

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 2015 COMMENCING AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Dr E Chell, Mr T Dunning, Mr K Kaljura, Mrs H Klaassen, Mr J Lock, Mr S Se-upara, Mrs A Trend, Mr A Wiltshire and Mrs P Wyeth.
Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston
In attendance: 38 members of the public
County Councillor K Mans

120. Public Participation

Mrs Barrett explained that the former telephone kiosk at Racecourse View had now been refurbished by the Parish Council as an information point and library. Feedback had been excellent and she continued to keep the library restocked as necessary. She thanked the Parish Council for the work that had been done to the kiosk and presented a miniature telephone box memento to the Clerk by way of a thank you token. The Clerk thanked Mrs Barrett for her kind and thoughtful gift.

121. Disclosures of Interest

None.

122. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr G Bisson and the Revd Dr C Wilkins.

123. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 November 2015 were approved as a true and accurate record.

124. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mrs Wyeth drew the Parish Council's attention to the Area Plan which had been produced in 2011 and said it was important that this was taken into consideration when formulating the new plan for the village.

RESOLVED: That copies are provided for all new Councillors and that the Clerk ensure it is on the website.

125. Committee Meetings

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

Finance and General Purposes Committee – Tuesday 17 November 2015

Dr Chell asked that the minutes be amended to reflect that she was also a member of the sub-committee set up to consider the Clerk's role. The Chairman stated that this sub-committee would purely deal with this subject. Dr Chell said she felt that a HR Committee should be set up to deal with such matters as grievances in house. However, it was considered that the necessary machinery was already in place to deal with this subject, both internally and externally.

Planning Committee – Tuesday 24 November 2015

126. County Councillor's Report

Mr Mans reported on the electoral review of Hampshire and explained that the size of each division was being regularised according to population. Lyndhurst was being moved into the same division as Fordingbridge and he suggested that, as the Parish Council were not agreement with the proposals, they should reply to the consultation stating their preferred option.

With regard to business rates the situation would be returning to the status as it was in 1988. It was possible that the County Council would also be responsible for public health. There would have to be savings in the highways budget and further education was a matter of concern, particularly in this area in the case of Totton College. An extra 2% would be allowed for adult social care next Autumn.

A resident asked if devolution would assist in attaining a bypass for Lyndhurst. Mr Mans said he considered that there was still a need for a consensus of opinion before this could be revisited and he would then give support.

127. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth reported that representatives from NFNPA would speak with the management company for the former Lyndhurst Park Hotel to remind them that the present situation cannot continue and they must make everything on site secure. With regard to village/neighbourhood plans National Park policy framework must be adhered to when formulating any plan. A local need must be identified for housing and social housing cannot be provided through the planning service. The emphasis should be on starter homes and there would be a 20% discount provided by the Government. There was also a requirement to protect employment sites and also policies on extensions. Lyndhurst was one of the four defined villages within the New Forest National Park and therefore the 30% ruling did not apply to extensions. Mrs Wyeth had discussed the prospect of Lyndhurst not being a defined local village but had not received much support, although there was an idea whereby the four DLVs would be maintained but there would be a second tier to allow some new housing. There were proposals for some boundary changes which would put Lyndhurst in with Fordingbridge, whose boundaries were not within the National Park.

RESOLVED: That a reply be sent regarding the consultation expressing the fact that the Parish Council were not in favour of the proposed boundary changes and would prefer, if changes had to be made due to population criteria, to be in the same category as Brockenhurst.

128. Correspondence

The Clerk reported that since the date of the last meeting all items of correspondence that required the attention of Councillors had been forwarded by email.

129. 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.

130. Association with Armed Forces

Mr Wiltshire reported that he and the Clerk had met with a representative of the Armed Forces to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council granting the freedom of Lyndhurst to 17 Port & Maritime Regiment Royal Logistic Corps. The unit would be on tour until May 2016 which would necessitate arrangements being made for the ceremony to take place after that date. A logistical tour of the village had been undertaken but no firm route had been chosen. Further investigations would be made and another report would be given in due course when more information was available. It was noted that the Twinning Association would be hosting a contingency from Le Chevroliere on 14 May and this might be an apt time to hold the ceremony.

131. Electoral Review of Hampshire: Draft Proposals

This item had been covered during Agenda Items 126 and 127 County Councillor's and District Councillor's Reports and no further discussion took place.

132. Investors in People/Quality Parish Status

Mr Lock reported on the Investors in People scheme of which he had previous experience and said he had spoken to a representative of this organisation about the possibility of him visiting the Parish Council to give further information. He elaborated further on the merits of the scheme and said he considered it would be more beneficial than going for quality parish status where only the Clerk received training.

RESOLVED: That a representative from the Investors in People team be invited to attend the February 2016 Parish Council meeting to give a presentation/question and answer session lasting half an hour.

133. Traffic Calming Measures and Pollution/Welcome Signs

(a) Traffic Calming Measures

The Chairman explained to residents the idea of having fixed SIDs around the village in appropriate places to encourage motorists to keep within the speed limits. Mr Mans was looking into the possibility of assisting to gain the necessary permission for this to take place.

(b) Welcome Signage

Councillors discussed the three examples of possible signage that had been provided by Mandy Ware at HCC. The general consensus of opinion was that number 3 was the favoured sign.

RESOLVED: That HCC be asked if it would be possible to obtain a mock-up of sign 3 with some costings and an idea of suitable material.

134. Arthur Phillip

Mrs Trend reported that she had recently visited Australia and had met representatives and seen dedications to Arthur Phillip. She distributed copies of a new book "Celebrating Arthur Phillip" which had been produced as part of the project. With regard to the Heritage Lottery Funding project a lasting memorial would be provided in the soon to be erected public open space on the land at present occupied by a redundant toilet block in Lyndhurst car park. Mrs Trend had spoken to Jill Colclough, the NFDC architect, who would be formulating the design. Mrs Trend thanked Paul Trend, Len and Jennifer Cornell, Pat Porter and Steve Timms for all the work they had done on the project and said that Steve Timms would be organising a further celebration in 2016. The exhibition staged last year at the NFC would be going to the Hampshire Record Office.

135. No Cold Calling Signage

A request had been made by a resident from Haskells Close for the Parish Council to fund "No Cold Calling" signage supplied by the Trading Standards organisation. The cost of the signage was £25 and it was understood that similar funding had been forthcoming for signage in The Meadows some time ago, although it was thought that this had been on a "one off" basis.

RESOLVED: That whilst the Parish Council encouraged the use of signage this should be funded by residents of the area concerned.

136. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Lock reported that he had attended a Working Together seminar at HCC. Topics had included HCC budgets, liaison with local action groups, devolution proposals, highway operations including operation resilience (salt bins, snow ploughs, salt routes, ditch clearance, sandbags, weather alerts).

APPENDIX A**Accounts presented at the December 2015 Parish Council Meeting:-**

	Amount	VAT	Total
Accounts paid between meetings			
HMRC			
Income Tax/National Insurance	465.41		465.41
Awarded2ULtd			
Award to PC White	85.38	17.08	102.46
Accounts due for payment			
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	2214.33		2214.33
L&DCA			
F&GP Committee meeting	23.50		
Planning Committee meeting	23.50		
Parish Champion What's On Advertising	15.00		
Total			62.00
Lyndhurst & District Royal British Legion			
Donation for Poppy Wreath	17.00		17.00
J Malcom & Son			
Allotment grasscutting - half year	140.00		140.00
New Forest District Council			
Election costs	133.25		133.25
New Forest District Council			
Great Mead grasscutting	432.00	86.40	518.40
Total	3549.37	103.48	3652.85