

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 9 JULY 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, Mr K Kaljura, Mrs A Trend and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Press representative
2 members of the public
County Councillor K Mans
PC Andy White (part of the meeting)

41. Public Participation

None.

42. Disclosures of Interest

None.

43. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs H Klaassen, the Revd Dr C Wilkins and Mr P Boyes.

44. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 11 June 2013, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record. Mr Bisson asked that it be noted that he had made several comments which he considered should have been minuted during Minute 29. The Clerk asked that Mr Bisson inform her later of any additions he wished to make and she would insert an addendum to the minutes.

45. Matters Arising

None.

46. Community Speedwatch and Traffic Problems

PC White gave an update on the Community Speedwatch and explained that the team had been out on several occasions with excellent results and letters would shortly be issued. He had accompanied them to Chapel Lane. Mrs Trend asked about the traffic problems in Mill Lane and PC White stated that information could be obtained from the volunteer leader. Mr Cornell asked at what speed the equipment was triggered in a 30 mph area and was informed it is 36 mph. PC White reported that two members of the public from the Woodlands area (Netley Marsh Parish Council area) had approached him to see if they could join the Lyndhurst scheme but also use Lyndhurst's speedwatch equipment in their area.

RESOLVED: That this matter be held in abeyance as this was a new scheme and the Parish Council wished to see how it worked out in this area in the first instance. It was paramount to ensure that the scheme worked successfully in Lyndhurst over a fairly long period of time before considering any other use.

PC White went on to give his Beat Report for June stating that a drug warrant had been issued for a flat in the High Street. Mrs Trend said that she had heard reports that there had been drugs and alcohol in Coles Mead Recreation Ground. PC White said there was no evidence of this in recent times.

A request had been received from a resident regarding parking problems where Great Mead joins the Meadows, which led to motorists using the wrong side of the road when going round the corner.

Attention was also drawn to the problems caused by workers at South View parking their vehicles in Gosport Lane and Shaggs Meadow which were causing obstructions.

PC White reported that during June there had been an assault in Sandy Lane, a chainsaw stolen from a shed and lead stolen from a B&B in Southampton Road. A boat parked in Broughton Road had been damaged and a car parked in Lyndhurst car park had £350 worth of damage. There had also been thefts from vehicles in forest car parks, where valuables had been left in cars.

47. Correspondence

Copies of correspondence received electronically by the Clerk since the date of the last meeting had been emailed to all Councillors.

Mrs Shirley Mackenzie – Letter asking for assistance in creating a safer environment for people with latex allergy, in particular the creation of a latex free balloon policy. Reply from the Clerk recommending that advice is sought from NFDC Environmental Health as this is something outside of the Parish Council's remit.

FOLS/LOFF2 – Invitation to take part in Christmas Tree festival from Friday 13 to Sunday 15 December – cost is £52.50. Response required by the end of July.

Concern was expressed regarding the increase in cost and Mrs Wyeth asked whether it was appropriate to use public money in this way. The Clerk pointed out that someone would have to undertake the decoration of the tree and although she had undertaken making of decorations previously she could not do so again. Cost of the decorations would have to be borne in mind.

RESOLVED: That Mr Bisson consult with Mrs Bisson to see if they might undertake decoration of the tree.

NFDC – Letter regarding the evaluation of New Forest RDPE (Leader) funding which is now drawing to a close and asking for feedback. It is likely that there will be a new EU grant programme starting early in 2015.

Hampshire and IOW Wildlife Trust – Letter regarding New Forest Land Project. The Parish Council has been asked to send a map marked up to show the boundaries of any areas of land within its control.

NFDC – Notice of hearing by the Licensing Sub-Committee under the Licensing Act 2003 regarding an application to vary a premises licence at Girl Guiding UK, Foxlease, Clay Hill.

It is understood that there had been a lot of objections from local residents as a licence has been requested from 10.00 to 23.00 seven days a week for plays, films, live entertainment, recorded music, dance and the supply of alcohol during the above hours.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to NFDC stating that the Parish Council wished to support the residents and felt that the proposals would be detrimental to the area.

48. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

Recreation Committee – 14 June 2013

Planning Committee – 25 June 2013

Amenities Committee – 26 June 2013

The Clerk asked Councillors if they would please let her know if they were unable to attend a meeting. It had been necessary to cancel a Cemetery and an Allotments Committee meeting recently as, although a

quorum was present, there were not sufficient Councillors to conduct one of the items on the Agenda. Mr Charlesworth stated that there had been a low attendance at the Amenities Committee meeting.

49. County Councillor's Report

Mr Mans reported that the Government have stated that more savings will have to be made. HCC is now responsible for education on the Isle of Wight. Mr Mans would like a plan of how Hampshire is performing compared with the rest of the country and is very interested in the A-level area and the vocational perspective. With regard to broadband, there will be a map available shortly showing details and 90% of the population will be able to receive 20+ megabites. He would like to see building developers encouraged to provide fibre optic cable. Mr Mans has signed off money from his budget for the Lyndhurst branch of the Royal British Legion. He also reiterated that £1,000,000 would shortly be available for community use.

50. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth stated that she had received complaints about the new fruit and vegetable shop placing items on the pavement outside their shop and causing an obstruction. It was realised that a number of shops and businesses had A boards and items outside their shops. Mrs Wyeth had written an email to HCC to ask if they could remind shopkeepers of the policy regarding obstruction of the pavement. Mr Charlesworth said that the Chamber of Trade was not happy with any action being taken and Mr Bisson stated that he felt that A boards were not a problem.

Mrs Wyeth reported that development at South View was progressing well.

51. 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
- (b) The Clerk submitted a statement of the Parish Council's income and expenditure for the financial year April 2012 to March 2013 and this was approved.
- (c) The Clerk submitted the financial accounts for the year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 for adoption.

RESOLVED: That the financial accounts for the year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 be adopted.

52. Paper Free Meetings and Correspondence

It was agreed that purchase of iPads for use by Councillors had been a success and had much reduced the amount of paper and printing. Eight iPads had now been purchased and some Councillors were using their own iPads.

RESOLVED: That a further three iPads be purchased.

53. Section 137 – Grant Aid Request

RESOLVED: That the Clerk forward a copy of the grant application form to Mr Bisson for him to pass to the Lyndhurst Lighting and Decorations Committee and that he ask a representative of that Committee to attend the September Parish Council meeting.

54. The Australian Connection – Arthur Phillip

Mrs Trend and Mr Cornell were progressing this item and would report back when there was more information.

55. St Michael and All Angels Church Closed Churchyard

The Clerk had circulated a letter received from Lyndhurst Parochial Church Council concerning the maintenance of St Michael and All Angels churchyard.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to the PCC explaining that the Parish Council were making enquiries as to the way forward with this matter and also contact NFDC legal department for advice.

56. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. Items discussed had included the Sustainable Communities Fund and the New Forest Hydrology Service.

Mr Cornell had, together with Mrs Wyeth and Mr Abbott, attended a tour organised by HARAHA, visiting three recently completed affordable housing schemes in the New Forest (Pilley, Breamore Halt and Martin) and also a development site at Whitsbury with recent planning permission for an affordable scheme. The tour showed at first hand how affordable housing in rural villages can look and work in practice. Mr Cornell said he had notes for all the sites if anyone was interested.

57. Parish Lengthsman Scheme

The Clerk stated that the Amenities Committee had agreed that joining the parish lengthsman scheme would be a good idea.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue with HCC the Parish Council joining the scheme.

58. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Dates were set for Committee meetings as follows:

Planning Committee 23 July Lyndhurst Community Centre 7.15 pm

59. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the July Agenda and meeting.
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 2 September 2013.

Chairman _____

Clerk _____

APPENDIX A

Payments made between meetings	Amount	VAT	Total
Mr R Sturt			
Allotment			
Clearance	321.50		321.50
TLC-Online			
Transport leaflets	177.00		177.00
Handi-Hire			
PITP generator	20.00	4.00	24.00
Mrs H Klaassen			
PITP expenses	241.57		241.57
BT			
Telephone account	140.67		140.67
HM Revenue & Customs			
PAYE & NI contributions	1166.09		1166.09
NFN (Lyndhurst) Scout Camp			
PITP marquees	200.00		200.00
Total	2266.83	4.00	2270.83

Amounts due for payment	Amount	VAT	Total
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1677.89		1677.89
L&DCA			
Advertising Allotments/PITP	45.00		
Room hire - PC meeting	21.50		
Room hire - Planning meeting	21.50		
Room hire - Amenities meeting	21.50		
Total			109.50
NFDC			
Dog waste collection	269.98	54.00	323.98
Joseph Reilly			
Cemetery seats	410.00		
War memorial maintenance	895.00		
Total			1305.00
Aqua Aura Aggregates			
Cemetery path gravel	520.00	104.00	624.00
TLC-Online			
Website maintenance	100.00		
VIP hosting annual charge	30.00		
Total			130.00
Mr A White			
Music/MC at PITP	200.00		200.00
Mr S Forman			
Audit fee	275.00		275.00
Hampshire Probation Trust			
Cemetery Maintenance	75.00		75.00
Mr K Bennett			
Recreation Ground Maintenance	150.00		
Cemetery Maintenance	948.00		
Total			1098.00
Total	5660.37	158.00	5818.37