

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2015**

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mr J Charlesworth (Minute 162), Mr L Cornell, Mr K Kaljura, Mrs H Klaassen, Mrs A Trend, the Revd Dr C Wilkins, Mr A Wiltshire and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Two members of the public (public participation)  
Three members of the public (entire meeting)

### **162. Presentation by Representatives from Pegasus Life regarding site of Lyndhurst Park Hotel**

Emma Webster, Policy Manager from Pegasus Life introduced representatives who were attending the meeting to give information regarding their proposals for the site of the Lyndhurst Park Hotel. The team consisted of Grant Drummond Pegasus Life Development Director, Monika Wandzik Pegasus Life Design Manager, Martin Miller and Terence O'Rourke, Planning Consultants), Paul Shirley Smith Camlins Landscape Architect and John Ridgett Design Engine Architect.

Pegasus Life will be holding a public consultation event on 26 March at the Hotel for residents and interested parties. It was explained that they see their remit as being to rethink and reinvent where people live as they get older and explained that the group considered there were serious housing issues, particularly for older age groups. The accommodation would be for people over 50 years of age with emphasis on wellness. Their architects and landscapers design buildings and their surroundings for sensitive settings and it was considered that the relationship between the village and forest was important. It was recognised that the existing planting is important and a tree survey has been done. The building is considered to be in poor condition. It is already known that the building is outside the village envelope, in a Conservation Area and next to a SSSI. The proposal is to replace the existing mass of building with a number (possibly six) buildings and local materials would be used as much as possible. Mrs Wyeth asked about the height of the buildings and was informed they might possibly be four storeys high. The view, particularly from the open forest, is considered to be very important and the church spire must be taken into account. The northern boundary needs to be repaired. The proposal would also see the entrance nearer to the village. This might cause problems regarding the bus stop and shelter which would have to be moved. There was the possibility of providing provision of holiday or affordable accommodation in a unit near to the village. It would not be a gated community. Mr Bisson asked if the wellness facilities that had been previously mentioned could be made available to non-residents but this information was not available yet. A request was made that if the site is to be cordoned off this should be done sympathetically to the surroundings and the fact that this is a prominent position at the entrance of the High Street.

### **163. Public Participation**

Mr Alexander asked if there was any news yet on when the cycle path would receive an upgrade. Mrs Wyeth assured those present that the work would be done. It was a joint project between HCC and NFNPA and many meetings had taken place with other interested parties such as Natural England and the Verderers of the New Forest. The area was not a SSSI. Finance was in place to complete the work.

Mr Alexander asked if any progress had been made towards disabled access to the Cemetery. The Clerk suggested that the combination to the padlock on the main gate could be given to those wishing to gain access. The main problem was ensuring that forest livestock could not gain entry if the entrance gate was widened. Mr Wiltshire, as Cemetery Committee Chairman, said that the Cemetery Committee would once again look into the possibility of providing a wider disabled access.

Mr Smith asked if the decision to cancel Picnic in the Park this year had been taken by the full Parish Council and was told this was the case. However, another vote took place to ensure that this had been correctly recorded.

**RESOLVED:** That Picnic in the Park 2015 had been cancelled.

**164. Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**165. Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Mrs Butcher and from Mr Charlesworth going forward from Agenda Item 164.

**166. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 February 2015 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**167. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Mr Cornell stated that he was disappointed that it would not be possible to display posters in the Parish Council bus shelters due to NFDC's policy of zero tolerance to flyposting. He said he did not consider this to be flyposting as they were placed on property owned by the Parish Council. It was noted that the possibility of providing small, lockable noticeboards in the bus shelters would be discussed at the next Amenities Committee meeting and it was hoped that a public noticeboard would eventually be provided on the open space that would be created once the redundant public toilets had been removed in the car park.

**168. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

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

Planning Committee – Tuesday, 24 February 2015.

It was noted that the planning application regarding Pondhead had now been withdrawn.

**169. County Councillor's Report**

None. Councillor Mans had indicated to the Clerk that he would be present to give his report at the Annual Parish Council meeting the following week.

**170. District Councillor's Report**

Mrs Wyeth reported that she had already spoken regarding the cycle track from Lyndhurst to Ashurst. With regard to the old toilet block in the main car park, the money was not yet in place to facilitate the scheme for a public open space in this area. Mrs Wyeth had asked for the toilet block to be taken down but had been told by NFDC that they would not do so until the scheme could be fully funded. It was understood that there is a drainage problem but there is no specific information available.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to NFDC voicing the Parish Council's concerns that this unsightly toilet block was to be left in place and asking for further details. The Parish Council considered it would be a better option to take the toilet block down. A request would also be made regarding information about the repair of the broken pipework.

**171. Correspondence**

The Clerk reported that all items of correspondence had been sent by email to Councillors.

Mr Cornell reported that details of the New Forest Route 6 bus service on Sunday had been omitted from the Hampshire Guide. He had received an assurance that this would be corrected for any reprints and future timetables and that an errata note would be placed inside existing timetables with a label on the front cover.

The Chairman had received a note of thanks from Mrs Margaret Major as the Parish Council had sent a bouquet of flowers following the death of her husband, Bev Major, who had been the guiding light in instigating the Arthur Phillip project. Mrs Trend said that the Chairman's words had been used at the funeral service attended by Mr Cornell and herself.

#### **172. 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.

#### **173. Arthur Phillip**

Mrs Trend reported that she had received two cheques made payable to Lyndhurst Parish Council for talks given regarding Arthur Phillip. The Britain/Australia Society are writing a book and have asked Mrs Trend to write the text. A map donated by the Society is being framed and will be presented to Lyndhurst Infant School. They are taking part in the Children's University and the work regarding this project can go towards this. The cost of framing the map will be £140. The project continues with audio visual information and heritage items. The Rotary Club of the New Forest would like to donate a plaque and a site for this will need to be found.

#### **174. Annual Parish Meeting**

Plans are in place for the Annual Parish Meeting and Committee Chairman were asked to provide a report.

#### **175. Parish Champion**

The presentation had been postponed until the April meeting as the trophy would not be in stock until late March.

#### **176. Defibrillator**

The Clerk reported that funding was now in place as £500 had been received from Councillor Mans and £1000 had been donated by Ineos. The Clerk said she hoped this would be sufficient to cover costs but asked if a small additional amount was needed could this be funded by the Parish Council. Mrs Wyeth said that, if she was re-elected, it might be possible to provide a small amount from her devolved budget grant. Discussion took place regarding the colour of the defibrillator and power supply.

**RESOLVED:** That the defibrillator be purchased in the colour green and that the equipment be hard wired through the Community Centre wall.

#### **177. Forthcoming Parish Council Election**

The Clerk outlined the procedure for seeking re-election and asked that all Councillors who wished to be re-elected submit their forms in good time. There were several small changes to the procedure. It would now be necessary to provide electoral roll numbers for nominees and the two people nominating them. The closing date for nominations and withdrawal was now the same date and time.

**178. Picnic in the Park**

This item had been dealt with under Public Participation and the resolution passed would be adhered to for this year.

**179. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies**

Mrs Trend reported that she had met with Jan Brookes, Chairman of Lyndhurst Chamber of Trade regarding the proposed Alice in Wonderland project as 2015 marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Alice in Wonderland book and agreed to obtain information for the Parish Council website.

**180. Dates for Future Committee Meetings**

Planning Committee – Tuesday 24 March 2015

Amenities Committee – Tuesday 7 April 2015

It was noted that the Annual Parish Meeting date was Tuesday 17 March 2015.

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

Items brought forward from the March Agenda and meeting  
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 3 April 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	Total
<b>K Bennett</b>			
Cemetery Maintenance	1095.00		
Allotment Maintenance	528.00		
Recreation Ground fence/hedge removal	288.00		
Total			£1,911.00
<b>New Milton Sand &amp; Ballast</b>			
Cemetery Car Park Gravel	195.00		
Allotment Track Gravel	195.00		
VAT		78.00	
Total			468.00
<b>BT</b>			
Telephone account	170.88		170.88

### Accounts due for payment

<b>Mrs M Weston</b>			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1604.89		1604.89
<b>Mr R Archer</b>			
Hire of model for Arthur Phillip exhibition	50.00		50.00
<b>Lyndhurst &amp; District Community Association</b>			
Affiliation fee	£15.00		
Parish Council meeting	£23.50		
Total			£38.50
<b>New Forest District Council</b>			
CCTV in car park	£366.00		£366.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,531.27</b>	<b>78.00</b>	<b>£4,609.27</b>