

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mr G Bisson, Dr E Chell, Mr T Dunning, Mr K Kaljura, Mrs H Klaassen, Mr S Se-upara, 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
Carolyn Griffith, Lymington Times

81. Election of Councillor

Interviews and voting took place in accordance with Section 615 of Local Council Administration (Voting in Council on Casual Vacancies).

RESOLVED: That Mr J Lock is invited to join the Parish Council.

Mr Lock accepted the position of Parish Councillor and took his place.

82. Public Participation

The spokesperson for a group of residents from Pikes Hill explained that they were attending the meeting to see if the Parish Council were able to assist with problems they were experiencing in trying to ensure a safe route from their children's homes to the bus shelter in Romsey Road where they caught buses to Bartley and Hounslow Schools. It was explained that the children ranged in ages from seven to sixteen and were possibly the largest group of school children travelling by bus from the village.

The Chairman and Mr Wiltshire declared an interest in this item. A relative of the Chairman lived in Calpé Avenue and Mr Wiltshire was a resident of this road.

The children's walk was being impeded by parked cars between Calpé Avenue and the bus stop which narrowed the road that was already reduced in width by an overhanging hedge. It was also noted that the double yellow lines from the former Magistrates Court to the pathway cutting across the green to the bus stop were not, according to Police sources, sufficiently clear enough to allow enforcement. The single yellow line was also in the same condition.

It was also pointed out that the gravel track instated some while ago by the County Council from the roadway to the bus stop was in a very poor condition. Parking was taking place on the greens near the Forest Lodge Hotel when functions were held in the hotel.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact HCC (copied to Councillor Mans) asking for remedial action to be taken to reinstate the yellow lines, cut back the trees/shrubs along the roadside perimeter of the Police Station and former Magistrates Court building and reinstate the pathway across the green. A request would also be made for dragon's teeth on the green and the Forest Lodge Hotel would be asked to co-operate by requesting that visitors to the hotel should not park on the road or green.

83. Disclosures of Interest

None (except Item 82 above).

84. Apologies for Absence

None (all present).

85. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 September 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record.

86. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

87. Future Planning Considerations

Mrs Wyeth said that of the neighbourhood plans that had been commenced in this area, none had been completed and to do so would be a very costly exercise. Most towns and villages had opted for a village design statement. There was a need to flag up possible sites for affordable housing and one possibility was a site at Clay Hill although at the present time access would be a problem. The statement would need to take into account the policies for the area.

RESOLVED: That a sub-committee of the Planning Committee be set up, headed by Mrs Klaassen and consisting of Mr Bisson, Mrs Trend, the Revd Dr Wilkins and Mr Lock.

88. Committee Meetings

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

Planning Committee – Tuesday, 22 September 2015

89. County Councillor's Report

Mr Mans reported that a new HCC Chief Executive, John Coughlan, had been appointed. The Troubled Families programme which Mr Mans had been involved with had proved very successful and there had been an independent valuation by Portsmouth University. Other subjects included grant proposals for 2017 and a MORI poll which had been undertaken to ascertain what people wanted locally. HCC has put in a bid on combined authorities which, it is understood, is being viewed favourably. Consolidated business rates may take place.

90. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth reported that the Local Plan consultation finishes on 23 October. With regard to local distinctiveness there was a need for two bedroom starter homes. The planning training session, which had been attended by the Clerk and Mrs Klaassen had been very successful. Eighteen councils had been represented by over 80 attendees.

Robertshaw House would be decommissioned from May to September 2018. Mr Lock enquired about carbon monoxide detectors. Appropriate arrangements would be made such as provision of a washing machine to residents and an outside washing line and the stair lift would be removed. With regard to Cranleigh Paddock flats, at the present time this was being used to house homeless B&B people. Stocklands would be demolished to make way for NFDC affordable housing. Mrs Wyeth assured the Parish Council that Cranleigh Paddock would still be used for extra care and NFDC would come to our meeting at the appropriate time. Mr Dunning asked if there would be a residents association at Robertshaw House, but Mrs Wyeth felt this was unlikely.

With regard to changes that would be implemented at Lyndhurst Post Office, Mrs Wyeth reported that the new look Post Office was scheduled to open on Tuesday 3 November at 1300. In order for this to take place the branch would have to close for refurbishment on Saturday 31 October at 1230. Branches at Ashurst and Bartley would provide services during closure time. The new branch opening hours would be Monday to Saturday 0600 to 2200 and Sunday 0700 to 1900.

91. Correspondence

The Pensions Regulator – Information regarding the need to enrol as an employer into a workplace pension scheme. Automatic enrolment would commence on 1 November 2016.

Community First New Forest – Invitation to AGM on 3 November at 10.00 am in Lyndhurst Community Centre.

Mr Grunwell – Letter drawing the Parish Council's attention to the lack of lighting on the pathway leading from Gosport Lane into the Meadows.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk report the problem to Southern Electric sending a copy of any correspondence to Councillor Mans.

92. 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.

93. Remembrance Commemoration 2018

Mr Wiltshire reported that he had been approached by a representative from Bulford Camp as they would like to march through Lyndhurst and take part in a commemoration to mark the end of World War I. They hoped that this could then lead to an association being formed with Lyndhurst.

RESOLVED: That Mr Wiltshire be authorised to proceed with the arrangements.

94. Traffic Calming Measures and Pollution

It was noted that arrangements had been made to hold a meeting with Mandy Ware from HCC on 23 October at Lyndhurst Community Centre to explore ways that could be used to alleviate speeding traffic in the village. The Revd Dr Wilkins again suggested the use of forms of greenery to absorb pollution in the High Street and agreed to supply comparable data.

95. Welcome Signs

This matter would be further discussed with Mandy Ware from HCC at the meeting on 23 October.

96. Village Diary and Events

Mrs Klaassen reported that an internet diary could easily be set up via the website.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk set up the necessary arrangements with TLC Online who would administer the diary.

The Clerk asked if the Parish Council would be entering the Village of the Year Competition in 2016 and felt that plans should be put in place soon in order that the necessary groundwork could be undertaken. Mr Bisson said he would like to head this project.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council enter the Hampshire Village of the Year Competition in 2016.

The Clerk said she was still getting enquiries as to whether it was likely that the Parish Council would organise another Picnic in the Park event but was not willing to organise it herself due to other commitments.

APPENDIX A

	Amount	VAT	Total
Accounts paid between meetings			
K Bennett			
Cemetery Maintenance	1012.94		
Allotment Maintenance	150.00		
Shelter/Seat Maintenance	240.00		
Recreation Ground Maintenance	182.00		
Total			1584.94
Accounts due for payment			
M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1849.17	22.39	1871.56
L&DCA			
Planning Committee meeting	28.50		
PC meeting	33.50		
Total			62.00
Forestry Commission			
Allotment Rent	520.00		
Recreation Ground Rent	325.00		
Total			845.00
RTS Fencing			
Allotment fence repairs	120.00	24.00	144.00
K Bennett			
Recreation Ground maintenance	920.00		
Cemetery Maintenance	1455.81		
Great Mead & public seating	384.00		
Allotment maintenance	150.00		
Total			2908.81
NFDC			
GIS Mapping bespoke service	45.00		45.00
Total	7415.92	46.39	7461.31