

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2014**

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mr J Charlesworth, 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: One member of the public  
County Councillor K Mans  
Dr Manuel Hinge

**91. Presentation by Dr Manuel Hinge on Pondhead Conservation Trust**

Dr Manuel Hinge explained that Pondhead Inclosure was Crown freehold land and consisted of coppice with standard hazel planting which had died back. It is the last remaining worked hazel coppice on New Forest Crown Lands and consists of 190 acres. The Parish Council Walk goes through the inclosure. There are also marl pits on the land. The Trust has five trustees, is a registered charity and employs Dave Dibden as Coppice Manager. The objectives are to restore the traditional hazel coppice, manage the woodland understorey for biodiversity, reinstate overgrown tracks, promote education and generate income in order to be sustainable in the long term. It was also important to promote local community volunteering.

The Forestry Commission deal with the commercial timber crop, maintain the infrastructure and control pests and deer with a Keeper. The Pondhead Conservation Trust manage the hazel coppice, undertake track clearance, undertake conservation projects, monitor natural history, raise income through projects such as charcoal production and host education and volunteer conservation events. The NFNPA are responsible for the “green living classroom”.

Funding has come from start-up grants, SDF grant from NFNPA, New Forest Trust, some others and from woodland products (ie charcoal). It is important to recognise the income generated by volunteer time.

Dr Hinge explained that he would like to have a Lyndhurst Nature Day one day a month from October to March and would like Parish Council assistance with this project.

**RESOLVED:** That Dr Hinge put together a summary which could be placed in What’s On, that the subject is placed on the January Agenda and that the matter is publicised in the Community Centre What’s On.

**92. Public Participation**

A resident, Mrs L Brown, voiced her concerns regarding Wellands Road with particular emphasis on a recent planning application at present under consideration by NFNPA. This had already come before the Parish Council Planning Committee who had recommended refusal. Mrs Brown stated that she was also objecting to the application and drew the Parish Council’s attention to the common pathway that would be created to High Street dwellings. It was explained that this is a civil matter and would mean the introduction of a public right of way. It cannot be treated as a planning issue. It is understood that the issue has now been flagged up with the Highway Authority. Concern was expressed regarding parking for the flats and access for deliveries and the affect it would have on Wellands Road residents.

**93. Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**94. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence received.

**95. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 October 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**96. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**97. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

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

Planning Committee – Tuesday 28 October 2014

Cemetery Committee – Wednesday 29 October 2014

Amenities Committee – Tuesday 4 November 2014

**98. County Councillor's Report**

Mr Mans reported that Hampshire County Council were in the process of implementing budget reforms. He asked that everyone check the grit bin status as these should now have been filled. He explained that the defibrillator at Burley had recently been used and reiterated that he would allocate £500 to Lyndhurst Parish Council as grant aid for this project. Mr Mans stated that he and his wife had very much enjoyed the Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade.

Mr Cornell said he was very disappointed that subsidies had been removed from bus transport. There had been a public transport inquiry and it was felt that there was a great deal of public support for buses in the New Forest. Subsequently the New Forest grant had been cut by 70%. Mr Mans said that bus transport was not well used and there was a need to think of different ways of using modes of public transport so that buses could be replaced, in some instances, with other forms of transport.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Cornell write to Councillor Mans to voice his concerns.

**99. District Councillor's Report**

Mrs Wyeth thanked Mr Mans for his offer of £500 grant aid towards the cost of a defibrillator. She reported that the residents at present in Cranleigh Paddock who wanted to stay in the village could be accommodated elsewhere within the parish. Boulton Cottages would be completed before Christmas and there would be an open day on 13 December. Mrs Wyeth reported that negotiations with the Verderers are holding up work on the cycle track. Mark Holroyd has explained that funding will be extended and it is hoped that agreement will be reached shortly. Fortunately the work could be undertaken in the winter months.

**RESOLVED:** To invite Clive Maton (our NFNPA representative) and Dominic May (Verderers) to attend the January Parish Council meeting to discuss this matter further.

It was reported that Mrs Wyeth had been interviewed on Radio Solent regarding affordable housing in the area.

#### **100. Correspondence**

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

#### **101. Redundant Telephone Kiosks**

The Clerk reported that both kiosks had now been decommissioned and were now in the ownership of the Parish Council. She would be meeting Tom Gilbert, NFNPA, next Tuesday to discuss ways in which the NFNPA could assist with funding internal refurbishment of the kiosks.

#### **102. 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.

#### **103. Arthur Phillip**

Mrs Trend reported that the Chief Executive of NFNPA, Alison Barnes, had taken a presentation panel to Australia and will be trying to raise funds for the Arthur Phillip project. The Chairman reported that he had met Bev Major who had various fund raising ideas, including a wine tasting and had also approached the New Forest Show Society. He had asked if we would be prepared to write to other New Forest parishes to involve them in the story. Mrs Trend said she would be giving a talk shortly to U3A.

**RESOLVED:** To ask Mr Major to attend a Parish Council meeting in the New Year.

#### **104. Defibrillator**

Mr Cornell reported that when he had attended the AGM of Community First New Forest there had been a presentation by a Bransgore First Responder regarding defibrillators. It was interesting to note that the survival rate rose from six to 74% when a defibrillator was available to use. He had spoken to Brockenhurst Parish Councillor Harry Oram and the Chairman of Lymington Town Council and favoured asking Awards for All for grant aid, although the disadvantage of this was that the assessment of the application took ten weeks to process. He had consulted with the British Heart Foundation and the Ambulance Service who favoured the WEL Medical device. The Ambulance Service would prefer the device to be in a locked cabinet and the total cost was likely to be £1400 to £1500 for each device. The Clerk said it might be possible to put defibrillators at Emery Down and Bank at a later date. It was also noted that a power supply would be necessary.

#### **105. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies**

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Passenger Transport Forum but was disappointed that there had not been an update on bus information. Details had been given regarding infrastructure and a volunteer driver recruitment campaign. The Solent Go Card had been mentioned but was not covered in this area.

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. There had been a report from Alison Barnes regarding NFNPA and Nigel Matthews had spoken about the cycle charter. The newly appointed Deputy Surveyor, Bruce Rothnie, had attended the meeting. There had been a NFNPA Management Plan update as well as a Natural England update. A discussion had taken place regarding fungi gathering in the Forest.

Mrs Trend reported that she had attended a NFNPA Armistice Day presentation and she and Sara Hall had mounted a display.

Mr Bisson reported that the switch on of the Christmas lights was Thursday, 27 November at 7.00 pm and this would coincide with late night shopping in the village which would take place each Thursday until Christmas.

Mr Wiltshire reported that the Poppy Collection this year had amounted to £2,974.02p and there were several boxes still to be collected. This was likely to make a total of £5,000 for the financial year.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Wiltshire make a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Mr Charlesworth said Ingrid Bond had started a weekly children's choir at the Community Centre. An invitation had been issued to all Councillors to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Community Association on 12 December from 12.00 noon to 2.30 pm.

**106. Dates for Future Committee Meetings**

Allotment Committee – 15 November 2014

Recreation Committee – 15 November 2014

Planning Committee – 25 November 2014

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

Items brought forward from the November Agenda and meeting

Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 1 December 2014

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
<b>Mr A Cornell</b>			
Arthur Phillip Expenses	£41.84		£41.84
<b>Mr K Bennett</b>			
Cemetery Maintenance	£1,168.00		
Great Mead Maintenance	£192.00		
Bulb Planting	£224.00		
Recreation Ground Maintenance	£534.00		
Total			£2,118.00
<b>Climb Vertigo</b>			
PITP Entertainment	£290.00		£290.00
<b>New Forest Tree Services</b>			
Tree Work at Cemetery	£750.00		£750.00
<b>Forestry Commission</b>			
Allotment Rent	£492.00		£492.00
<b>Gravity Engineering Ltd</b>			
2nd skateboard payment	£4,406.00		£4,406.00
<b>HMRC</b>			
Employer NI and PAYE	£1,043.55		£1,043.55
<b>Accounts due for payment:</b>			
<b>NFDC</b>			
Registration re PITP Grand Draw	40.00		40.00
<b>J Malcom</b>			
Allotment grasscutting	135.00		135.00
<b>Ringwood Pest Control</b>			
Vermin Control Service Agreement	600.00		600.00
<b>NFDC</b>			
PITP TEN	21.00		21.00
<b>Mrs M Weston</b>			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1696.57		1696.57
<b>Lyndhurst &amp; District Community Assoc</b>			
PC meeting	22.50		
Planning Cte meeting	22.50		
Advertisement	15.00		
Amenities Cte meeting	22.50		
Total			82.50
<b>Total amount paid since last meeting</b>	<b>11716.46</b>		<b>11716.46</b>