

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

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mrs A Butcher, 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: Press representative

**165. Public Participation**

None.

**166. Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**167. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs H Klaassen and County Councillor K Mans.

**168. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**169. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

It was agreed that the hoarding round the new development at Stag Yard, although temporary, was an improvement although it was recognised that there was now nowhere to place notices advertising local events. Mrs Wyeth said that fly posting could not be condoned but recognised the need for another noticeboard of some description.

**170. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

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

Planning Committee – Tuesday 25 February 2014

**171. Recreation Ground Project**

Mr Kaljura outlined details regarding the proposals for a new skateboard/BMX project for the Recreation Ground. He reported that he would make a full report at the Annual Parish Meeting but it would seem that we would be slightly shy of the figure required to undertake the work. Funds had been accumulated due to careful planning by the Recreation Committee over a three year period, developers' contributions and a sum donated by the New Forest North Scout Group. It was understood that there might be opposition to the proposals from those worried that it would attract the wrong element and that a large amount of money was required to fund the project. It was, however, noted that part of the project included the provision of further CCTV to cover the area occupied by the equipment and this had proved successful in the play area. The Police would also be kept informed and would, in turn, keep a watchful eye on the area.

### **172. Picnic in the Park**

The Clerk reported that plans were in hand for the Picnic in the Park event, due to be held on 7 June and thanked members of the Parish Council who were contributing, particularly support received from Mr Wiltshire. The first stage, the Queen and Princess competition, was now organised and Mrs Klaassen would be managing this event. Austerity measures were being taken this year, sponsorship was being sought and it was hoped that there would be sufficient funds to take this event forward to 2015. Mrs Trend would be undertaking a local history exhibition. A committee meeting had been scheduled for 20 March at 7.00 pm in the Community Centre.

### **173. Annual Parish Meeting**

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 March 2014 at 7.30 pm in Lyndhurst Community Centre. The Chairman reminded Committee Chairman to have their reports ready. Light refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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

None.

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

Mrs Wyeth reported on progress regarding the new fingerposts that were due to be installed by NFDC. There would now be a fingerpost showing the pedestrian access to the Recreation Ground from the High Street. She asked that the subject of the future of the old toilet block and its site in the main car park be added to the Agenda for the April meeting. Mrs Wyeth had met with Nick Bowles, the Planning Minister for a tour of the Forest. Affordable housing had been discussed. She stated that she was pleased to report and the National Park is exempt from the new rulings regarding planning applications for change of use of farm buildings. The Appletree Court care line has been launched. Le Canard is being refurbished and it is thought likely it will be two flats and a retail shop unit. The empty shop near the Post Office will become a furniture shop. The cycle path between Ashurst and Lyndhurst is under consideration for resurfacing and the surface used will be different, more amenable to cyclists riding bicycles with thin tyres. Speculation was ongoing regarding the future of the NatWest Bank.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact HCC to draw their attention to the overgrown state of the footpath from Bank to Lyndhurst on the A35.

### **176. Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Lyndhurst Parochial Church Council asking what financial arrangements the Parish Council would be prepared to make regarding grasscutting in the churchyard. From 1 April it would become a closed churchyard with maintenance taken over by NFDC. However, the district council had intimated that this would only include two grass cuts in the growing season, whereas the LPCC had undertaken grasscutting every two weeks. The Clerk advised that the way forward might be to request that LPCC made a formal grant application each year for financial assistance towards the cost of the grasscutting.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to LPCC to recommend that they apply on a yearly basis for a contribution towards the grasscutting, detailing the amount that had been spent in the current financial year.

## **177. 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.

## **178. Arthur Phillip**

Mrs Trend and Mr Cornell reported on progress that had been made since the date of the last meeting. 5000 copies of an informative leaflet had now been published. More meetings had taken place with Bev Major. There would be a talk with Jackie England on 25 April and another at Boldre on the 26 April. Meetings were taking place with NFDC and they were working on the posters. There would be a meeting about the visit by the Australians on 14 July and a programme would be required. As yet, numbers coming had not been ascertained and further arrangements would be made known concerning the itinerary as it became available. There would be a walk round Lyndhurst as it was in Arthur Phillip's day and as it is now.

## **179. Emery Down Church Lych Gate and Lyndhurst War Memorial Projects**

Mr Wiltshire reported that of the 70 names on Lyndhurst war memorial, 19 are also on the Emery Down Lych Gate. At Emery Down there are also four additional names. There is one in Lyndhurst Church and one in the Catholic Church, neither of which are on any other memorial. There is also a window in the Catholic Church commemorating the 7<sup>th</sup> Division which assembled in Lyndhurst at the outbreak of WW1. Sara Hall, from the Emery Down Church Lych Gate Project has been very helpful and they had met with others who may be able to assist. Mr Wiltshire has recruited nine research volunteers and Gervais Gregory will design the cover free of charge. Everyone is working on a voluntary basis, free of charge, although ultimately financial support will be involved if the document is printed.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council support the project by way of payment for the printing which could be recouped by book sales.

## **180. Cemetery**

Kevin Bennett continues maintenance work on a weekly basis and has undertaken tree clearance work following the recent storms. Martin Witney is liaising with the NFNPA Tree Officer regarding work required to trees in the Cemetery. Mr Cornell continues to visit the Cemetery to ensure everything is in order.

Adrian Wiltshire gave an update concerning the possibility of providing a water and electricity supply to the Cemetery, together with rough costings. It was likely that the work would have to wait until next year as ground recovery is much faster during the early summer. Bringing a new water and electricity supply from Beaulieu Road would be very costly but it was not yet known whether the supply at the cricket club would be adequate to meet our needs. Mr Wiltshire recommended running electricity only from the cricket club supply. He would be meeting with a representative from SSE at 10.00 am on Wednesday, 19 March. He recommended locating the fuse box inside the back door of the chapel with light, sockets, heaters, CCTV being added at a later date. Water could be supplied from the well using a submersible pump, pressure switches, automatic taps and a box to prevent vandalism, etc). He had met with the Land Agent's No 2 who was of the opinion that it would be possible to gain consent from the Verderers, although permission would also have to be given by Natural England who favoured installation using a drilling machine.

## **181. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies**

Mr Abbott reported that Clive Chatters had been appointed as Chairman of the New Forest Consultative Panel.

Mrs Trend reported that some of the work at St Michael and All Angels Church has now been completed. The clock is receiving attention, the screen has been removed and the pews will be returned.

Clearance work at Boulton Cottages has commenced as a grant for work has now been received. Contractors have begun work.

Mr Charlesworth stated that Councillors would receive an invitation to the Community Association AGM which would be sent via the Clerk.

Mr Charlesworth had provided a document showing ideas for the Village of the Year competition and asked Councillors to let him have any additions or suggestions within the next two weeks as he wished to send in our entry as soon as possible.

Mr Kaljura said his family would like to place a seat in memory of his mother on the paved area immediately before the entrance to the car park. Mr Bisson, as Chairman of the Amenities Committee, asked him to liaise with him regarding this matter.

Mrs Wyeth stated that with regard to the possibility of the Parish Council undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan/Village Design Statement she felt that the Parish Plan basically had the information required.

Mr Abbott stated that he was pleased to see the work that was being undertaken by HCC to cut back trees and vegetation on the east side of the Cadnam road and hoped the other side of the road would also be done.

**182. Dates for Future Committee Meetings**

Date set for future Committee meeting as follows:

Annual Parish Meeting	Tuesday 18 March 2014	7.30 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre
Picnic in the Park Meeting	Thursday 20 March 2014	7.00 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre
Planning Committee	Tuesday 25 March 2014	7.15 pm	Lyndhurst Community Centre

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

Dementia friendly Parish Council  
Old toilet block in main car park  
Items brought forward from the March Agenda and meeting  
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 1 April 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:-

<b>Steve Perrins Supplies</b>			
Gravel for Allotment path	£181.67	£36.33	£218.00
<b>TLC-Online</b>			
Printing - Arthur Phillip leaflets	£212.00		£212.00
<b>Mrs M Weston</b>			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£1,857.63	£4.00	£1,861.63
<b>New Forest Tree Services</b>			
Emergency treework at Cemetery	£180.00		£180.00
<b>Lyndhurst &amp; District Community Association</b>			
Room hire - PITP (x2)	£45.00		
Room hire - Parish Council	£22.50		
Room hire - Planning Cte	£22.50		
Total			£90.00
<b>J Malcom &amp; Son</b>			
Allotment grasscutting - 2nd half 2013	£140.00		
Seat renovation at Goose Green	£72.00		
Total			£212.00
<b>Mrs A Trend</b>			
Expenses re Arthur Phillip Cheese & Wine	£128.35		£128.35
<b>Mr K Bennett</b>			
Cemetery maintenance	£808.00		£808.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,669.65</b>	<b>£40.33</b>	<b>£3,709.98</b>

