

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2014

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

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Mr J Maskell (Executive Director, NFDC)
Mr G Miles (Head of Housing and Customer Services, NFDC),
Mr R Jackson (Executive Director, NFDC)
Mr P Rush (Strategic Commissioning Manager, HCC)
12 members of the public
County Councillor K Mans
PC A White
Mrs C Griffiths, Press representative

73. Presentation by NFDC regarding Cranleigh Paddock

Mr J Maskell, Mr P Rush and Mr G Miles were attending the meeting to explain the discussions that were taking place regarding the position at Cranleigh Paddock and vision for the future. HCC have been in negotiation with NFDC regarding plans for HCC to take over Cranleigh Paddock and develop it for future use. It had been recognised that Lyndhurst was a dementia friendly village. The present accommodation is not big enough to meet requirements but could be developed as a dementia friendly extra care scheme. HCC has looked at an existing scheme in Chandlers Ford. There is an increased need for dementia care and the new development will deal with the surrounding area of the New Forest. The sheltered housing on site consists of flats and there was a need to offer larger accommodation plus communal facilities – 18 to 20 units. It is understood that this is a sensitive area but there would be a need for a two storey building instead of the present single storey unit. The next step would be to draw up plans and have discussions with NFDC, apply for outline planning permission and then encourage a specialist to take over the development. Mr Miles explained that there was more demand for specialist dementia care than general elderly housing in Lyndhurst. Consultations would take place with residents and the Parish Council concerning accommodation at Robertshaw House. At present 16 of the 18 units at Cranleigh Paddock are occupied and there have been conversations taking place with all the residents. It was widely recognised that there was a need for this project and facilities would be accessible to both sides of the development. The Day Centre would be relocated elsewhere in Lyndhurst. There was a need to look at the car parking provision. It was important to realise facilities were not under threat, would be shared and more consultation would take place as the scheme progressed.

74. Presentation by NFDC regarding proposed open space in Lyndhurst car park

Mr Jackson explained that he was attending the meeting to outline the idea of creating a public open space on the land at present occupied by the redundant toilet block in the main car park. The car park is owned by the Forestry Commission and leased to NFDC. Although retail or office accommodation had been looked at it was not thought the site was suitable as the toilets are sited close to the very busy car park exit. A resident, Mrs Brown, asked if a public noticeboard could be provided so local non commercial events could be advertised as this was no longer possible on the hoardings around the new development at Stag Yard and NFDC had recently introduced zero tolerance on flyposting around the village. Mrs Wyeth explained that flyposting was illegal and due to the proliferation of flyposting around the village the purge would continue. Mrs Brown asked if a temporary noticeboard could be erected in the High Street but Mrs Wyeth explained that this might not be possible due to planning constraints in the Conservation Area. It was reported that the Parish Council might consider the provision of a public noticeboard although this would take some time to achieve. It might be possible to accommodate some posters on noticeboards at the Community Centre.

Mrs Trend asked that consideration be given to providing a memorial to Arthur Phillip in the open space.

RESOLVED: To discuss the provision of a public noticeboard at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

75. Public Participation

A resident, Mrs Oliver, explained that since the date of the last meeting another meeting had been held at the school regarding ways to improve road safety. It was recognised that there were hot spots near the Antique Shops and at the top of the High Street. There were also parking issues. There was an existing safe route to school and the possibility of a second entrance to the school had been discussed. The school would remind parents of safety measures and the use of fluorescent vests for children would be discussed. A representative from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service had also given advice. Mrs Oliver asked if it would be possible to provide free parking for a limited time in the main car park but this was not thought to be a possibility. It was noted that there was a Park and Stride system in operation in New Milton and Hythe. It was thought that the traffic island at the top of the High Street didn't need to be so big.

RESOLVED: That the possibility of reinstating the flashing school warning signs and flashing poles at the zebra crossing be explored and also reducing the size of the traffic island. HCC would be contacted.

PC White presented his Police Report. There had been problems at adult care facilities and local schools and criminal damage in Emery Down. There had been 10 RTAs including two involving forest stock at Pondhead. Cyclists had also been injured. Items had been stolen from forest car parks at Andrews Mare, Knightwood Oak and Millyford Bridge and there had been shoplifting at Budgens. The Traffic Department had been monitoring Gosport Lane and Southampton Road. PC White stated that the local Police team had previously focused on anti-social behaviour but asked if this could now change to monitoring behaviour at the newly installed skateboard ramp and this was considered a good idea. It was noted that more litter bins in the Recreation Ground were necessary and the Clerk reported that she had previously ordered two more vandal proof refuse bins. There would be some late night shopping in the village in the run up to Christmas.

PC White said there had been changes in the Police Force and it had been necessary for everyone to reapply for their jobs. Both he and PCSO Quinn would remain in Lyndhurst although the Beat would no longer cover Netley Marsh and Ashurst but would now take in Brockenhurst, extending as far as Lepe.

With regard to Community Speedwatch, PC White reported that Mrs Braisher and the team were very enthusiastic and would like thanks to be recorded for the equipment that the Parish Council had purchased. However, more volunteers were needed and the Clerk agreed to mention this again in Clerk's Corner, having recently received some offers of assistance through this column. A request had been made that a Parish Councillor liaise with the Team and Mr Bisson and Mr Cornell agreed to meet with them.

76. Disclosures of Interest

None.

77. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Rollé (Chairman) and Mrs Butcher.

78. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact other Parish Councils who have provided a defibrillator and that the matter be made an Agenda item for the November Parish Council meeting.

84. Correspondence

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

85. Redundant Telephone Boxes

The Clerk reported that she had consulted with BT and NFNPA (Jim Mitchell) and had obtained permission for the Parish Council to purchase the telephone kiosks at Bank and Racecourse View. BT had waived the fee for each kiosk. She had viewed both the kiosks. The kiosk at Bank is in fairly good order, clean and reasonably well painted with no glass missing. The kiosk at Racecourse View is in very bad condition and will need a complete overhaul plus new glass in some places. She had also contacted Came & Co who had confirmed that for public liability insurance there will be no extra charge. If we want further insurance for accidental damage, vandalism, etc there will be a charge of approximately £28. Regarding funding, Jim Mitchell at NFNPA will provide some funding to assist with refurbishment of the internal part of the telephone kiosks such as information boards. Both kiosks are on the Parish Walk so information about this should go in the kiosks and it had been suggested that we also put historical information about the Racecourse and Bank in them. The Clerk suggested that we approach Fullers as owners of The Oak PH, to see if they would be willing to provide sponsorship for the kiosk at Bank which is directly adjacent to their building. Mention would be made in Clerk's Corner to see if anyone would like to help with refurbishment of the kiosks and or had any other ideas of how they could be used. Julie and Andy Barrett has already volunteered to assist.

86. 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.

The Clerk presented details of the outcome of the Audit for the year ended 31 March 2014.

Mr Charlesworth presented a cheque for £100, representing the runner-up prize made to the Parish Council at the Hampshire Village of the Year awards. He reported that the Community Centre had been given a cheque for £250 for the Community Cohesion and Resilience Award and he had been given a bottle of champagne in recognition of his Inspirational Individual Award.

Mr Charlesworth was thanked for all the hard work he had put into this project.

87. Arthur Phillip

It was reported that an extension of time had been received from the Heritage Lottery Fund. Alison Barnes, Chief Executive, NFNPA would be visiting Sydney and taking a commemorative item with her in recognition of Arthur Phillip's New Forest connection. Other work was progressing on the lasting legacy element of this project.

88. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Arrangements were in hand for the Remembrance Sunday Parade.

There would be a Quiz Night at the Community Centre on 8 November

The Boulton Cottages refurbishment at Emery Down was going very well.

Mr Bisson asked if consideration could be given to having separate meetings when more than one presentation was scheduled to take place at Parish Council meetings.

89. Dates for Future Committee Meetings

Planning Committee – 28 October 2014
Cemetery Committee – 29 October 2014
Amenities Committee – 4 November 2014
F&GP Committee – 18 November 2014

90. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the October Agenda and meeting
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 3 November 2014
Presentation regarding the Pondhead Inclosure Project
Possible provision of village defibrillator

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 SINCE THE SEPTEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

	Amount	VAT	Total
TLC-Online			
Website maintenance	100.00		100.00
BT			
Telephone account	168.29		168.29
Mr K Bennett			
Lengthsman duties	316.00		
Cemetery	1152.00		
Recreation Ground	150.00		
Great Mead	320.00		
Total			1938.00
Good Directions			
Memorial Seat	936.00	187.20	1123.20
James Bull			
Arthur Phillip leaflet artwork	200.00		200.00
Ideal Fire & Security Ltd			
CCTV Recreation Ground	40.00	8.00	48.00
Gravity Engineering Ltd			
90% payment re skateboard ramp	32349.00	7351	39700.00
BDO LLP			
External Auditor fee	300.00	60.00	360.00
ACCOUNTS DUE FOR PAYMENT - OCTOBER 2014 MEETING			
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	1655.22		1655.22
Lyndhurst & District Community Association			
Parish Council meeting	22.50		
PITP meeting	22.50		
Planning meeting	22.50		
Total			67.50
Came & Company			
Increased play equipment insurance	25.00		25.00
NFDC			
GIS partnership charge	40.00		40.00
Total	37819.01	7606.20	45425.21