

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2014

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mrs H Klaassen (Vice Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell, Mr K Kaljura, the Revd Dr C Wilkins and Mr A Wiltshire (until 7.40 pm).

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: 3 members of the public
Mr C Marsh (Press representative)

The meeting commenced with the formal co-option of Mr Adrian Wiltshire as a member of Lyndhurst Parish Council. Interviews for the post had taken place prior to the commencement of the meeting.

134. Public Participation

Mrs Palasio asked if an assurance could now be given regarding a letter she had handed to the Clerk at the last meeting regarding prevention of parking in Gosport Lane by builders who would be working at Stag Yard. The Clerk and Mr Abbott explained that Mrs Wyeth had stated at the last meeting that as planning permission had been granted for the development by NFNPA it was not now possible to change the permission but that it was hoped that something could be added to alleviate the problem. The Clerk also explained that the Parish Council did not have the final say in planning issues.

Mr Alexander stated that he had written to the Parish Council regarding the possibility of providing disabled access at the Cemetery to enable entry into the Cemetery by people in motorised wheelchairs and scooters. It was suggested that anyone wishing to gain disabled access could be given the combination to the padlock which locked the main lych gate. The Clerk pointed out that it would be difficult to gain entry as the gates were not easy to use. Mr Cornell suggested that the pedestrian gate could be hinged at the other side but it was pointed out that this would make access by ponies and cattle easier if the gate was left open. Mr Bisson said that regulations concerning disability access should be checked before further consideration was given to this matter.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk ascertain regulations concerning disability access and methods used by the Forestry Commission to safeguard against animal access through gates.

135. Disclosures of Interest

None.

136. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Trend, Mrs Wyeth and County Councillor Mr K Mans.

137. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 December 2013 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

138. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

139. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

It was noted that Application No 98947 – Forest Bank Cottage, Sandy Lane – would be dealt with by the NFNPA Planning Committee. The Parish Council had recommended that permission be granted and this was also the view of NFNPA officers.

140. 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.

141. Arthur Phillip

Mr Cornell outlined progress made to date with regard to this project. Arrangements for the wine and cheese event on 20 January were well in hand and it was proposed to cater for 80 people, with 30 tickets being sold to date. The aim was to gather funds for the summer event and to introduce the subject of Arthur Phillip. It was generally agreed that the Lymington Times had given a good space to the subject and a slot has been booked on Radio Solent. Two leaflets will be published and copies of the first one which would have a print run of 5,000 copies for £212 were given to Councillors with a request for comments as soon as possible. A further leaflet would be printed in the summer relating specifically to Lyndhurst in the late 18th century and would be designed as a walk around Lyndhurst in Arthur Phillip's time. Artefacts and information would need to be procured for the summer exhibition in the New Forest Centre (7 June to 20 July 2014 with a talk on 9 June). Mr Charlesworth said he felt a profit and loss account should be kept to show how the money was being accrued and spent.

142. Cemetery

The Clerk presented a report on the Cemetery. The main points were that a branch that had fallen from a large fir tree inside the Cemetery had been removed and there was another tree in the Cemetery that needed attention. There had been a small amount of vandalism. A complaint had been made by a member of public about the amount of cremated remains in the Circle of Remembrance and the Clerk confirmed that permission had not been sought for these remains to be scattered. Maps and computerised cemetery records would shortly be updated with Michael Grant. Mr Cornell had made regular checks in the Cemetery. Work by the Probation Service had been suspended for January and February as there was no-one to supervise the work and some work done previously had not been authorised nor was it necessary.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Clerk purchase a larger notice regarding disposal of cremated remains stating why details of cremated remains were required and who to contact.
- (b) That a letter of thanks be sent to Michael Grant for his continued work on the Cemetery records.
- (c) That the Probation Service be thanked for the work they had undertaken in the Cemetery previously but advised that they would no longer be required.

143. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Bisson reported that he would be attending a NFNPA quadrant meeting this week. The Revd Dr Wilkins asked that he ascertain the position regarding the Government proposals for fracking. There were no other requests brought forward for discussion.

Mr Bisson reported that new Christmas lights equipment had been purchased for the entire High Street due to the excellent response from the public for funding.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk send a letter of thanks to Steven Short, as Secretary of the Lyndhurst Lighting and Decorations Committee.

Mr Kaljura asked if there had been any response from the Committee to the question regarding why Passage to India did not have a Christmas tree although they contributed to the cost of the lights. Mr Bisson reported that this matter was under consideration. Mr Cornell stated that the Lyndhurst Park Hotel would like more lighting, although it was noted that there was a large, new display directly facing their building.

It was noted that Mr and Mrs Bisson had provided an excellent display for the Christmas tree festival.

RESOLVED: That a letter be sent to Mrs Bisson to thank her for her work, which had all been done free of charge.

Mr Charlesworth reported that work on the Community Centre extension is four weeks' behind schedule due to bad weather conditions. The official opening will take place at the Community Centre AGM on 24 March. The first film show had proved very successful and a showing of Philomena will take place on 7 February.

It was noted that flooding had again taken place in Gosport Lane, although the problem was not the same as last time.

The Clerk drew Councillors attention to the fact that it had been decided to discuss the three alternatives for neighbourhood planning at a Parish Council meeting.

RESOLVED: That this matter be made an agenda item for the February meeting.

144. Dates for Future Committee Meetings

Date set for future Committee meeting as follows:

Planning Committee Tuesday 28 January 2014 7.15 pm Lyndhurst Community Centre

145. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

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

New Forest District Council

Dog waste collection	£269.98	£54.00	£323.98
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Mrs M Weston

Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£1,517.85		£1,517.85
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Lyndhurst and District Community Association

Arthur Phillip Ad	£10.00		
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Room hire - PC meeting	£25.00		
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Room hire - Planning Cte	£21.50		
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Affiliation fee	£15.00		
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Total			£71.50
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Hampshire Probation Trust

Cemetery maintenance	£75.00		£75.00
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HM Revenue & Customs

PAYE & NI Contributions	£1,027.23		£1,027.23
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Mr K Bennett

Cemetery maintenance	£672.00		
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Recreation Ground Maintenance	£128.00		
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General Maintenance	£128.00		
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Total			£928.00
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TLC-Online

Website maintenance	£100.00		£100.00
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Mr L Cornell

Expenses re Arthur Phillip project	£30.59		£30.59
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Total	4020.15	54.00	£4,074.15
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