

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2015

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell, 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: 27 members of the public

181. Public Participation

None.

182. Disclosures of Interest

None.

183. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mr K Kaljura.

184. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

185. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Mr Cornell reported that the pavement at the bottom of the High Street had now been resurfaced. The two damaged flower tubs had been removed, as previously agreed and the seat and other two flower tubs had been left in place. County Councillor Mans was thanked for expediting this matter.

186. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

Annual Parish Meeting – Tuesday, 17 March 2015

Planning Committee – Tuesday, 24 March 2015

Amenities Committee – Tuesday 7 April 2015

Recreation Committee – Friday 10 April 2015

187. County Councillor's Report

Mr Mans reported that the cycle track between Lyndhurst and Ashurst had not yet been resurfaced but assured the Parish Council that the work was imminent. The Chairman reported that concerns had been expressed regarding the Wiggle Cycle Event when cyclists had come through Lyndhurst the previous weekend. Mrs Wyeth asked whether an appropriate surface would be used for the cycle track to ensure it was suitable for all cyclists. Mr Mans agreed to ensure that it was correct.

188. District Councillor's Report

Mrs Wyeth reported that two planning applications would be coming forward to the NFNPA Planning Committee – an additional dwelling at Surigao, Knightwood Close and conversion of offices to eight holiday let flats in Empress Road. The NFNPA are looking to grant permission whereas the Parish Council recommended refusal.

189. Correspondence

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

The Clerk reported that “thank you” letters had been received from Mrs Margaret Charlesworth and Mrs Jenny Wiltshire who had recently undergone major operations and had received bouquets of flowers from the Parish Councillors and Clerk.

Mr Cornell reported that an enquiry had been received regarding the times at which bus passes could be used when travelling to Southampton. It had been clearly stated that passengers travelling before 9.30 am would have to pay until Totton but as long as they reached Totton from 9.30 am they could then use their bus pass. He showed information which gave full details and Mr Charlesworth suggested putting the notice up in the Community Centre.

190. 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.

Mrs Wyeth asked if the defibrillator had arrived as a cheque had been raised in the accounts. The Clerk explained that the defibrillator was expected very shortly and she would not send the cheque in payment until it had been received and was satisfactorily in place.

191. Arthur Phillip

Mrs Trend reported that the exhibition had been taken down from the New Forest Centre at the end of March and the footfall for attendance had been higher than during the exhibition last summer. With regard to fulfilling the heritage aspect, two new boards would be provided for St Michael’s Church shortly and a map drawn by an Australian cartoonist depicting the journey would shortly be presented to the Infant School, who have also taken the leaflet. The New Forest Centre will be making a Powerpoint presentation which will shortly be completed. All the research completed, plus information from the late Bev Major, will be kept at the New Forest Centre. A celebration will be held at the New Forest Centre on Thursday, 25 June and Parish Councillors will be invited.

Mr Cornell reported that Lymington Rotary Club will be giving him some information and something more permanent will follow.

192. Defibrillator

The Clerk reported that the Defibrillator was on order and was expected to arrive very shortly. The electrician used by the Community Centre would be hard wiring it although she explained that an electrical supply was only necessary for heating during cold weather. The defibrillator itself was operated by batteries.

193. Lyndhurst Welfare Charities

RESOLVED: That the Lyndhurst Welfare Charities be informed that Mrs Wyeth was willing to stand for another term as a Trustee and, following his resignation from the Parish Council, Mr Abbott would remain in office until his term as Trustee came to an end.

194. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Cornell reported that a meeting would be held the following Monday to decide whether to disband the Residents Association.

Mr Wiltshire reported that Kevin Bennett continued to do a good job maintaining the Cemetery. However, at this time of the year it was necessary to leave the bluebells which meant that the Cemetery did not look quite so tidy as usual. It was noted that the Clerk had not been successful yet in gaining a grant for the electricity supply for the Chapel and Mr Wiltshire asked if anyone had any ideas how the £24,000 that was needed could be raised.

The Chamber of Trade had been discussing the 150th anniversary of the publishing of the first Alice in Wonderland book – Alice's Adventures Underground. They intended to mark the event by having a number of drawings and competitions at various points around the village. The colour drawings are not out of copyright so black and white drawings will be coloured in and used. NFDC will also be promoting the idea. The New Forest Centre will be holding an exhibition next year. The Alice boards in St Michael's Church will be updated. Mrs Trend drew Councillors attention to the fact that the Alice books were the third most popular, behind the Bible and Shakespeare. The Hargreaves family had taken a very active part in village life. The grave needs some remedial attention and the family are happy to have it tidied up. The NFNPA will also become involved.

Mr Charlesworth reported that the Bowls Club will be holding an open day on 10 May.

Mrs Trend drew Councillors' attention to the number of obstructions (A boards) around the High Street. It was noted that the Parish Council had tried to obtain traders' co-operation to dealing with the problem on previous occasions but if official action was taken this would lead to all A boards being removed. Discussion took place regarding whether there was any way trade could be encouraged within the High Street. Mr Charlesworth said that he felt the impact of parking charges caused some of the problem. Mrs Trend said local residents could purchase a very reasonably priced car parking permit.

RESOLVED: That the subject of car parking charges be added to the Agenda for the May meeting of the Parish Council.

195. Dates for Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee Tuesday 28 April 2015 7.15 pm Lyndhurst Community Centre

196. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the April Agenda and meeting
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 4 May 2015
Car parking charges

197. Presentation by Mrs Mary Sterry regarding Neighbourcare

Mrs Mary Sterry gave a Powerpoint presentation regarding Lyndhurst Neighbourcare, a voluntary organisation giving transport based services for local people with a clear need. This could cover medical appointments, shopping and necessary errands. Clients telephone 0845 0945 818 which operates on a Voicemail service. Two working days' notice is required and clients are invited to make a donation for the service they receive in a sealed envelope. The driver then submits a claim for running expenses which is reimbursed by the Treasurer. There are 47 drivers and all are CRB checked. The service has assisted 141 clients over a two year period with 112 in the last financial year, 772 calls have been logged with 606 jobs.

PC White asked how the service was advertised and Mrs Sterry explained that an advertisement was placed regularly in the Community Centre magazine and in the electronic version of the Parish magazine. No other funding was given and the service held a healthy balance.

Mr Alexander asked if it was difficult for drivers to know what to charge and Mrs Sterry said that they used the level set by the Inland Revenue for tax purposes. Drivers waited while clients were at hospital appointments and even escorted them into hospital if necessary and parking charges at hospitals did not apply to drivers. A resident stressed that it was important not to take taxi trade but it was felt that Neighbourcare was offering a different service and both could operate alongside each other. Mrs Sterry said that drivers were always wanted if there was anyone who would like to volunteer.

198. Any Items that the Chairman considers of Importance

The Chairman announced that the meeting would be moving to the Pine Hall where a presentation would be made to the 2014 Parish Champion and the four Parish Councillors who would not be seeking re-election in May. He invited everyone present to attend.

There followed a presentation to Mrs Mary Sterry who had been awarded as Parish Champion. This was followed by presentations to Councillors Mark Abbott, Anne Butcher, John Charlesworth and Len Cornell, together with a bouquet of flowers to the Clerk. After this refreshments were served.

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
K Bennett			
Cemetery Maintenance	1052.00		
Allotment Maintenance	160.00		
Recreation Ground Maintenance	288.00		
Total			£1,500.00
BT			
Internet Services	72.00		£72.00
Accounts due for payment:			
National Portrait Gallery			
Arthur Phillip by Frances Wheatley rights	87.50	17.50	105.00
Wessex Fine Art			
Mounting and Framing re Arthur Phillip Map	119.80	23.96	143.76
Mr C Payne			
Allotment Water Supply	£130.73		£130.73
Forestry Commission			
Recreation Ground Rent (x2)	1200.00		
Recreation Ground Rental (half year)	325.00		
Total			1525.00
NFDC			
CCTV in main car park	366.00		366.00
HALC			
HALC Affiliation fees 2015-16	445.00		
NALC Levy 2015-16	138.00		
Total			583.00
Lyndhurst & District Community Association			
Planning Committee meeting	23.50		
Advertisement in What's On	15.00		
Amenities Committee meeting	£23.50		
Parish Council meeting	£23.50		
Total			£85.50
TLC Online			
Arthur Phillip boards	£66.50		£66.50
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd			
Play Equipment Maintenance Materials	£394.00	78.80	£472.80
Awarded2U Ltd			
Champion and Councillor Awards	£394.75	78.95	£473.70
Wel Medical Ltd			
Defibrillator and box	£1,381.75	276.35	£1,658.10
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£2,580.67		£2,580.67
Total	£9,287.20	475.56	£9,762.76