

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

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

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Five members of the public
County Councillor K Mans
PC A White and PCSO L Quinn

108. Public Participation

None.

109. Disclosures of Interest

None.

110. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mr J Charlesworth.

111. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 November 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

112. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mr Cornell reported that he had written to County Councillor Mans to express his disappointment at the proposed cuts in the bus service. However, he was pleased to see that it now seemed that the cuts and changes were not as rigorous as first thought. There would be an hourly service from Monday to Saturday with a two hourly service on Sunday.

RESOLVED: That the new information be placed on the Parish Council website.

113. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

Allotment Committee – Saturday, 15 November 2014
Recreation Committee – Saturday 15 November 2014
F & GP Committee – Tuesday 18 November 2014
Planning Committee – Tuesday 25 November 2014

114. Police Report

PC White gave a report and update regarding the party in Lyndhurst that had been reported in the Press both locally and nationally. He felt that the situation had been handled well by both the parents of the young person holding the party and the Police and that there was no cause for concern. During the previous month there had been one domestic assault, one burglary (dwelling), one burglary (non dwelling), four incidents of criminal damage, one drugs related incident, five road traffic accidents (two of which had involved animals), two incidents of theft (one of which had been at The Boltons building site) and thefts from motor vehicles in forest car parks. Councillors' attention was drawn to the new system of email communication Hampshire Alert. The skateboard ramp was being used responsibly.

Mrs Trend said she had received a request for a 30 mph speed limit through Emery Down. PC White said that traffic speeds were being monitored in this area.

115. County Councillor's Report

Councillor Mans reported that consultations were taking place on youth services and disabled children services and urged everyone to take part.

Mr Kaljura asked for an update on when the new surface would be laid on the cycle track. It was understood that the Verderers were holding up progress. Mr Bisson said he felt the cycle track between Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst should be allowed to go ahead.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Mans ask for an update on the Lyndhurst to Ashurst cycle track and report back to the Parish Council.

Councillor Abbott asked that his thanks be recorded for the new directional signing into the car park.

It was agreed that it was important, following the sale of the Lyndhurst Park Hotel, that care was taken to ensure any development that took place on the site was suitable to the surroundings.

Mrs Trend asked that it be noted that the potholes in the road at the New Forest Inn, Swan Green and exit by the Foxhound Kennels had just been topped up and they would soon reappear unless a more thorough job was done.

PCSO Lisa Quinn asked if there were any facilities available for young mental health patients who became homeless. Councillor Mans said he would make enquiries.

Mr Cornell thanked Councillor Mans for sending the information regarding the bus timetables.

116. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth stated that she had received reports that the organisers at the adult football ground in Wellands Road had installed fencing with barbed wire along the top around the pitch. The Chairman said he would visit the site and take some photographs which the Clerk could send to the Land Agent at the Forestry Commission as the Parish Council did not consider barbed wire to be acceptable.

Mrs Wyeth reported that with regard to the NFDC part of Cranleigh Paddock residents had been moved out and accommodated similarly elsewhere, although if they wanted to change the type of accommodation this would necessitate them joining the housing list. The Planning Appeal at Cedar Mount had been refused by the Planning Inspector with the spatial character of the area being given as a reason for refusal.

With regard to the closure of the Lyndhurst Park Hotel, Lyndhurst did not have a Neighbourhood Plan and Mrs Wyeth did not feel there was sufficient time to complete one now. The NFNPA are bringing out a simplified form of this plan which might be more appropriate. The NFNPA have already advised the developers to talk to the Parish Council and we do have the Core Strategy. The site lies within the Conservation Area and is situated on one of the main entrances to the village. Mrs Wyeth stated that she would like to see some affordable housing on part of the site.

RESOLVED: That the Lyndhurst Park Hotel be made an Agenda item for the January meeting and Mr Steve Avery be asked to come and advise.

117. Correspondence

The Clerk reported that all items of correspondence had been sent by email to Councillors. She particularly drew Councillors attention to the following items:

- (a) HCC's Community Challenge Fund grants of up to £5,000. The item regarding Community resilience might be appropriate for a grant for a defibrillator.
- (b) CPRE's request for information from Parish Council's regarding identification of possible brownfield sites that might be appropriate for regeneration. It had previously been agreed that the site at Clay Hill be identified for affordable housing.

118. Accounts

- (a) 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.
- (b) Precept request for the financial year April 2015 to March 2016. The Clerk reported that as the main government grant would decrease by a further 33.3% for the next financial year this would push the proposed precept request of £69,562 up by 3.86% on a Band D property.

RESOLVED: That by a vote of 7:4 a Precept request of £69,562 be requested. Mrs Wyeth, Mr Cornell and the Revd Dr Wilkins asked that it be minuted that they had voted against the proposal.

119. Arthur Phillip

Mr Cornell reported that the British Australia Society had informed him that they would be compiling a book about Arthur Phillip. The sandstone memorial would shortly be removed from the Lyndhurst Park Hotel prior to its closure on 3 January 2015 and would be stored in the Cemetery Chapel for the time being. Mrs Wyeth suggested that it is eventually placed at Appletree Court.

Mrs Trend said that she and Mr Cornell would be meeting with Hilary Marshall at the New Forest Centre the following day to look at the heritage aspect and have the support of Frank Green and NFNPA. Plans and costings were needed.

120. Defibrillator

Mr Cornell reported that an acceptable quotation was likely to be in the region of £1,381.00. Funding of £500 would be secured from Councillor Mans devolved budget scheme and other sources were being explored.

121. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Thanks were minuted to the Village Lighting and Decorations Committee for the Christmas lights.

Mr Bisson reported that he had attended a HALC board meeting where there had been a presentation on superfast broadband and social care and inclusion in the community. The latter will, amongst other things, provide people with Kindles for video conferencing, etc. HALC are now paying staff the living wage. The Rotary Club are becoming involved with Christmas lighting.

Mr Wiltshire said he would like to seek grants to assist in covering the cost of electricity for the Cemetery. The installation was likely to cost in the region of £24,000 and Jim Harrod had volunteered to give advice.

RESOLVED: That Mr Wiltshire be given authorisation to seek grants for the Cemetery electricity.

Mr Bisson said there had been a good response for people to come forward and assist in putting up the Christmas lights.

122. Dates for Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee – 16 December 2014

123. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the December Agenda and meeting
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 5 January 2015

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	Amount
K Bennett			
Lengthsman Scheme	72.00		
Cemetery	1040.00		
Recreation Ground	£115.00		
Great Mead	£640.00		
Bulb Planting	21.00		
Total			1888.00
HMRC			
NI/PAYE	697.76		697.76
Amounts due for payment			
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£1,590.72		£1,590.72
Lyndhurst & District Community Assoc			
PC meeting	£22.50		
F&GP meeting	22.50		
PITP meeting	£22.50		
Amenities meeting	£22.50		
Total			90.00
Beckley Joinery Ltd			
Refurb of Allotment noticeboards	£100.00		£100.00
Southern Water			
Allotment water supply	£299.89	£59.98	£359.87
Royal British Legion			
Remembrance Sunday wreath	£17.00		£17.00
Mr K Bennett			
Cemetery Maintenance	£896.00		
Recreation Ground Maintenance	£289.00		
Great Mead Maintenance	£21.00		
Allotment hedges	£772.00		
Lengthsman Scheme	£38.00		
Total			£2,016.00
Wellington Signs & Designs Limited			
Notices for Cemetery	£72.00	14.40	£86.40
Total amount	6771.37	74.38	6845.75