

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2013 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mrs H Klaassen (Vice Chairman), Mr T Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mr P Boyes, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell, Mr K Kaljura, Mrs A Trend, the Revd Dr C Wilkins and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Press representative
5 members of the public

186. Air Quality Presentation by NFDC

Carole Gallagher and Rachel Higgins from NFDC presented the air quality monitoring results that had been conducted in 22 separate sites on kerbside and roadside locations around the village. These results showed the annual mean concentration mg/m³ diffusion tube readings of nitrogen dioxide between 2007 and 2012. European standards allowed 40 mg/m³ as an acceptable level but sites as The Orchards, Shrubbs Hill Road, 15 High Street, 14 High Street, 16 High Street and 2a Romsey Road were above this level, although apart from the Orchards they did show a gradual reduction over readings in previous years. It was thought that the traffic light configuration had contributed to this due to the over height vehicle detection system which allowed the left filter light to remain operative for longer periods of time. HCC report shows there are no other feasible road network options at the present time. It was reported that NFDC had met with Keith Taylor (MEP Green Party) who would like to see smarter, greener options. As the readings are higher than the acceptable limit NFDC will have to go back to DEFRA as they have a duty to assess air quality.

Councillors expressed concern that traffic problems would increase and the bigger picture needs to be considered with a forest wide bypass being the only viable option, although the initiative would have to come from the Government.

NFDC will make further information available concerning website links that can be used to assess the air quality results.

187. Public Participation

None.

188. Disclosures of Interest

None.

189. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mr Mark Rollé.

190. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 12 March 2013, having been circulated, were signed by the Vice Chairman as a true and accurate record.

191. Matters Arising

The Clerk reported that she had not received any further news regarding the traffic island planned for installation on Southampton Road.

192. Community Speedwatch and Traffic Calming Measures

The Clerk reported that the SID would be delivered on Friday, 12 April and a demonstration would be given to the local Police team and volunteers who would be operating the equipment. Parish Councillors were invited to attend.

193. Correspondence

Mark Holroyd, Sustainable Transport Officer, NFNPA – Information regarding consultation on New Forest Community Routes. Copies of maps were passed to Councillors for comment.

RESOLVED: That this be added as an Agenda item at the May meeting.

194. Minutes of Committee Meetings

The Minutes of Committee Meetings held since the date of the last meeting were confirmed as follows:

Annual Parish Meeting – 19 March 2013

Planning Committee – 23 March 2013

Amenities Committee – 28 March 2013

195. County Councillor's Report

None.

196. District Councillor's Report

None.

197. Accounts

- (a) The Clerk submitted accounts which had become due for payment since the date of the last meeting, as detailed in Appendix A and these were approved.

198. Marking the Anniversary of the Outbreak of World War 1

RESOLVED: After discussion it was decided that no further action be taken on this topic.

199. The Australian Connection – Arthur Phillip

Councillor Cornell updated the Parish Council on progress that had been made since the last meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting. He and Councillor Trend had held several discussion meetings and the NFNPA had become involved. Ideas were for a leaflet outlining Arthur Phillip's connection with Lyndhurst showing a walk round Old Lyndhurst with a map. Also mooted was a Illustrated Talk with Australian wine and cheese to be arranged close to Australia Day on 26 January 2014 and an Australian Film Season. Possible activities for the visit in July 2014 were being discussed and these would to involve various organisations and an exhibition was also being considered. It was hoped that some form of legacy could also be achieved.

200. Remembrance Sunday Arrangements 2013

The Clerk read out a letter from the Secretary of the newly formed Lyndhurst Branch of the Royal British Legion which stated that they would be prepared to take over arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Parade in November 2013. The Clerk stated that she would be willing to work in consultation with the British Legion during the changeover period.

RESOLVED: That arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Parade be handed back to the Lyndhurst Branch of the Royal British Legion.

201. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

None.

202. Traffic Problems in Lyndhurst

It was noted that there was nothing new to report.

203. Annual Parish Meeting 2013

Mr Bisson stated that he was disappointed with attendance and felt the meeting needed to be marketed in a different way. He also expressed his disappointment that the meeting had been held in the Library and his dissatisfaction with the presentation by Bev Major. He thought that mention should have been made of the Precept and that another method rather than the verbal format should be taken up regarding reports.

RESOLVED: That Mr Charlesworth organise the APM in 2014 in consultation with the Chairman and Clerk.

204. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee – 23 April 2013.

205. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the April Agenda and meeting.
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 6 May 2013.

Chairman _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A

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Accounts due for payment:

| | Amount | VAT | Total |
|---|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Mrs M Weston | | | |
| Clerk's Salary and Expenses | 1585.33 | | 1585.33 |
| Hampshire Probation Trust | | | |
| Cemetery Maintenance (Feb/Mar) | 140.00 | | 140.00 |
| Lyndhurst & District Community Association | | | |
| PC meeting | 21.50 | | |
| Picnic in the Park/APM advertising | 30.00 | | |
| Planning cte meeting | 21.50 | | |
| APM meeting | 35.00 | | |
| Amenities meeting | 21.50 | | |
| Total | | | 129.50 |
| HALC | | | |
| HALC Affiliation/NALC Levy 2013-14 | 552.00 | | 552.00 |
| Everton Nurseries | | | |
| Cemetery trees | 827.26 | 165.47 | 992.73 |
| NFDC | | | |
| CCTV contribution | 366.00 | | 366.00 |
| S.S.U.S. | | | |
| Alteration to Chapel curtains | 117.71 | 23.54 | 141.25 |
| CA Traffic | | | |
| Speed Indicator Device | 2562.00 | 512.40 | 3074.40 |
| NALC | | | |
| LCR Annual Subscription | 162.50 | | 162.50 |
| Wellington Signs and Designs Ltd | | | |
| Dog Fouling signs (x2) | 29.16 | 5.83 | 34.99 |
| Total | 6471.46 | 707.24 | 7178.70 |