

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
APPLETREE COURT, LYNDHURST ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2008 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr G Bisson (Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr F Alexander, Professor K Barber, Mr P Boyes, Mr M Rollé and Mrs A Trend.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M H Weston

177. Public Participation

None.

178. Disclosures of Interest

None.

179. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Böckle, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr E Gailor and Mrs P Wyeth..

180. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting dated 12 February 2008, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

181. Matters Arising

(a) Trailers – Marchwood Recycling Centre

Mr Abbott asked for further clarification regarding the size of trailers that could be taken to NFDC Recycling Centres. It had been minuted 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. Mr Abbott said his information indicated that trailers over 4 ft x 6 ft would not be allowed at all.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make enquiries and report back to the next Parish Council meeting.

(b) Access to Garages at Clayhill

The Chairman reported that the owner of the land which gave vehicular access to the NFDC garages at Clayhill had not reached agreement with NFDC regarding a new lease and tenants of these garages had therefore been given notice that they would not be able to use them until the matter could be resolved and other options would be explored.

182. Minutes of Committee Meeting

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

Planning Committee – 26 February 2008

Bypass Committee

Professor Barber reported that the Mott Gifford report that had received publicity in the Lymington Times was an engineer's report and took no account of the human element. It was agreed that the Parish Council are not in favour of an inner route or of any internal "tinkering". The proposals would also mean rescinding the HGV ban in the High Street.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Clerk obtain a copy of the HGV survey when it became available.
- (b) That the Chairman make reference in his report to the Parish Council's objections to an inner route, their wishes to have the HGV ban enforced and possibly increased and the fact that they do not favour any internal "tinkering".
- (c) To ask Mr Charlesworth if copies of the plans could be available for people to see at the Annual Parish meeting.

183. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. Objections to the air route changes have been turned down by the CAA. The changes will commence in April and be reviewed in April 2009. The possibility of a judicial review was being investigated. A presentation had been made on the commoning review and on New Forest Community Media, which will deal with local issues.

184. Correspondence

NF NPA – animal emergency hotline cards.

NFDC – Temporary road closure – Friday 21 March, A35 High Street, 11.00 to 11.30 am.

Churches Together – Walk of Witness.

HCC – Highway Resurfacing Works – A35 Southampton Road (copied to all Councillors).

RESOLVED: Clerk to seek confirmation that the resurfacing works would include restructuring of the NatWest corner and part of Gosport Lane as had been previously intimated to the Chairman.

NFDC – Parish population forecasts (copied to all Councillors).

NFDC – HAT invitation to all Councillors to Highways meeting on 18 March at 2.30 pm in Lyndhurst Community Centre to listen to discussions and decisions on the key highways matters in the District. Councillor Treleaven and Nick Hunt

NFDC – Meeting at Appletree Court at 9.30 am on Tuesday, 18 March concerning GIS mapping and the possibility of Town and Parish Councils becoming involved.

185. Accounts

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

RESOLVED: That voucher numbers 1398 – 1400 and 1401 – 1406 for the period 13.02.08 to 11.03.08 totalling £5,688.19 be authorised for payment.

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

186. Annual Parish Meeting

The Chairman reported that PC Andy White had been invited to attend. Mrs Trend would be making a powerpoint presentation on the Lyndhurst Area Plan. It was agreed that other Committee Chairmen would make their presentations in whatever form they wished.

187. Recreation Ground

More vandalism had taken place at the Coles Mead Recreation Ground since the date of the last meeting. Mr Boyes said he felt that the children's play equipment would be better suited to another site.

RESOLVED: That the Recreation Ground Committee explore the possibility of finding another, more suitable site.

188. Village Walk

The Clerk reported that an application for grant aid had been made to HCC and their reply was awaited. Sample stickers had been obtained as well as information regarding notice boards.

189. Lyndhurst Area Plan

Mrs Trend reported that no meeting had been held this month. Photographs had now been placed on the notice board in the Community Centre and information had been placed in What's On. Ashurst and Colbury would be launching their Parish Plan this weekend and all members of the Parish Council had been invited to attend. Two more grants had been forthcoming.

190. Handyman

Mr Boyes stated that he felt that the amount that needed to be done around the parish of this nature meant that it might be appropriate to try and find a handyman to undertake work on a regular basis.

RESOLVED: That a specification of work required be written to determine whether this idea would be practical.

191. Grant Applications

The following grant applications were submitted. All had been received for consideration during the financial year 1 April 2007 to today's date:

1st New Forest Scout Group, Lyndhurst Junior Football Club, Lymington Citizens Advice Bureau, Victim Support Hampshire and IOW, Hampshire County Youth Band Association, It's Your Choice, New Forest Disability Information Service and Hampshire Children and Family Forum.

RESOLVED:

(a) That a grant of £1,500 be given to Lyndhurst Junior Football Club for a drainage project that they would like to undertake.

(b) That an amount of £1,500 be kept in the Parish Council bank account to be allocated to 1st New Forest Scout Group when they were in a position to proceed with their building work.

192. County Councillor's Report

None.

193. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Annual Parish Meeting	18 March at 7.30 pm	Community Centre
Planning Committee	25 March at 7.15 pm	Community Centre

194. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Agenda items brought forward from Agenda for March meeting.
Any other items brought to the Clerk's attention by 31 March 2008.

195. Rumour Corner

Professor Barber drew the Parish Council's attention to the condition of the verge on Southampton Road. The Chairman stated that we had already written to Natural England to ask if any action could be taken but had not received a satisfactory reply.

Professor Barber also reported that the dragons teeth on the A35 between Lyndhurst and Ashurst were not visible at night.

RESOLVED: That Hampshire County Council Highways Department be asked to take remedial action.

It was noted that no reply had been received to date to the Parish Council's letter to Goff Beck, NFDC regarding the CCTV camera in the car park.

Chairman _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A – PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 11.03.08

The following accounts are presented for approval:

Mrs M Weston		
Clerk's Salary and Expenses		£988.69
Lyndhurst & District Community Association		
Room hire re Annual Parish meeting	£37.00	
Room hire re Planning Committee meeting	£18.50	
Total		£55.50
Associated Landscape Services		
Cemetery maintenance		£180.00
Zurich Municipal		
Insurance Renewal	£1766.78	
Engineering Inspection (Recreation Ground)	£293.75	
Total		£2060.53
TLC-Online		
Website maintenance (March, April May 2008)		£75.00
Lyndhurst Junior Football Club		
Grasscutting at Coles Mead 2006/07 season		£150.00
Mr C Kilford		
Hedge cutting at Allotment gardens		£290.00
New Forest District Council		
Non-domestic Rate Payment		£388.47
Lyndhurst Boys Football Club		
Grant		£1,500.00

Total for the period 13.02.08 to 11.03.08 = £4,188.19
Voucher Numbers 1398 – 1400 and 1401 - 1405