

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.15 PM**

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mr T Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell, Mrs H Klaassen, Mrs A Trend and the Revd Dr C Wilkins.  
Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston  
In attendance: Mr C March, Press representative  
40 members of the public

**81. Public Participation**

Members of the public raised the subjects of Cranleigh Paddock and 25 and 26 Cedar Mount. These have been minuted under the correct Agenda item.

**82. Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**83. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs P Wyeth, Mr K Kaljura and County Councillor Keith Mans.

**84. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 10 September 2013, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**85. Matters Arising**

None.

**86. 25 and 26 Cedar Mount**

Parish Councillors and residents living in the vicinity of Cedar Mount had received an invitation to make an appointment to talk to representatives acting on behalf of McCarthy & Stone who were looking at the possibility of redeveloping the above site with 16 apartments. Members of the public living in Cedar Mount were present at the meeting and voiced their concerns about the type of development that was envisaged. The Chairman stated that representatives of McCarthy and Stone would be attending the Parish Council Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, 22 October at 7.15 pm in the Community Centre to outline their plans. Until more information had been gained it was not possible for the Parish Council to form an opinion on this matter.

**87. Future of Cranleigh Paddock**

A large group of people were attending the meeting to voice their concerns regarding the public consultation that was taking place on residential care for older people in Hampshire and the possible closure of the specialist dementia care unit at Cranleigh Paddock, Calpe Avenue. It was the view that there is a definite need for Cranleigh Paddock to remain open as there is no similar unit available and dementia sufferers do need to be accommodated in a very specialist self-contained unit. Cranleigh Paddock is well able to fulfil this need. It was thought that before Cranleigh Paddock was closed, if this did have to be the scenario, a new “state of the art” facility should be built, perhaps on the site of a redundant building – Stocklands at Calmore. General opinion was that HCC were closing the unit purely to make way for the Extra Care building programme. NFDC, who owned the land and flats attached to the dementia unit, had sent a response to the HCC consultation in support of keeping the unit open.

The Revd Dr Wilkins read out a statement giving facts regarding the necessity to provide specialist care for dementia sufferers and giving reasons why Cranleigh Paddock fulfilled all the criteria. She then asked that the Parish Council write in strong terms to HCC.

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairman and Clerk, with information supplied by the Revd Dr Wilkins, write to HCC expressing the view that the Parish Council wish to see Cranleigh Paddock remain open as a specialist dementia care unit as this was a much needed facility.

## **88. Correspondence**

None. Any correspondence received during the month had been passed to Councillors by email.

## **89. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

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

Planning Committee – 24 September 2013

Amenities Committee – 1 October 2013

As Chairman of the Amenities Committee Mr Bisson reported that the Committee would be recommending a neutral increase budget for 2014/15. It was also noted that the Welcome signage on the A35 gateway and Beaulieu Road had faded and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact HCC to see if remedial action could be taken.

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

None.

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

In her absence the Clerk read out a report that had been prepared by Mrs Wyeth as follows:

It is unclear at this stage whether the Local GPs have been fully consulted on the possible closure of Cranleigh Paddock. It is understood refurbishment has been looked at but dismissed because of cost. The County are unable to supply any figures to back this up. If Cranleigh is closed a Social Landlord would be given 90 days to come forward with a scheme to build an independent living care home that would have flats to rent or buy. The County made it clear that there are no proposals on the table at the moment until the final decision is taken on the 29th November. The consultation ends on the 18th October. New Forest District Council has 16 flats that are joined to the main building. They own the land on which the flats stand. Therefore any decision taken to close Cranleigh would have an impact on NFDC residents. All our residents are being kept informed, but no decisions will be taken until after the 29th November when the final outcome is known. Cllr Di Brooks Portfolio Holder for NFDC has made a very good case to retain Cranleigh as a Specialist Dementia Centre. It has an excellent reputation and the residents are more used to Cranleigh's homely feel. There are 48 dedicated employees and whilst they may be offered either voluntary redundancy or redeployment they are happy working in their present environment. Mrs Wyeth assured residents in the surrounding area there are no planning applications registered at this time. Should any come forward in the future they will have the opportunity to comment on any concerns.

It is understood all Councillors have now had a letter from McCarthy and Stone who will shortly be consulting on a proposal to erect 16 apartments on plots 25 & 26 Cedar Mount. Lyndhurst has three prominent sites which are not yet decided. A great deal of thought needs to be given to these areas to insure the face of Lyndhurst, if it has to change, enhances the village and conforms with what is expected in a Conservation Area and highlights the centre of the National Park. Lyndhurst has a population of around 3,150 with green space around us. We must safeguard what we have and keep Lyndhurst as a village and not allow it to become urbanised. South View and Knightwood Lodge are now nearing completion and it is understood building on Stag Yard is to start shortly. Woodlands Hostel in Pikes Hill, which has been used for many years as NFDC Emergency Housing is to be closed and will be put up for auction. This Hostel has had many problems over the years and both the Police and Mrs Wyeth have been involved. The Hostel is no longer suitable for its occupants and is too isolated from the Village.

## **92. Accounts**

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.

## **93. Village Lighting and Decorations Committee**

Mr Bisson reported that the necessary funds had been received by way of public donations in order to ensure that the new Christmas lighting strings across the High Street could be purchased. However, there were still

many costs such as the Electrician needed to facilitate the lights that had to be funded each year. He suggested that an amount could be built into the Parish Council budget on an annual basis in order to fund this facility.

**RESOLVED:** That this matter be further discussed at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

**94. Arthur Phillip**

Mrs Trend and Mr Cornell outlined progress that had been made with this project to date. Letters and posters asking for support had been sent out. The Clerk had drawn attention to the fact that funding would be needed shortly and Mrs Trend said that she would contact Ineos regarding the funding they had promised.

**95. St Michael and All Angels Church Closed Churchyard**

A meeting had taken place between NFDC, LPCC and LPC in order to discuss this matter more fully and it had been decided that the best way forward would be for LPCC to pass ownership on to LPC, who would then pass it on to NFDC who were in a better position to deal with the churchyard. It was understood that NFDC would be prepared to cut the grass twice a year only whereas at the present time it is cut fortnightly for six months of the year. It is recognised that St Michael and All Angels Church sits in a prominent position and the church is still in use (unlike other NFDC closed churchyards). It had been suggested that LPCC approach the Parish Council for grant aid in a similar way to pre-2007.

It was noted that the lack of handrails on the new path to the entrance to the church made this dangerous. It was understood that the NFNPA had declined permission for handrails on planning grounds.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to NFNPA stating that the Parish Council considered that NFNPA would be responsible for any injuries that occurred due to the lack of handrails.

**96. Air Pollution and Traffic Problems**

There was no further information on this topic so it will be held in abeyance.

**97. Cycling in the New Forest**

The Clerk drew attention to the Government grant that had been awarded to promote cycling and proposals to implement cycling in the New Forest. It was understood that Minstead were objecting to the proposals. It was noted that any additional facilities would be subject to planning permission.

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

Mr Charlesworth reported that permission had been granted for the extension to the Community Centre and work would commence shortly.

A meeting had been held between Councillors and Nick Gibbs and Steve Avery from the NFNPA regarding Village Design Statements and Neighbourhood Plans. Another suggestion had been for the Parish Council to consider doing a Design Brief as funding was available for this project.

**RESOLVED:** To discuss this matter further at the Parish Council January meeting.

Mr Bisson reported that the dedication of the standard for the new Lyndhurst Branch of the Royal British Legion had taken place on Sunday, 6 October.

**79. Dates of Future Committee Meetings**

Dates were set for Committee meetings as follows:

Cemetery Committee	17 October	Lyndhurst Community Centre	7.15 pm
Planning Committee	22 October	Lyndhurst Community Centre	7.15 pm

**80. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting**

Items brought forward from the October Agenda and meeting.  
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 4 November 2013.

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

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

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**ACCOUNTS PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS**

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Lyndhurst and District Community Assoc</b>			
PC meeting	£21.50		
Parish Champion ad	£15.00		
Allotment ad	£15.00		
Total			£51.50
<b>Mr K Bennett</b>			
Allotment maintenance	£550.00		
Cemetery maintenance	£150.00		
Recreation Ground maintenance	£761.00		
Total			£1,461.00
<b>Mr P J Hendley</b>			
Materials for Great Mead Jubilee seat	£1,500.00		£1,500.00
<b>The Play Inspection Company</b>			
Recreation Ground equipment Inspection fee	£59.95	£11.99	£71.94
<b>J Malcom &amp; Sons</b>			
Allotment track grass cutting	149		149
<b>Friends of Lyndhurst Surgery</b>			
Christmas tree festival fee	£52.50		£52.50
<b>Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal</b>			
Wreath for Remembrance Sunday	£17.00		£17.00
<b>ACCOUNTS PAID AT OCTOBER 2013 MEETING</b>			
<b>Mrs M Weston</b>			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£1,770.02	£11.79	£1,781.81
<b>Lyndhurst and District Community Assoc</b>			
Room hire/photocopying	£22.70		
Room hire - PITP	£21.50		
Room hire - Planning	£21.50		
Room hire - Amenities	£21.50		
Total			£87.20
<b>NFDC</b>			
CCTV contribution	£366.00		£366.00
<b>Hampshire Probation Trust</b>			
Cemetery maintenance	£75.00		£75.00
<b>HMRC</b>			
Employee's PAYE/NI contributions	£1,027.23		£1,027.23
<b>Forestry Commission</b>			
Allotment Rent	£492.00		£492.00
<b>NFDC</b>			
GIS Contribution	£50.00		£50.00
<b>New Forest Tree Services</b>			
Tree maintenance at Great Mead	£160.00		£160.00
<b>Mr K Bennett</b>			
Cemetery maintenance	576.00		576.00
Recreation Ground maintenance	925.00		925.00
Recreation Ground maintenance	150.00		150.00
Bulb planting	150.00		150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£9,119.40</b>	<b>23.78</b>	<b>9143.18</b>