

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2014

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell, Mrs A Trend, Mr A Wiltshire, the Revd Dr C Wilkins and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Four members of the public
Mr C Marsh, Press representative

56. Public Participation

Caroline Oliver voiced concerns regarding traffic safety issues for children walking to the school. There were several points where the pavements were not, in her opinion, wide enough to accommodate adults bringing several children to the school. It was noted that since the pedestrian crossing had been installed the flashing warning lights that had been positioned further back on the road had been removed to meet criteria. The Clerk said she had previously asked for their reinstatement but had been told this was not possible. The Chairman reported that he had seen pedestrian crossings with poles that were lit all the way down and it was suggested that a flashing "School" sign might be appropriate.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to HCC asking for reinstatement of the warning lights and that the Parish Council would talk to Councillor Mans to see if he could assist.

57. Disclosures of Interest

None.

58. Apologies for Absence

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

59. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 July 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

60. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mr Bisson reported that the Village Decorations Committee had now taken down the bunting in the High Street and would like to know if the Parish Council wanted the Australian bunting which they had purchased for the Arthur Philip commemoration. The Clerk said she would like this bunting returned to her and said she would collect it if necessary if the Decorations Committee liaised with her.

61. Protocol for Recording and Use of Social Media at Council Meetings

A draft copy of the proposed protocol had been submitted to Councillors for consideration before the meeting.

RESOLVED: To adopt the protocol in its entirety.

62. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

Planning Committee

Tuesday 22 July 2014 and 26 August 2014

63. County Councillor's Report

None.

64. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth reported that the plan for cycle docking stations in the New Forest National Park had been turned down, mainly because there had only been a short amount of time to give consideration to the matter. However, she could report that the Ashurst to Lyndhurst cycle lane would be resurfaced with tarmac and new cycle lines were being formulated although there would inevitably be some areas where cyclists would have to walk. The possibility of a cycle lane on the left hand side of Gosport Lane would be considered and it might be possible to install a cycle lane between Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst, although ideas were still in the very early stages. Mrs Wyeth understood that Mark Holroyd from the NFNPA would be consulting the Parish Council in due course. Mr Cornell said that there may be some money available from the cycle scheme to finance the Route 6 bus, plus GPS signage.

Mrs Wyeth reported that the Appeal regarding the development by McCarthy & Stone at Cedar Mount would be heard on 16 October.

NFDC will be attending a future Parish Council meeting to outline ideas for the site at present occupied by the old toilet block in the main car park. The Forestry Commission have not been consulted yet as owners of the land but it was understood the area will be used as an open space with the possibility of installing the Parish Walk noticeboard. There was a need for bollards to funnel coaches for safety.

65. Correspondence

Community First New Forest AGM - Mr Cornell agreed to read through the information supplied and decide whether to attend.

The Clerk reported that all other items of correspondence had been sent by email to Councillors and there was nothing further to report.

66. Redundant Telephone Boxes

Julie Barrett explained that she lived near the redundant telephone box in Racecourse View and was sorry to see its delapidated conditions. She asked if the Parish Council could consider purchasing the phone box, particularly as it was on the Parish Walk and the phone box at Emery Down had been similarly purchased. The Clerk said it might also be possible to purchase the telephone kiosk at Bank and this was also on the Parish Walk. Some financial assistance could be forthcoming from NFNPA to cover the cost of fitting out the inside of the boxes with information panels in a similar way to the box at Emery Down. A local resident, Claire Wickens, had also suggested something in the box at Racecourse View about the history of Lyndhurst Racecourse might be appropriate.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk make the necessary enquiries and report back to the next meeting.

67. 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.

68. Arthur Phillip

Mrs Trend handed round general information sheets that had been prepared for the noticeboards and website. An archive collection is also under way. There is now a need for a last memory and Councillors were asked for their ideas.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that the event on 14 July had been a very memorable day.

Mrs Trend stated that she would be asking the Heritage Lottery Fund for an extension of time in order to complete the project and it was agreed that some idea of costs involved to draw this matter to completion would be needed. The Chairman suggested that summarised ideas should be sent to the relevant parties.

Mr Bisson asked if there was a need for a separate meeting but this was not thought necessary.

69. Obstruction of Pavements in the High Street by Traders

Councillors had received copies of emails concerning the Residents Association's concerns regarding the amount of advertising material and goods for sale being displayed on pavements in the High Street. It was noted that the NFNPA would not deal with certain issues but would only offer blanket coverage, ie removal of all advertising material and goods for sale. It was agreed that the Fox & Hounds and the Stag Hotel were the worst offenders. Mr Cornell said he felt that something should be done about the cars that were parked outside the Mailmans Arms.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman and Clerk write a letter to the Fox & Hounds and Stag Hotel, which Mr Bisson would deliver. The Clerk would also write to NFDC regarding illegal parking near the Mailmans Arms.

70. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Abbott reported that he had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. Oliver Crosthwaite Eyre had given an update on the NFNPA and there had been information about the effect on the New Forest from the proposals for Navitus Bay. Mr Abbott had spoken about his concerns regarding overgrown roadside bushes, etc and the need to keep them trimmed back and it was noted that some work had taken place. Discussion had taken place about roadside signs that were not removed following an event. Paul Garrod had spoken about encouraging through traffic to use more appropriate roads with map post systems. The annual closure of forest car parks had been announced with Parc Pale being the only one within the parish boundaries.

It was noted that a U3A group would be meeting at the Community Centre from October.

Mr Charlesworth thanked Mr Bisson and the Clerk for their support for the Village of the Year competition. Judging had now taken place and Councillors had been circulated with information concerning the Award Presentation on 9 October with a request that they inform the Clerk if they would like to attend. Six Committee members would be attending from the Community Association.

Mr Bisson said the Christmas lights would be switched on on 27 November. There would be late night shopping that evening and some shops would stay open every Thursday until Fun Day on 13 December.

Mr Wiltshire reported that the "Lights Out" at Emery Down and Lyndhurst to commemorate the outbreak of World War 1 had been very well attended and the Parish Council had laid wreaths.

A fly past of the Red Arrows had taken place.

Remembrance Day arrangements were now in hand and the Royal British Legion Lyndhurst Branch would be holding a dinner dance on 8 October, with profits going to the Poppy Appeal.

Mr Charlesworth outlined Community Centre plans for Fun Day.

71. **Dates for Future Committee Meetings**

Planning Committee – 23 September 2014

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

Items brought forward from the September Agenda and meeting

Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 6 October 2014

Glynne Miles, NFDC visiting next meeting to outline plans for Cranleigh Paddock

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:-

Accounts paid between meetings:

	Amount	VAT	Total
Mr K Bennett			
Recreation Ground Maintenance	610.00		
Cemetery Maintenance	1376.00		
Total			1986.00
Mr S Bushby			
PITP Expenses	225.00		225.00
Climb Vertigo			
PITP 2015 Expenses	290.00		290.00
Lyndhurst and District Community Association			
Parish Council meeting	22.50		
PITP meeting	22.50		
Total			45.00
John Lewis			
Printer	83.29	16.66	99.95
NALC			
LCR x 6	81.00		81.00
Mr M Rollé			
Expenses re Arthur Phillip	29.00		29.00
New Forest District Council			
CCTV	366.00		366.00
Merryhill			
Allotment Asbestos Clearance	360.00		360.00
Mr P Trend			
Expenses re Arthur Phillip	628.40		628.40
Southern Water			
Allotment Water	33.25		33.25
M Hutton			
Electrical Equipment testing re PITP	62.50		62.50
Cedar Colour Ltd			
Historic Walk leaflet re Arthur Phillip	568.00		568.00
Chris Balcombe			
Photography re Arthur Phillip event	250.00		250.00
Mr K Bennett			
Cemetery Maintenance	1006.00		
Recreation Ground Maintenance	300.00		
Lengthsman's Duties	324.00		
Total			1630.00
Mrs M Weston			
Salary/Expenses	1822.72		1822.72
Ideal Fire & Security Ltd			
CCTV maintenance	84.00	16.80	100.80
Total	8544.16	33.46	8577.62

Accounts due for payment:

Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	1549.39		1549.39
Lyndhurst & District Community Association			
Planning meeting	22.50		
Ad re War Memorial service	15.00		
Total			37.50
SBC Solutions Ltd			
Broadband connection	72.00	14.40	86.40
Mr B C Major			
Expenses re hire of model ship re Arthur Phillip	50.00		50.00
TLC Online			
Website maintenance/domain hosting	160.00		160.00
New Forest District Council			
Design of Arthur Phillip Walk leaflet	50.00	10.00	60.00
Community First New Forest			
Transport re Arthur Phillip event	134.00		134.00
The Playground Inspection Company Ltd			
Annual play equipment inspection	59.95	11.99	71.94
Royal British Legion			
Commemorative Wreath (x2) re Lights Out	34.00		34.00
Total	2146.84	36.39	2183.23