

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7.15 PM

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

101. Public Participation

None.

102. Disclosures of Interest

None.

103. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Abbott, Mr K Kaljura, Mr M Rollé and County Councillor Keith Mans.

104. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 8 October 2013, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

105. Matters Arising

Mr Bisson reported that sufficient funds had now been received by public donation for payment to be made for the new village Christmas lights and a new addition had been added to the wall at the bottom of the village. It was noted that a request for grant aid from the Parish Council was now unnecessary. Mr Charlesworth stated that others had given in kind including the Community Centre where the lights were stored when not in use. A noticeboard giving the names of those who had made donations had been erected on the left hand side of the entrance to the car park. Mr Charlesworth asked how many people sponsor trees and was informed that they are given stickers to place in their windows, making identification of those who donate clear.

RESOLVED: That this matter be further discussed at the F&GP meeting.

106. Correspondence

Correspondence had been forwarded to all Parish Councils via email during the month.

It was noted that car parking charges would be suspended by NFDC on the afternoon of Saturday 14 December to coincide with the village Fun Day organised by the Chamber of Trade. Car parking would also be free on Saturday 7 December to support local businesses.

The Clerk reported that although a scheme had been designed by HCC for remedial work to pavements in Queens Road and Princes Crescent, there were now insufficient funds available to undertake the work.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to HCC expressing the Parish Council's concern regarding the condition of pavements within the parish. It was also considered that a walk should be undertaken of the entire parish to ascertain the condition of roads and pavements and identify problems that needed to be reported.

107. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

Cemetery Committee – Thursday 17 October
Planning Committee – Tuesday 22 October

108. County Councillor's Report

Councillor Mans had sent his apologies for absence at the meeting but had indicated that he had visited Cranleigh Paddock and reported that all Cabinet members would also visit before a decision was made. He felt that a fair hearing would be given which would lead to an informed decision.

109. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth reported that if Cranleigh Paddock did close, its replacement would be independently run and a social landlord would be given 90 days to come forward with a scheme which would have to be completed within two years. A letter has been sent to residents of the flats explaining that no action would be taken until a decision is made about the HCC unit. She confirmed that HCC Cabinet members would all visit Cranleigh Paddock.

Mrs Wyeth reported that a problem had arisen with regard to proposals for Stag Yard. The developers want to move four car parking spaces to the back of the museum and lower the archway from 2.5 metres to 2 metres, which would not allow access to a van over this height.

Mrs Wyeth stated that she would like to nominate Fran Leach, the school crossing patrol lady, as Parish Champion. This, together with other nominations, would be further discussed at the F&GP Committee meeting.

110. 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.

Mr Bisson reported that he and the Clerk had attended a meeting regarding the Council Tax reduction scheme held at Appletree Court and further information would be available at the F&GP Committee meeting.

111. Cemetery

The Clerk reported that Mr Cornell had agreed to keep a watchful eye on the Cemetery and report any problems back to the Clerk or Parish Council as necessary. The Clerk will introduce him to Kevin Bennett who undertakes maintenance work in the Cemetery. The Clerk would also liaise on a weekly basis regarding maintenance. She mooted the idea of an open day/working party in the Spring, following Mr Charlesworth's earlier suggestion. The Clerk had contacted Lyndhurst and Ashurst Cricket Club who had been helpful regarding the Cemetery Committee's suggestion of providing electricity, and possibly water, via the cricket pavilion to the Cemetery.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk pursue the suggestion and report back to the Parish Council.

112. Arthur Phillip

Mrs Trend reported on behalf of Mr Cornell and herself that a fund raising/profile raising wine and cheese event would be held at the Community Centre on 20 January when Bev Major would give a talk as well as a presentation about Australia now. She updated the Parish Council on research conducted by Mr Cornell during a recent visit to Australia and said that they were in contact with Jackie England at Lymington, the Anglo Australian Association, Bev Major and representatives from Christchurch and Boldre. Permission had been granted for use of pictures. There would be an exhibition for seven weeks, together with a talk and leaflet to direct people around Georgian Lyndhurst. The exhibition will then move to the Library and permanent archives will be kept at the New Forest Centre. Two grants have been sought and Mrs Trend thanked Mr Charlesworth for his assistance in completing applications. There will be a reception at Lymington after the event to discuss what has been achieved and to decide on the way forward.

113. Village of the Year

Mr Charlesworth gave details of a meeting he had attended with the Chairman and Clerk and Steven Lugg, Chief Executive of HALC, Roxanne Odd and Liz Molyneux of CTVC. HALC and CTVC were looking for entrants for the Fullers sponsored Village of the Year contest and as well as judging for the overall Village of the Year, Best Small Village and Inspirational Individual, the following categories will be considered in the marking schedule: Remembrance and Commemoration of the WW1 Centenary, Community Regeneration and Improvement of Facilities/Services, The Pub as a Community Hub. CTVC are looking for candidates who would be prepared to be filmed for a series of television programmes.

RESOLVED: To discuss this matter further at the F&GP Committee meeting.

114. Air Pollution and Traffic Problems

RESOLVED: That this item be removed from the Agenda and added again when specific problems arose.

115. Cycling in the New Forest

RESOLVED: To hold this matter in abeyance until the December meeting.

116. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

The Revd Dr Wilkins updated Councillors on the situation at Cranleigh Paddock. Anna McNair-Scott, who had been due to make the decision regarding the future of the Home had resigned and the decision would now be taken by the full HCC Cabinet who have now visited Cranleigh Paddock and are fully aware that it is a specialist dementia unit. Its future would be decided on 9 December. The Revd Dr Wilkins thanked the Parish Council for their support. She reported that she had now been appointed Chaplain at the home.

Mr Bisson reported that he had attended a NFNPA quadrant meeting when a report had been given regarding changes to Southampton Airport air space. These would not affect Lyndhurst. He had also attended the HALC AGM. Our Member Council affiliation fees would increase from £552 to £561. The switching on ceremony for the Christmas lights would take place on 30 November at 5.00 pm outside the Mailmans Arms PH.

Mr Charlesworth reported that there would be a film night at the Community Centre on 13 November. The film shown would be "A Song For Marion".

The Chamber of Trade will be continuing with Jan Brookes (Sports Masseuse) and Trish and Hilary (New Forest Centre) as joint secretaries.

117. Dates of Future Committee Meetings

Dates were set for Committee meetings as follows:

F&GP Committee	19 November	Lyndhurst Community Centre	7.15 pm
Planning Committee	26 November	Lyndhurst Community Centre	7.15 pm

118. 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 2 December 2013.

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

Chairman _____

Clerk _____

APPENDIX A

ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT AT NOVEMBER 2013 MEETING

Mrs M Weston

Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£1,593.91		£1,593.91
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Lyndhurst and District Community Association

Room hire - PC meeting (x2)	£64.50		
Room hire - Planning meeting (x2)	£43.00		
Advertising - PITP	£10.00		
Room hire - Cemetery Cte	£21.50		
Advertising - Parish Champion	£15.00		
Total			£154.00

TLC-Online

Website maintenance	£100.00		£100.00
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Hampshire Probation Trust

Cemetery maintenance (x2)	£150.00		£150.00
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SBC Solutions

Broadband maintenance	£75.00	£15.00	
Broadband rental	£59.25	£11.85	
Total			£161.10

R Sturt

Allotment Hedge	£335.00		£335.00
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NFDC

TENS application	£21.00		£21.00
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K Bennett

Cemetery maintenance	£1,248.00		
Recreation Ground maintenance	£150.00		
Allotment hedge	£715.00		
Total			£2,113.00

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