgery was now up and running and the Pub Watch was proving successful. He had suggested meeting Mr Rollé and the Clerk in the Recreation Ground to see if any steps could be taken to deal with the recent vandalism. He did not feel that car parking wardens were present enough around the streets in the villages in general. Mrs Wyeth said she felt that people wanted to see a police presence on the streets as well as at Beat Surgeries.

RESOLVED: That an item be placed in the Community Centre Newsletter asking that residents report crimes, however small, and obtain a crime number. Residents would also be asked to report any vandalism in the Recreation Ground to the Clerk as well as the Police.

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. Topics had included the proposed extension to Bournemouth Airport and flight paths, plans of how the Forest will be managed, commoners housing plans near Burley, work of the agisters, details of animal accidents, North Solent shoreline management plan and pressures on Hollands Wood.

148. Correspondence

Hampshire Constabulary (via Dr Julian Lewis, MP) – reply regarding HGV weight restrictions in Lyndhurst High Street. This stated that monitoring of the problem would be taking place. The Clerk had replied asking to see the results of this survey and pointing out that suitable deterrents should be exercised.

New Forest Community Safety Partnership – Notification of conference to cover present and possible future work to tackle anti-social, criminal and disorderly behaviour. To be held on 6 March 2008 from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm at Calshot Activities Centre

New Forest Sports Council – Request to all local councils for information to develop a draft plan for the sports council to cover the period January 2008 to December 2010 for leisure, recreation and social facilities within the New Forest to include children, youth and adults, both able and disabled people. Details of projected plans by 18 January. Mrs Wyeth asked the Clerk to notify the Sports Council about the youth football club.

NFDC - Request to come and brief Parish Council regarding on NFDC's review of its accommodation requirements (already dealt with under Minute 146).

NFDC – The New Forest District (Various Roads, Lyndhurst) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2008.

HCC – Improving the HWRC service for householders in Hampshire. It was noted that in future it would be necessary to obtain a permit, free of charge, to deposit items in the household tip from vehicles other than private cars. Trailers over a certain size would also need permits.

149. Accounts

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

RESOLVED: That voucher numbers 1383 to 1388 for the period 12.12.07 to 8.01.08 totalling £1,666.73 be approved and paid

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

- (c) The Clerk reported that it had been possible to install a broadband internet connection, thus enabling its use for the Parish Council. As the separate line was now not needed as a private telephone connection she considered it might be beneficial for it to be used as a separate line dedicated to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council telephone number be changed, in due course, to the second line and the Parish Council accept responsibility for payment of the subsequent account.

150. Meeting Venue

Mr Charlesworth reported that it would be possible for the Parish Council to use either the Pine Hall or the Common Room at the Community Centre for Parish Council meetings.

RESOLVED: That the Community Centre be used on a trial basis for Parish Council meetings for one year commencing April 2008. Publicity would be given to meetings in the Community Centre Newsletter.

151. Vandalism in the Recreation Ground

Mr Rollé reported that he had been gathering information on possible CCTV equipment for use to combat vandalism in the Recreation Ground and would report further on this matter at the next meeting.

152. Village Walk

Mr Böckle reported that, following correspondence with Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council, he would be seeking grant funding for the proposed walk. He also invited Councillors to come forward with any information they might have on likely interest points that could be taken into account during the walk. He thought it might be possible to undertake fundraising using the walk.

153. Memorials and Purchases

Purchases

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

Henry William John Hecker	Cremation Plot	£160.00	NP
Hazel Bowyer	Burial Plot	£160.00	P

Memorials

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

Rose, William and Colin Fish	Headstone	£90.00	P
Brian George Hamilton	Plaque	£60.00	NP
Barney Banks	Headstone	£90.00	P
David John Bradley	Headstone	£90.00	P
Catherine (Rina) Bartlett	Add. Inscription	£25.00	P

154. County Councillor's Report

None.

155. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee 22 January at 7.15 pm Community Centre
All Councillors were invited to be present

156. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Agenda items brought forward from Agenda for January meeting.
Any other items brought to the Clerk's attention by 4 February 2008.

157. Rumour Corner

The Chairman asked Councillors to give consideration to the provision of a soft board for use as a village notice board.

Mr Boyes reported that the Probation Service were undertaking unpaid work in the community by participating in clearance work at the Cemetery and that there seemed to have been an increase in the number of times groups were gathering in the evenings at the Cemetery.

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 8.01.08

Authorisation was given for the following accounts to be paid :-

Mrs M Weston	
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£904.52
Lyndhurst & District Community Association	
Affiliation fee	£12.00
Associated Landscape Services	
Cemetery maintenance	£180.00
NFDC	
Dog waste collection	£293.32
Inland Revenue	
Employer's NI Contribution – Oct/Nov/Dec	£172.03
Mr P Boyes	
Maintenance equipment for Cemetery	£104.86
Total for the period 12.12.07 to 8.01.08 = £1,666.73	
Voucher Numbers 1383 to 1388	

Chairman _____

Date _____