

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 8 MARCH 2016 COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM

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

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Ms Carolyn Griffiths (Press)

178. Public Participation

None.

179. Disclosures of Interest

None.

180. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Dr E Chell, Mrs A Trend, the Revd Dr C Wilkins and County Councillor Keith Mans.

181. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 February 2016 were approved as a true and accurate record.

182. Matters Arising

Mr Lock reported that the sponsored maps, details of which he had reported on previously, were no longer produced.

183. Freedom of Lyndhurst

Lieutenant-Colonel (Retd) George Kershaw, who is based at McMullen Barracks, Marchwood Military Port was attending the meeting to outline the possible procedure for granting a Freedom to this unit, who it was recognised would be the appropriate unit for Lyndhurst. Armed Forces Community Covenants are in place and the unit have already been granted the freedom of the Isle of Wight and City of Southampton. Lieut-Col Kershaw asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to have one event to cover the New Forest area. He has spoken to NFDC Chairman Alison Hoare, without presumption, regarding making the area wider but the event would definitely be held in Lyndhurst and it was reported that she was giving the matter some consideration. Due to financial constraints a remit from the MoD would be required. Mr Lock asked what had been done in Southampton and was told that it enabled the unit to support local initiatives and promote better understanding. Mrs Wyeth said the traffic issue would have to be carefully considered. The soldiers would need to be able to parade with bayonets fixed, security would be important and Appletree Court was considered to be a good venue providing assembly points could be made available at other places. There would be a reception at Appletree Court afterwards. Sunday 25 September had been suggested as a possible date for the event. It was hoped that the military would be able to provide funding and security. The lead would be NFDC with the MoD giving support.

On a separate point it was noted that Bulford Camp had also been approached but, so far, had not replied although it might be possible to organise a similar occasion with them in 2018 to commemorate the end of WW1.

184. Committee Meetings

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

Recreation Committee – Saturday, 6 February 2016

Planning Committee – Tuesday 24 February 2016

Amenities Committee – Tuesday 1 March 2016

Mr Bisson made comment regarding the noticeboards to be provided in the public open space. It was noted that Arthur Phillip would be on the April Agenda. Disappointment was expressed that NFDC did not want the public noticeboard on the new public open space in the car park.

RESOLVED: That the public noticeboard siting be placed on the Agenda for the April meeting and that the Clerk write to NFDC to express disappointment over the decision not to site it in the public open space, especially given that the Parish Council were supporting NFDC's zero tolerance policy towards flyposting. Mr Bisson stated that he had received a request from the Lyndhurst Decorations and Lighting Committee for them to provide a seat somewhere in the village to commemorate all the people who had served on the Committee. The new public open space was the preferred site for any new seating.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Jill Colclough to ascertain whether seating could be provided in the public open space if external funding could be found. Jill Colclough would also be invited to the May Parish Council meeting.

185. Speed Indicator Devices

Following the February Parish Council meeting the Clerk had written to Sean Woodward, HCC Executive Member for Economy, Transport and Environment to see if it might be possible to allow SIDs within the parish if the Parish Council financed them independently. A reply had been received stating that the proposals did not suit policy. However, it is understood that although this decision may well be policy it is not statute law.

RESOLVED: To leave this item on the Agenda for further discussion.

186. Parish Champion

Discussion took place regarding nominations for the Parish Champion Award 2015.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Monica Langston be given the Parish Champion Award and be invited to accept the award at the April Parish Council meeting.

187. County Councillor's Report

None.

188. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth reported that Council Tax for NFDC had gone up to £3.05 on a Band D property. NFDC has built as many new homes as it has sold but there are still 5,000 applicants on the housing list. Brown field sites will be looked at first when considering where to build. Affordable homes will also be starter homes and the low cost dwellings in perpetuity class is taken out. When undertaking Village Design Statements Parish Councils might look to channelling into the NFNPA plan. With regard to boundaries it might be possible to use small pockets and specific sites but not abandon the principle of defined local villages.

With regard to Mrs Wyeth's annual community grant she had received a request for financial and other assistance from Cranleigh Paddock. Mrs Wyeth reported that she intended to give £300 to the Parish Council to purchase of flags and bunting to commemorate the 90th birthday of the Queen. These would be

erected by the Village Decorations and Lighting Committee. £150 would be given to the Lyndhurst Junior Football Club for new footballs and £150 would be given to Cranleigh Paddock to assist in stimulating minds.

189. Correspondence

A letter had been received from the Manager at Cranleigh Paddock seeking assistance for residents both in kind and financially in order that ways could be established to occupy them.

RESOLVED: That this matter be made the subject of an Agenda item for the next meeting.

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.

190. 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*

Nothing further to report.

191. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Celebrations

Mr Bisson reported that the flags and bunting had arrived and an application for a licence to erect them in the High Street had been made to NFDC. It is proposed that they remain in position from approximately 1 April to 30 September.

The Clerk reported that she had priced individual items for street party packs and it would be cheaper to make up individual packs than to purchase them already packed in boxes.

RESOLVED: That between 12 and 16 boxes will be provided at a total cost of not more than £250, excluding VAT.

192. Annual Parish Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place the following Tuesday, 15 March. Committee Chairmen were reminded to have their reports ready and Councillors had been invited by the Chairman to make comment on work they had completed during the year and any plans for the future.

193. Staff and Councillor Training

Mr Lock stated that he felt that a record was needed of staff and councillor training in order to satisfy an undertaking regarding levels of governance. In the future it will become ever more necessary for us to show tangibly that we are a well governed parish council. Mr Lock asked that Karen Murray, HCC be invited to talk to Councillors regarding devolution and the possibility of obtaining training for Councillors through HALC could also be explored.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk look into this and report back to the next meeting.

194. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mrs Klaassen reported that she, Mr Lock and Mr Se-upara had attended a devolution workshop at Hampshire County Council. Two case studies in Cornwall and Swindon had been highlighted as they are both actively devolving. At the present time there is little information about how the process will be financed or achieved with no clear guidance available.

RESOLVED: To invite Karen Murray, Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services at Hampshire County Council to attend the June Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had also attended a Devolution meeting organised by SLCC. This had been interesting, particularly as a networking opportunity to discuss problems experienced by other Parish and Town Councils with regard to planning issues. The Clerk also felt that when devolution came it would be necessary for all Clerks to undertake formal training and gain the qualifications that would be needed in the future.

The Chairman reported that he had attended a New Forest Consultative Panel meeting. The Pondhead wetland restoration planning application would be coming forward again in June. Coastal path restoration had been outlined and NFNPA had given an update on local planning policies. There had also been an update from the Forestry Commission. Information had been given on reducing the number of pylons on the open forest by putting in underground cables using a toad mole plough. Car free ditching and verge protection schemes had been outlined, as had information on the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme.

195. Dates for Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee	22 March	7.15 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre
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196. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the March Agenda and meeting
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 4 April 2016
Arthur Phillip
Public Notice Board
Request for assistance from Cranleigh Paddock

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

Chairman _____

Date _____

Appendix A

	Amount	VAT	Total
Accounts paid between meetings			
HMRC			
PAYE/NI contributions	1095.37		1095.37
Accounts due for payment			
Mr K Bennett			
Amenities maintenance	80.00		
Cemetery maintenance and materials	1212.44		
Recreation Ground maintenance	192.00		
Total			1484.44
BT			
Telephone account	187.32		187.32
NFDC			
CCTV contribution	366.00		366.00
Lyndhurst & District Community Assoc			
PC meeting (x2)	47.00		
Planning meeting	23.50		
Parish Champion Advertisement	16.00		
Total			86.50
NFDC			
CCTV contribution in car park	366.00		366.00
The Winsor Camera Company			
CCTV installation and service for 1 year	4485.00	897.00	5382.00
Came & Company			
Parish Council Insurance	2954.19		2954.19
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	2399.96	151.86	2551.82
Total Amount Paid	13424.78	1048.86	14473.64