

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Lyndhurst Parish Council.
Held at Lyndhurst Community Centre on 13th September 2016 at 7.15pm.**

Present; Cllr H Klaassen (Chairman), Cllr Trevor Dunning, Cllr Jeff Lock, Cllr Adrian Wiltshire, Cllr Karl Kaljura, Cllr Mark Rollé, Revd Dr Caroline Wilkins, Cllr George Bisson.

HCC; Cllr Keith Mans

2 members of the public, 1 member of the press.

1. Election of Vice Chairman.

Nominated and seconded; Cllr George Bisson, Revd Dr Caroline Wilkins, Cllr Angela Trend.

Each candidate will prepare a short talk for the next meeting, whereupon voting will take place to determine the successful candidate.

2. Public Participation.

Ten minutes will be allowed for members of the public to air their views or ask questions about matters appertaining to the business of the Parish Council.

It was brought to the Parish Council's attention that residents had received letters informing them of a Public Consultation regarding the future development of the Lyndhurst Park Hotel to be held on 21st September in the Community Centre.

3. Disclosures of Interest.

None.

4. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies had been received from; Cllr Pat Wyeth, Cllr Angela Trend and Cllr Elizabeth Chell.

5. Minutes.

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th July 2016.

Cllr Lock raised that he was not happy with minute 43 of the July meeting where it detailed that he gave apologies as he was on holiday. He felt that this was too personal and his reasons for absence should not have been recorded. Cllr Lock also further expressed dissatisfaction at the manner in which his absence had been portrayed in the minutes. He made it clear that he stood as Vice Chair because nobody else did and that this scrutiny of his non-attendance was unjust.

Cllr Bisson proposed and the Revd Dr Wilkins seconded that the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record and following agreement the chair signed them as so.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Cllr Lock wished to see a breakdown of the Paws in the Park event funds. The Chairman said she would attempt to find it.

It was noted that there had been no sight of the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held in August.

7. Committee Meetings.

To receive the Minutes of the committee meetings held since the date of the last Parish Council meeting:

Planning Committee Meeting – Tuesday 26th July 2016

Recreation Committee Meeting – Saturday 23rd July 2016.

Both sets of minutes had been circulated for Councillors information.

8. Speed Indicator Devices.

To receive an update.

Cllr Se-Upara reported that he had started to produce an online petition and would forward it shortly.

9. Arthur Phillip Memorial Seat in Public Open Space.

To receive an update.

The installation of the seat had received an extension of time from the National Lottery Heritage fund until January. Issues seem to have arisen surrounding the size and foundations required for the seat and that the work on it may have to go back out to tender.

It was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance until the next meeting when Cllr Trend would be able to update the Council.

It was also noted that the parish walk noticeboard was in place and Cllr Bisson had received several boxes of walk leaflets.

10. Correspondence.

Cllr Wiltshire stated that the Chairman should have received a letter inviting the Parish Council to take part in the Remembrance Sunday parade. The Chairman stated that none had been, but that the Parish Council would of course take part.

Village Signs. Cllr Bisson had reported that following an email from Mandy Ware regarding the twinning logo for the sign he had responded to remind HCC how long this matter had been going on and that it was a detriment to them that it continued to drag on.

The Chairman reported that she had rung Mandy Ware and impressed upon them that it would be preferable for this to happen before the Freedom of the District Ceremony later that month.

The letter recently received by residents from Pegasus was brought up. Councillors were not happy that the letter seemed to imply that the PC had agreed to Pegasus' proposals, when Councillors felt that they had sat through 'sales pitches' and that their desires for the site had been largely ignored.

It was agreed that Cllr Dunning would draft a letter to be sent to Pegasus asking that they correct this omission.

11. Accounts.

To consider accounts paid and due for payment since the date of the last meeting.

No comments.

12. Green Streets Initiative.

To receive a report from from the Revd Dr Caroline Wilkins and Dr Elizabeth Chell.

The Revd Dr Wilkins updated the Parish Council that they were looking at a 3 stage approach;

- Awareness; through leaflets to shops and businesses.
- Positive reinforcement; recognising when a business or shop had done something positive, perhaps through an awards scheme.
- Planning; identifying potential sites for more planting.

Cllr Se-Upara suggested going through the Chamber of Trade but it was noted that they may be hard to engage, especially since not all shopkeepers and business owners were members.

13. Village of the Year Competition.

To receive an update from Cllr Bisson.

Cllr Bisson reported that the Parish Council had reached the final 6 and that a very successful judging event had been held. The awards ceremony would be held at Enham Alamein on 28th September and Cllr Bisson requested Councillors let him know if they wished to attend.

He took the opportunity to thank those who contributed and attended.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Bisson for the effort he had put in on the Parish Council's behalf.

14. Possible Refuge at ClayHill.

To receive an update.

Cllr Dunning reported that Cllr Wyeth had emailed him to inform him that, as there had been no recorded accidents at this location, it was not high on NFDC's priority list. It would be looked into but there was no indication when.

15. Office and Storage of Parish Council Property.

To discuss the potential of a Parish Council Office and Storage of Parish Council Property.

The Chairman advised that, thanks to the generosity of Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council, Lyndhurst Parish Council's records were temporarily, safely and securely stored in their Council office.

Cllr Mans advised contacting Winchester Records officer to see in they could help.

Cllr Wiltshire noted that he would have the Cemetary Records.

It was agreed to move the recrods to storage, Lok and Store were suggested as they had an enticing offer on.

The Chairman said she would arrange for this to happen and to investigate how keyholders were allocated.

The matter of a parish office was discussed. It was agreed that it would be preferable for the PC to have an office and that this should be pursued.

Location suggestions included; empty shops in the village (speak to estate / lettings agents), The Verderers Court, The Youth Club building, Ineos, Appletree Court.

The Chair said she would speak to all except NFDC regarding the Youth Club as Cllr Bisson had already written.

Resolved; That the Parish Council should have it's own office within the village and that efforts should be made to pursue this.

16. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies.

Cllr Keith Mans;

Cllr Mans reported that the final recommendations were in from the Local Government Boundary Commission and that Lyndhurst was to be in a ward with Fordingbridge. It seems there is now nothing that can be done to change this. The recommendations would receive a rubber stamp in Parliament before being implemented.

The consultation, Serving Hampshire; The Consultation on Proposals for Local Government Reorganisation, was ongoing but would soon be drawing to a close. HCC wished to canvass opinion on what councils feel about the way the County and 11 districts could be reorganised.

Cllr Mans also mentioned the Lyndhurst Park Hotel. He felt very strongly that this development was a gateway development to the village and entrance to the New Forest and that it was important that it be closely scrutinised. He said that the PC should consult with the NPA and that both those bodies should give the developers a design brief as to what was and wasn't acceptable, as this type of site appears once in a generation and it was important to get it right.

Councillors discussed the matter again and expressed dissatisfaction at the approach and overall plans presented by Pegasus thus far and it was decided to invite the NPA Planning Director to the October Full Council Meeting to address this matter.

17. Dates for Future Committee Meetings.

Planning 27th September 2016.

Cllr Bisson asked that the Amenities Committee Meeting be changed from the coming Tuesday to 4th October 2016, 7.15pm at the Community Centre.

Cllr Dunning mentioned that the Junior Football Club were looking to improve their facilities. Cllr Rollé asked Cllr Dunning to discuss the matter with him as Chair of the Recreation Committee.

18. Exclusion of the Press and Public.

In accordance with Paragraph 1 (2) of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the Parish Council is invited to **RESOLVE** that the Press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and the public interest would not be served in disclosing that information. This exclusion relates to Agenda Item 19.

Resolved; that the public and press be excluded from Agenda Item 19.

19. Vacancy for Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer.

To receive feedback from the interviews that took place and vote on the recommended candidate of those councillors who attended those interviews.

To discuss the next steps in the employment of a new Clerk / RFO.

The Chairman updated members that there were no successful candidates from the interviews following the withdrawal of the chosen candidate.

Resolved; that the position should be re-advertised and the hours increased to 24 hours per week.

An advertisement would be placed in the Lymington Times for three editions and also with HALC, HCC, and relevant noticeboards within the community.

The closing date would be 14th October 2016, with interviews on w/c 24th October and an extraordinary meeting on 17th October to decide candidates for interview.

The matter of a temp was hotly debated with suggestions given for a suitable candidate. During these discussions Cllr Lock expressed grave dissatisfaction with the matter and resigned his post as Councillor, quitting the room immediately.

The matter was voted on and the Chair used her casting vote; It was decided to source an external temporary clerk until such time as a permanent replacement was hired.

20. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting.

None.

There being no further business the Chair thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting at 8.54pm.