

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT APPLE TREE COURT, LYNDHURST ON TUESDAY 11 MAY 2006 AT 7.15 PM

Present:

**Mr G W Bisson – Chairman,
Mr M Abbott,
Mr F Alexander,
Mrs E A Butcher,
Mr J Charlesworth,
Mr E Gailor,
Mr D Newport,
Mr M Rollé,
Mrs A Trend,
Mrs P Wyeth**

Clerk to the Council:

Mrs M H Weston

193. Community Planning Procedure

The Chairman introduced Penny Velandar, Community Planning Officer at New Forest District Council who explained that there were two ways in which Lyndhurst Parish Council could work towards a Community Plan as the village fitted the criteria for either a Parish Plan or Market Town Healthcheck. The plan would be instigated by the Parish Council, but would have an independent steering group which would include members of the Parish Council and as many local organisations and groups as possible. There should be full consultation with the community, culminating in a report and action plan for the next 10/15 years. NFDC support was available in the form of advice and funding and in the case of a Market Town Healthcheck funding was also available from SEEDA.

194. Election of Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman.

It was proposed by Mr Gailor, seconded by Mr Alexander and

RESOLVED: That Mr Bisson be elected to the post of Chairman for the ensuing year.

195. Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed by Mr Charlesworth, seconded by Mrs Trend and

RESOLVED: That Mr Rollé be elected to the post of Vice Chairman.

196. County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Kendal presented his report as follows:

The Lyons Review recommended greater flexibility and powers for local government. Funding methods were under consideration and there would be changes in social care benefits. Hampshire County Council is the only Council in England that do not take into account the value of a person's home for means testing. This would continue but 95% of disposable income would now be taken into account, as opposed to 75% at present and it was now compulsory to means test for social care.

197. Public Participation

None.

198. Disclosures of Interest

None.

199. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Professor K E Barber.

200. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting dated 11 April 2006, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record with one addition. Item 186 Annual Parish Meeting – mention should have been made of the fact that the Bypass Committee had made a comprehensive presentation of their proposals for a bypass route for the village.

201. Matters Arising

(a) Bus Shelter in Car Park

A letter had been received from NFDC stating that the bus shelter would be refurbished although no time scale could be given.

(b) Speed Indicator Device

The Chairman stated that this was working successfully.

202. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

Allotment Committee (18 April)

Mrs Wyeth stated that she did not feel that Mr Malcom should be allowed to continue to store items on his allotments, which he had previously been requested to remove, in view of the fact that he also undertook maintenance work for the Parish Council. Mrs Butcher, as Chairman of the Allotment Committee, stated that Mr Malcom had been asked to remove the items and the situation was being monitored.

Mr Abbott asked whether the Committee had fully considered the implications of permanently closing the gate leading onto the open forest and subsequently to Romsey Road. Mrs Butcher stated that this was being considered for closure as allotment holders did not use it but it was used by dog walkers who allowed their dogs to foul in the allotment gardens. The Clerk stated that she was at present in communication with the Rights of Way Section at Hampshire County Council to determine what action should be taken in this respect.

Planning Committee (25 April)

203. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel. Topics had included the sub-division of fields for pony grazing, English Nature's failure to attend meetings, Panel constitute amendments regarding the National Park, a drop-in session on 2 June at Blackwater car park from 11 am to 3 pm regarding the Life III Project. The New Forest visitor survey results will be available on the Forestry Commission website at the end of May. The Panel will be touring Giddings Sawmills and Slufers on 10 May.

Mr Charlesworth and Mrs Wyeth had attended a Chamber of Trade meeting. The Chamber had been invited to a Business Community meeting on 24 May. Concern had been expressed regarding the number of signs around the village advertising events and sales. NFDC were exploring the possibility of issuing official signs. Due to new legislation all flyposting could now be removed.

204. Correspondence

Mr Porter – The Clerk had received several items of correspondence from Mr Porter concerning the fact that Hampshire Highways had decided not to go ahead with the scheme to provide a footpath at Brooklands, Goose Green.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Mr Porter to inform him that both the Parish Council and Hampshire County Council had previously looked at the site and the Parish Council now felt it appropriate to wait and see what further proposals were forthcoming from Highways. These would then be viewed and discussed further.

HCC – New Forest Locations on www.filmhampshire.org.uk. HCC Economic Development Office has retained Henry Neild Locations to compile and build a website to promote Hampshire's locations to filmmakers, photographers and even organisers. This is an opportunity to include locations in Lyndhurst. Charge to us would be £80.

Zurich Municipal – Local Council Advisory Service regarding health and safety issues. Cost to us would be £145.00 per year + VAT.

Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service – Integrated Risk Management Plan 2006/07.

CPRE Hampshire – Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2006.

NFDC – CCTV Statistics for March 2006.

NFDC – New Forest District Development Framework (LDF) and Employment Development Plan Document (DPD) Stakeholder Consultation on Issues and Options.

NFDC – Information Bulletin.

New Forest Community Safety Partnership – Survey of crime and antisocial behaviour levels over the last year.

205. Changing Parking Standards: Further Consultation

RESOLVED: That the Clerk reply to NFDC stating that the Parish Council felt that the mix was satisfactory at present.

206. Fault Log

Councillors were reminded to inform the Clerk of new faults and those that had been repaired.

207. Accounts

The Clerk submitted the accounts as detailed on Appendix A for payment.

RESOLVED: That accounts as detailed in vouchers 1181 to 1187 inclusive totalling £3,118.94 be approved and paid.

208. Memorials and Purchases

None.

209. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Agenda items brought forward from Agenda for April meeting.
Any other items brought to the Clerk's attention by 2 May 2006.
Community Plan.

210. Rumour Corner

Mrs Wyeth commented on the condition of the Recreation Ground. Mr Rollé stated that he would be preparing a questionnaire to be distributed to all interested parties concerning the Recreation Ground.

Mr Alexander asked if there was any news concerning the future of the Fenwick Hospital. Mrs Wyeth confirmed that the National Park Authority would not be taking it over. A meeting had taken place with Yvonne Le Brun and it had been stated that there would be no beds at the hospital. The possibility of a Well Being Centre was being explored.

In the absence of any other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

Chairman _____

Date _____