

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD AT APPLETREE COURT, LYNDHURST ON  
TUESDAY 11 JULY 2006 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr G W Bisson – Chairman,  
Mr M Abbott,  
Mr F Alexander,  
Professor K Barber,  
Mrs 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

In attendance: Mr Ben Craig (Advertiser and Times)

**231. Public Participation**

None.

**232. Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**233. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr P Boyes and County Councillor Kendal.

**234. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting dated 13 June 2006, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**235. Matters Arising**

None

**236. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

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

**(a) Planning Committee (27 June)**

It was noted that the Clerk had written to NF NPA drawing attention to various points concerning the way the Parish Council was being consulted regarding planning matters.

**(b) Allotment Committee (10 July)**

It was noted that Farwells had undertaken an excellent job on the track leading from opposite the Fenwick Hospital to the Allotment entrance.

All rubbish on Plot 65 had now been removed from site.

**237. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies**

Mr Abbott reported on his attendance at a meeting of New Forest Transport Forum. From 4 September it was anticipated that the bus services to Minstead and Fritham would be withdrawn and replaced with non-conventional transport. Congo transport to Sway and Fordingbridge would also be withdrawn.

In response to a question from Professor Barber, Mrs Wyeth explained that the New Forest Bus was funded jointly by HCC, NFDC and NFNPA. Over 60s could travel free, but otherwise the cost was £9 per person although there are concessions.

Mr Abbott had attended a meeting of New Forest Consultative Panel. Items discussed had included the Ashurst to Lyndhurst cycle track (work due to commence in September), the Countryside Access Plan consultation, sale at Holmesley, unauthorised felling by the Forestry Commission at Kings Hat inclosure and motorway signs diverting traffic due to delays at Lyndhurst.

Mr Charlesworth stated that the Community Centre had applied for funding from the National Park Authority for an energy study to be undertaken on their building. He also stated that HCC were looking into running a Good Neighbour scheme in the village.

**238. Community Policing**

Mrs Wyeth asked if other Councillors had seen any evidence of community policing in recent times. The Parish Council had previously received an undertaking from Inspector Moore that PC Ennew would spend the majority of his time in the village. Councillors agreed that the level of policing was not acceptable

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Superintendent in charge at Lyndhurst Police Station asking that this situation be rectified.

**239. Zebra Crossing at School**

Mrs Wyeth stated that she had met representatives from the School Crossing Patrol, HCC, NFDC and County Councillor Kendal on site to discuss ways of improving safety. The Parish Council would be kept informed when ideas had been formulated.

**240. Fenwick Hospital Update**

It was reported that the Fenwick Hospital would now reopen, possibly in September, as a resource centre for chronic conditions. There might also be some palliative care undertaken. Concern was expressed that this would be more of an office than a hospital environment.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to Dr Julian Lewis, MP expressing the Parish Council's concern that the hospital would not be reopened to serve the local community, ie as a cottage hospital.

#### 241. Correspondence

**SHUV** – Letter from South Hampshire's Unheard Voices formed to fight excessive over-development proposed in the draft South East Plan.

**Community First, New Forest** – Newsletter, Summer 2006.

**Forestry Commission** – Forest Holidays Newsletter.

**Hampshire County Council** – Letter regarding reductions in supported bus services. (Information given to Mr Newport).

**NF NPA** – Statement of Community Involvement Pre-Submission Draft – June 2006. (Information given to Mr Charlesworth)

**Hampshire Police Authority** – Notification that Annual Report 2005/06 and Local Policing Plan 2006/07 available at [www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org](http://www.hampshirepoliceauthority.org) and [www.hampshire.police.uk](http://www.hampshire.police.uk)

**NFDC** – Correspondence regarding possibility of signing on A337 to indicate direction to Catholic Church.

**RESOLVED:** To inform NFDC that the Parish Council had no objection in principle to the erection of a sign but would like to see the sign and its size before giving a formal opinion.

#### **Email from Tony Herbert, Secretary, Lyndhurst Residents Association**

– Residents Association requested an update on the following items:

- (a) Proposed pedestrian refuge at Romsey Road. Mrs Wyeth reported that this was still planned but further negotiations would take place with English Nature.
- (b) The condition of Le Canard Restaurant. Mrs Wyeth reported that there was new Empty Homes legislation making it possible to compulsorily purchase empty property if the owner refused to do anything with it. The matter was being dealt with by NFDC.
- (c) Flyposting. Mrs Wyeth said the Community Centre and Chamber of Trade would be discussing this matter

**RESOLVED:** That this item be added to the Agenda for discussion at the September Parish Council meeting.

- (d) The Parish Council's view on McNamara's Emporium. It was felt that the shop owner continued to operate in line with a previous agreement between himself, the Parish Council and HCC regarding the display outside his premises.

#### 242. Bypass Update

Mr Charlesworth reported that further letters had been received from Parish Councils supporting the Parish Council's proposed route. The Parish Council agreed that the inner route proposals that had recently appeared in the Lymington Times were unacceptable.

**RESOLVED:** That as no letter of acknowledgement had been received to the correspondence sent to Mr K Thornber and copied to Dr Julian Lewis, MP the Clerk would write asking for confirmation that the letter had been received.

#### **243. Public Seating**

A letter had been received from Mrs Polly Hudson asking for permission to erect a commemorative seat to her parents Mr and Mrs Harding. Present Council policy was not to allow further seats due to the cost of upkeep and the large number of seats already in existence. It was suggested that a possible way forward would be to make a charge for seating with the money being ring-fenced to provide a maintenance fund.

**RESOLVED:** To defer this matter until the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.

#### **244. Recreation Ground Questionnaire**

The Vice Chairman reported that 300 copies of the questionnaire had been printed. 180 had been distributed and 128 had already been returned or were ready for collection. A report would be ready for the next meeting.

#### **245. Website**

The Clerk reported that the website had now received a large number of hits. This was thought to be due to the interest from the bypass campaign.

NFDC had requested contact details for Parish Councillors to be placed on their website.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- (a) That, with the exception of Mr Gailor, contact details for Councillors be placed on both the NFDC and Parish Council website.
- (b) That the Bypass Powerpoint presentation and Recreation Ground questionnaire be placed on the website.
- (c) All Committee minutes be placed on the website.

#### **246. Fault Log**

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

#### **247. Accounts**

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

**RESOLVED:** That accounts as detailed in vouchers 1192 to 1198 totalling £2,363.68 be approved and paid.

#### **248. Memorials and Purchases**

None.

#### **249. County Councillor's Report**

None.

## 250. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Agenda items brought forward from Agenda for July meeting.  
Any other items brought to the Clerk's attention by 4 September 2006.  
Flyposting.  
Speed Indicator Device.  
Remembrance Day Parade.

## 251. Rumour Corner

The Chairman reported that Romsey Road was now closed for maintenance work.

Various rumours were circulating about the level of Police presence to control traffic visiting the New Forest Show.

Arrangements in the coach park were again being actively considered.

The Vice Chairman reported that during a conversation with the new vicar he had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council.

Congratulations were given to the Vice Chairman on receiving an MA.

Mr Charlesworth reported that residents in Shrubbs Hill were experiencing trouble with rat infestation. The problem was thought to be widespread throughout the village.

English Nature were to be disbanded/taken over by DEFRA.

It was noted that deliveries to Julian Graves were made at the front of the premises and lorries were parking on the pavement. The Clerk agreed to write asking that this situation be remedied.

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

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX A  
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 11.07.06**

**The following accounts for payment were approved:are presented for approval:**

<b>Mrs M Weston</b>		
Clerk's Salary and Expenses		£904.26
<b>J Malcom &amp; Son</b>		
Cemetery maintenance		£168.00
<b>New Forest District Council</b>		
Dog Waste Collection		£284.78
<b>Lyndhurst and District Community Association</b>		
Room (Planning Committee)	£18.00	
Printing Questionnaire	£60.00	
Total		£78.00
<b>TLC-Online</b>		
Website Maintenance		£45.00
<b>Lyndhurst Landscaping and Maintenance</b>		
Cemetery Grasscutting		£789.60
<b>Southern Water</b>		
Water Account – Allotments		£94.04
<b>Total for the period 9.05.06 to 13.06.06 = £2,363.68</b>		
<b>Voucher Numbers 1192 to 1198</b>		

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_