

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2013 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mrs H Klaassen (Vice Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell, Mr K Kaljura, Mrs A Trend, Revd Dr C Wilkins and Mrs P Wyeth.
Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston
In attendance: Mr C Marsh, Press representative
36 members of the public

119. Public Participation

Discussion took place regarding the water leak in Gosport Lane and it was understood that it was proving difficult to rectify.

Lisa Knight said that Passage to India had made a financial contribution to the Christmas lights but did not have a tree erected on the outside of their building. Mr Bisson explained that contributions went towards all the lights. He said that decorations and strings were in place and the restaurant had an illuminated display on the side of their property. He would, however, take this matter forward with the Lights Committee.

120. Disclosures of Interest

None.

121. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mrs A Butcher.

122. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 12 November 2013, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record, with the amendment that Minute 112 should read the Britain Australian Society.

123. Matters Arising

None.

124. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

Finance and General Purposes Committee – Tuesday 19 November
Planning Committee – Tuesday 26 November

125. County Councillor's Report

Mr Mans apologised for the fact that he had been unable to attend the last two meetings due to other commitments. He said he felt that Cranleigh Paddock had received a genuine public consultation and further announcements would be forthcoming. The New Homes Levy would be the responsibility of local councils to allow a little more flexibility for infrastructure. Hampshire County Council hoped to keep Council Tax the same as in the previous financial year.

126. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth stated that she had been working with the two portfolio holders with regard to Cranleigh Paddock and was very pleased it would not be closing down. However, she did feel sorry for the other three Homes who had not been so lucky. Mrs Wyeth reported that there would be free parking in the High Street car park after 12.00 noon on Saturday, when Lyndhurst Fun Day would take place.

Two planning applications were going forward to the NFNPA Planning Committee – Forest Bank Cottage, Sandy Lane and 39-41 High Street (ex-Heppenstalls) where the A3 application had been dropped. However two further parking spaces had not been allowed for and they were not addressing the lantern lighting.

With regard to Council Tax it was hoped to maintain a nil increase. However, any increases made by Town and Parish Councils would have to be taken on board before a final decision is made.

With regard to the letter received by the Clerk this evening from Mrs Palasio, asking for a reassurance regarding future building work following the problems experienced by residents of Shaggs Meadow due to builders vehicles parked by workers at South View. Mrs Wyeth reported that she had asked for a clause to be added to planning permissions in future regarding builders' parking. With regard to McCarthy & Stone, no application had been received to date although Mrs Wyeth would seek plans for builders' vehicles parking if an application was forthcoming. Mr Charlesworth stated that there was a problem with parking in Haskells Close following the yellow lines that had been installed in Chapel Lane.

127. 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.

128. Arthur Phillip

Mrs Trend gave a update regarding Arthur Phillip and proposals to mark the fact that he had lived in Lyndhurst. The first event would be a wine and cheese evening and raffle, with a talk by Bev Major and another talk about Australia today. Events would also take place in the New Forest Centre and Community Centre.

129. Village of the Year

Mr Charlesworth reported that another meeting had taken place with CTVC who were seeking a commission from the BBC to produce a series of television programmes about villages taking part in the Village of the Year competition. The Parish Council would be taking part in the competition for the first time and had received a verbal assurance that, should CTVC be successful in their bid, Lyndhurst Parish Council would be featured in the series.

130. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Cornell reported that he had attended a meeting of the New Forest Transport Forum. Two main items discussed had been the Waterside Rail Study with an update being given on progress on converting the railway line between Hythe and Southampton to allow passenger trains. Two new stations would be needed (Hythe and Hounslow) and track would need to be relaid (cost £15M which is double the projected fare income). There would be considerable extra traffic delay at the level crossing in Junction Road, Totton if the four extra trains per hour were added to the train schedule. Also discussed had been the HCC role with the identification of passenger transport needs in the New Forest as well as spending, support and development. The main points of interest so far as Lyndhurst is concerned, is that Bluestar Route 6 between Lymington and Southampton is supported financially by HCC for virtually all of its journeys. The route is also up for tender next spring. The Burley 35 Taxishare service is being used on average for 618 passenger trips per annum. Mr Cornell stated that he had more information available on both subjects should anyone wish to see it.

Mr Charlesworth reported that extension to the Community Centre had commenced and he thanked HCC for grant aid which had been matched by the Community Centre.

Mr Bisson reported that the lights were all in place, he hoped everyone approved and the Village Fun Day would take place on Saturday 14 December.

131. Beat Report

PC Andy White reported that 28 cars had their tyres slashed in the village on Sunday 3/Monday 4 November. The following week on Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 November another 11 vehicles had received the same treatment. An arrest had been made and enquiries were ongoing. Speedwatch equipment purchased by the Parish Council was in use and 715 vehicles had been checked, with 277 found to be speeding. Police checks had revealed 890 vehicles speeding this year and 240 had come from hand held guns. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council would still like to purchase fixed speed cameras.

The Chairman thanked Chris Marsh from the Advertiser and Times for his excellent reporting throughout the year.

132. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Dates were set for Committee meetings as follows:

Planning Committee 17 December Lyndhurst Community Centre 7.15 pm

133. 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 6 January 2014.

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

Chairman _____

Clerk _____

APPENDIX A

Mrs M Weston

Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£1,842.22		£1,842.22
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Lyndhurst and District Community Association

F&GP mtg	£21.50		
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Room hire - Planning meeting	£21.50		
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Room hire - PC meeting	£21.50		
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Advertising - Parish Champion/Councillor	£25.00		
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Total			£89.50
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Awarded 2u Ltd

Parish Champion Award	£83.99	16.80	£100.79
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Lees & Co

Jubilee tree	£98.00	£19.60	£117.60
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Mark Bridle

Recreation Ground hedge	£120.00	£24.00	£144.00
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Ideal Fire and Security Ltd

Camera maintenance	£49.00	£9.80	£58.80
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Kevin Bennett

Planting oak tree at Great Mead	£48.00		
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Cemetery maintenance	£784.00		
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Recreation Ground maintenance	£150.00		
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Total			£982.00
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