

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2014

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, the Revd Dr C Wilkins, Mr A Wiltshire and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: 2 members of the public
County Councillor K Mans
Mr C Marsh (Press representative)

146. Public Participation

None.

147. Disclosures of Interest

None.

148. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mrs A Butcher.

149. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 January 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

150. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mr Bisson reported that he had made enquiries at a recent NFALC meeting and had been told that the NFNPA do not have a policy regarding fracking.

151. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

Planning Committee – Tuesday 28 January 2014

It was noted that Mr Charlesworth had not been present at this meeting.

152. Recreation Ground Project

The Chairman explained that Mr Kaljura, who was in the main leading this project could not be present at the meeting but had prepared and discussed with the Clerk and himself his proposals and projected figures for the work involved. The Clerk had received notification from NFNPA that developer's contributions were already available, and more might become available this year, which could be used to assist in funding the project. It was envisaged that a sum approaching £50,000 would be needed. The Parish Council Recreation Committee had been accruing finances by way of the precept for the previous two years and the budget had been set for 2014/15 to allow further finance. With this in mind, the Clerk reported that it would be possible to finance most, and possibly all the work in the coming financial year.

RESOLVED: That the Committee accept any developers' contributions that were available and work towards installing the equipment to coincide with the Picnic in the Park event on Saturday 7 June.

Information regarding the project would be passed to Mr Charlesworth who was organising the Annual Parish Meeting. Final proposals would also be sent to all Councillors.

153. Picnic in the Park

The Vice Chairman outlined progress made to date with regard to planning of the above event which would take place on Saturday 7 June. Cool Sounds had been booked, together with Liam White. Many local groups would be taking stalls and selling refreshments, the Queen and Princess competition was at the planning stage, there would be a raffle and grand draw. It was the intention to hold a Dog Show in the second field. Mrs Klaassen had prepared information to send to local businesses in the hope of obtaining sponsorship for the event. It was agreed that people would be asked to sponsor a specific part of the event.

Mr Charlesworth reported that the Community Centre is holding a band concert with Downton Brass Band during the evening on 7 June to commemorate the anniversary of the D-Day Landings during World War II. Dr Julian Lewis, MP would be attending. There would be a similar event, held in the afternoon during August, to commemorate the outbreak of World War I and this could be used as part of the entry for the Village of the Year competition.

154. Village Design Statement/Neighbourhood Plan/Design Brief

RESOLVED: To hold this item in abeyance until the September meeting but to remind Councillors in July.

155. County Councillor's Report

Councillor Mans reported that the budget for the next financial year would be approved the following week and it contained only minimal changes. The capital programme had been increased to over £6M and £45M would be available for facilities for extra care. Flooding had been an issue, particularly in Gosport and there was a range of provisions in place to deal with flooding.

Councillor Mans suggested that the Parish Council explore the possibility of Leader's funding from the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee for the skateboard equipment.

Mr Cornell said that there were a lot of problems with faults on roads and signage that had remained unresolved for long periods of time and Councillor Mans said these should be reported to Hampshire County Council with copies also being sent to him. The problems included signage at Goose Green, Romsey Road near Broughton Road and wooden posts at the bottom of the village.

The Revd Dr Wilkins asked about the time scale for the plan to redecorate Cranleigh Paddock. Mrs Wyeth said we all knew it had now been saved but it must be remembered that it is partly owned by NFDC and plans will be taken forward.

156. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth reported that Gosport Lane had not flooded this week. Sandbags are in place to safeguard the new extension to the house in The Meadows. Mr Bisson said work had been carried out to free gullies. Mrs Wyeth reported that the archway at Stag Yard would be 2.5 metres high and an area has been agreed for the bins. With regard to the posters displayed at the Lyndhurst Park Hotel the Clerk was asked to write to the NFNPA to ask for remedial action to be taken. There would be no increase in charge for the parking clock or meter prices and a charge would not be made for blue badge holders parking their cars. There would be no increase in Council Tax.

Money is available for directional finger posts in the village and Mrs Wyeth showed Councillors the proposals which would be passed before 1 April.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Wyeth ask if it would be possible to have an additional finger post in the High Street indicating the direction of the Recreation Ground and another in Shrubbs Hill Road indicating the whereabouts of the Vernon Theatre, Bowls Club and Tennis Club.

157. Correspondence

Lyndhurst Royal British Legion – Thank you letter regarding the Parish Council’s attendance and wreath laying at the Remembrance Day Parade and Church Service.

New Forest National Park Authority – Consulting with Communities incorporating the revised Statement of Community Involvement

Kate Williams, NFDC – Information regarding launch of Lyndhurst High Street as dementia friendly on 20 February at 3.00 pm. The Revd Dr Wilkins reported that she had spoken to Debbie Morshead who had said that Lyndhurst would be a flagship for the scheme. Councillors could participate in a 45 minute course.

158. Accounts

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.

159. Arthur Phillip

It was noted that the wine and cheese evening had been very successful with an excellent attendance and £435.95 had been raised. The Chairman said it had been very well organised. Mrs Trend and Mr Cornell had attended an event at Boldre where the Daily Echo reporter had shown interest in our Arthur Phillip event and there will be another article in the Echo. There will be a talk in Boldre in March about William Gilpin. It was hoped to hear whether the lottery grant application had been successful by the end of February, which will lead to permanent displays in the Community Centre and New Forest Centre. There will be a walk round Lyndhurst and NFDC are providing a map; sketches will also be included. Barry Rickman had stated that NFDC will be replacing the sign at Appletree Court.

160. Emery Down Church Lych Gate Project

Mrs Trend reported that a group of people in Emery Down have decided to commemorate the lives of the people from the village who died in the first world war. To this end they will be conducting research on the names of the people listed on the lych gate at Emery Down church. At the present time the aim is to keep the Parish Council informed and it may be possible to take the idea forward in the form of a book similar to those published for other parishes. Discussion took place and it was felt that it would be appropriate to do something similar for those whose lives had been commemorated on the war memorial at Bolton’s Bench.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk mention the project in Clerk’s Corner and Mr Wiltshire look at the possibility of taking this project forward.

161. Cemetery

The Chapel guttering had been cleared and it was thought likely that leaking seals would require remedial action in the Spring. The Clerk had sought advice from the Forestry Commission regarding disabled

access to the Cemetery but it was thought unlikely that action could be taken without considerable upheaval.

With regard to provision of electricity, the Clerk had contacted the Forestry Commission regarding using the existing Licence for installation of water to the Cemetery but had been told that a new licence would be necessary. The Cricket Club had been asked for advice and Mr Wiltshire agreed to take the matter forward with a feasibility study to see whether electricity and water could be laid together and to explore the best route across the open forest.

Mr Witney was talking to NFNPA regarding work considered necessary to two trees in the Cemetery.

162. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. Tim Greenwood, Chairman, had indicated that he would not be standing again. Hilary Mottisfont had given a talk regarding the New Forest Gift Scheme cost to the New Forest Trust. There had also been an update on Forestry Commission organisational changes.

Mr Charlesworth reported that the film night had been very well supported with over 100 people attending. NFNPA had hosted a day of lectures on wildlife topics. A volunteer event will be held at the centre during March.

163. Dates for Future Committee Meetings

Date set for future Committee meeting as follows:

Planning Committee	Tuesday 25 February 2014	7.15 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre
Annual Parish Meeting	Tuesday 18 March 2014	7.30 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre

164. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the February Agenda and meeting
Annual Parish Meeting arrangements
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 3 March 2014

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

Chairman _____

Date _____

APPENDIX A

The following accounts which had become due for payment or have been paid since the date of the last meeting were authorised for payment:-

Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£1,529.95		£1,529.95
Southern Water			
Allotment water supply	£39.69		£39.69
Mrs P Rae			
Reimbursement of burial plot fees	£148.00		£148.00
Hampshire County Council			
Parish walk mapboard replacement	£70.00	£14.00	£84.00
Broker Network Ltd			
Parish Council Insurance	£2,840.95		£2,840.95
Hampshire Probation Trust			
Cemetery Maintenance	£75.00		£75.00
Lyndhurst & District Community Association			
Room hire - PC meeting (part reimbursement)	£1.00		
Room hire/soft drinks re Arthur Phillip evening	£33.60		
What's On advertising re Arthur Phillip	£15.00		
Room hire - Planning Cte	£22.50		
Total			£72.10
Fireguard Seervices (NM) Ltd			
Chapel fire extinguisher maintenance	£25.30	5.06	£30.36
Mr K Bennett			
Cemetery Maintenance	£560.00		
Recreation Maintenance	£90.00		
Total			£650.00
Total	5450.99	19.06	£5,470.05