

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2015

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: Eleven members of the public
Mrs Clare Ings, Senior Planning Officer, NFNPA

124. Question and Answer Session with Clare Ings

Mrs Ings commenced by explaining that the Lyndhurst Park Hotel had now closed, having been purchased by the Pegasus Group who favoured developments that including accommodation for the elderly. The site lay outside the defined village boundary and was in the Conservation Area so development would be restricted. It was considered appropriate to retain a hotel of some description. Its position is recognised as a gateway into Lyndhurst. A hotel with restaurants that could be used by non residents or self catering units had been mooted and there would need to be another form of development to fund it. The new owners might want to put a nursing home on the site and there could be some retail but it would have to support Lyndhurst as a centre not be something in its own right. There was a need to be mindful of the traffic situation. The need for a planning brief for the site had been discussed and the emphasis had been put on entering into dialogue with the Parish Council regarding this matter.

Mrs Wyeth reported that she had received enquiries from young people who were disappointed that they would be unable to purchase apartments at The Boltons. Mrs Ings said whatever is built would have to be high quality and perhaps a mix of affordable, shared ownership and open market could be considered although this would be contrary to policy. Mr Bisson said he would like to see starter homes for young people. Mrs Ings said she would not want to see the land over developed.

Mrs Trend felt a good public frontage was important and Mrs Ings agreed to take the idea of the core of the building remaining intact back to the Conservation Officer. Mr Abbott asked for an assurance that the rookery would be protected and this was given. Mrs Wyeth said she did not feel there was a need for any more properties for elderly residents. A possible access into Gosport Lane would mean the demolition of one property and would take land at Appletree Court.

Mrs Wyeth stated that the building should not be demolished until new plans are approved. Mr Cornell asked if the 30% ruling would apply as the site lies outside the defined village boundary but Mrs Ings explained that this ruling only applies to residential properties.

A resident asked what powers are available to prevent the site becoming an eyesore due to a lapse of time before any action is taken. Mrs Ings stated that as the site lies within the Conservation Area it would have to be kept tidy. A question was asked as to whether Pegasus could be asked to maintain the site meanwhile and it was explained that there is legislation to ensure the site is kept looking reasonable.

A resident enquired whether facilities could be made available for leisure pursuits or a hall for drama or similar events.

125. Public Participation

None.

126. Disclosures of Interest

None.

127. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mr J Charlesworth.

128. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9 December 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

129. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

130. Minutes of Committee Meetings

There had not been any Committee meetings since the date of the last Parish Council meeting. However, due to the Christmas break Councillors had communicated their views on the following planning applications via email to the Clerk:-

[Application No 00883 – Oakwood, Gosport Lane](#)

Single storey side extension; roof alterations to existing garage; new porch; new boundary wall; new entrance gates and formation of second access

Recommendation: To leave the application to NFNPA Officers for decision.

[Application No 00975 – Beech House, Gritnam Road, Bank](#)

Two storey bay window; single storey extensions; 2no chimneys; veranda; window alterations; external alterations; re-cladding of existing garage; re-roofing and replacement windows to stable block (resubmission of 00684)

Recommendation: To recommend that permission be granted as we are happy that the garage is used as a separate unit of accommodation as it was previously used as the chauffeur's accommodation for a great many years and the present application does not seek to change any arrangement.

[Application No 00979 - 70a High Street](#)

Change of use of 1st and 2nd floor from single flat to 2no flats, 2no roof lights

Recommendation: To recommend that permission be granted. The proposals would not have a detrimental effect on the environment, neighbouring properties or the street scene.

All three recommendations were emailed to the respective officers concerned at NFNPA on 22 December 2014.

131. County Councillor's Report

None.

132. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth reported that with regard to the Christopher Tower Library two members of staff had been made redundant but there had not been a reduction in the grant given by NFDC. With regard to a village design statement Mrs Wyeth reported that there would now be a simplified village plan and she felt we could slot parts into the existing village plan. There is a need to consider what land might be available for affordable housing or light industrial use.

RESOLVED: To hold an additional Parish Council meeting to discuss this matter.

Mrs Wyeth reported that there would be a boundary review for defined villages and it would be advisable to consider any changes we would like to see made.

RESOLVED: To place this item on the February Agenda.

The anticipated work to the cycle track is ongoing and Mrs Wyeth reported that Oliver Crosthwaite Eyre had spoken to Dominic May regarding the situation with the Verderers. It was noted that land had already been given in mitigation. Funding will be from HCC and NFNPA and Mark Holroyd has given an undertaking that work will commence within the next few months. Mr Bisson said he felt that Natural England were out of touch with what is going on in the local community, although Mr Abbott said he considered the situation had improved.

Minstead Parish Council has proposed a cycle track from Cadnam to Brockenhurst and Mr Bisson said that Minstead PC would like to see it on the Core Strategy. The subject would be discussed at the NFALC meeting later this week.

Mrs Wyeth stated that there was concern regarding parking in Hillary Close. This was taking place on green areas and grass verges and with wet weather conditions these areas were being churned up. Mrs Wyeth has asked the Housing and Traffic Departments to discuss this matter.

RESOLVED: That this subject be put on the Agenda for the February Parish Council meeting.

133. Correspondence

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

It was noted that Dave Donawa no longer wished to take part in the Community Speedwatch Scheme.

RESOLVED: That this subject be made an Agenda item for the February Parish Council meeting.

134. 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.

135. Regulatory Items, Assets Register and Description of Parish Council's Responsibilities

The Clerk explained that there was now a drop down tab on the website entitled Regulatory Items and Councillors were asked to view this before the next Parish Council meeting and let the Clerk know of any amendments that they would like to see made in this section. A paragraph would be added concerning recording of meetings to take account of new legislation. A copy of the Assets Register and ideas for the parish council's responsibilities had also been emailed to Councillors to comment.

136. Arthur Phillip

Mrs Trend reported that posters were now available for the Arthur Phillip Exhibition at the New Forest Centre. A short video will be produced and this will go into the Museum. Mrs Trend will be giving several talks. Pauline Lyle Smith from the Britain Australia Society will be coming to Lyndhurst to view the Exhibition. It was noted that a book will be produced and the Parish Council has been asked to supply photographs.

137. Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that she was waiting to hear from a possible source for funding, a grant of £500 having already been received from Councillor Mans. Mrs Wyeth said she would ask Richard Frampton of Bransgore Parish Council to contact the Clerk with information regarding their defibrillator.

138. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Abbott reported that he, Mrs Klaassen and Mr Bisson had attended a site meeting to view the stream/wetland restoration at Pondhead. Other organisations such as Verderers and Commoners had also been present. The subject will come up in Planning. Mrs Klaassen said the scheme would restore the natural habitat.

Mrs Trend reported that Boulton Cottages were now occupied and plans were in hand to restore the pump.

Mr Wiltshire reported that the Royal British Legion, Lyndhurst Branch had received an award for increasing the poppy collection.

Mrs Trend said she did not feel that the new street lighting was an improvement. Mr Bisson stated that some lights on Southampton Road had not been replaced with heritage lighting but an email had been received stating this would be rectified.

139. Dates for Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee – 27 January 2015

140. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the January Agenda and meeting
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 2 February 2015
Annual Parish Meeting
Boundary Review
Parish Champion
Forthcoming Parish Council Election
Parking in Hillary Close
Community Speedwatch

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
Mr R Sturt			
Allotment hedge	300.00		300.00
Mrs M Weston			
Telephone Account	166.18		
Expenses incurred between meetings	115.00		
Total			281.18
BT			
Broadband Account	97.04		97.04
HMRC			
PAYE & NI	695.90		295.9
Amounts due for payment			
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1569.66		1569.66
Lyndhurst & District Community Assoc			
PC meeting	£22.50		£22.50
NFDC			
Dog Waste Collection service	275.37	55.07	330.44
K Bennett			
Cemetery maintenance	1466.00		
Recreation maintenance	782.00		
Arthur Phillip sandstone collection	18.00		
Lengthsman	18.00		
Allotment clearance/maintenance	288.00		
Total			2572.00
Total	5813.65	55.07	5868.72