

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2013 AT 7.15 PM**

Present: Mrs H Klaassen (Vice Chairman) who chaired the meetin, Mr T Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mr P Boyes, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth until Agenda Item 9, Mr L Cornell, Mr K Kaljura, Mr M Rollé (Chairman) from Agenda Item 7, Mrs A Trend, the Revd Dr C Wilkins and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: Press representative  
4 members of the public  
County Councillor K Mans

Following attendance at the May meeting to outline air quality monitoring results NFDC had requested that they return to this meeting to give clarification and additional information. Accordingly Rachel Higgins and Carole Gallagher gave a presentation explaining that there was one real time analyser from which data was collected on a daily basis and rigorous checks take place to ensure equipment is running correctly. Diffusion tubes are also checked. Nitrogen dioxide is the pollutant concern in Lyndhurst and the objective is based on relevant human exposure which relates to the objective period and locations. It is recognised that the annual mean objective for a number of locations in the High Street and Shrubbs Hill Road is being exceeded. There is also a daily air quality index based on shorter periods. There is a duty to produce an air quality plan and take appropriate action and work has been undertaken including extensive traffic assessment by HCC. NFDC feel there have been improvements. A Supreme Court ruling has determined that the UK is in breach of EU and UK air quality law.

Rachel Higgins stated that she would be willing to assist anyone who needed more information and further reference was made to the information that could be obtained from NFDC's website.

**23. Public Participation**

A member of the public, Mrs Palassio, thanked the Parish Council for the work undertaken to make the Picnic in the Park event on 8 June such a success.

**24. Disclosures of Interest**

None.

**25. Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Mr Rollé for the first part of the meeting.

**26. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 14 May 2013, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

**27. Matters Arising**

It was reported that the scheduled Hidden Britain meeting had been cancelled but a meeting of the Chamber of Trade would be held on 12 June.

## **28. Community Speedwatch and Traffic Problems**

The Community Speedwatch Team have been out once and they felt that they had been instrumental in making motorists slow down. Mr Boyes said he felt that sleeping policemen and traffic lights would be useful but narrowing of roads would be dangerous to cyclists.

Mr Abbott had received a letter in reply to the one that had been published in the Lymington Times.

## **29. Air Quality**

Mr Boyes stated that he had undertaken a great deal of research on this subject and wished to make a statement. Mrs Wyeth stated that the two officers who had attended this meeting understood the information that had been given and had gone to Kings College for information, as well as all the information that had come from the MEP and portfolio holder Edward Heron and was satisfied with the actions that had been taken.

Mr Boyes said he had contacted the MEP, MP, Lyndhurst Surgery, Southampton University, NFDC and one local resident to gain information on the subject. He felt that the presentation of annual levels hid the facts and could be misleading as daily peak levels may be during times when parents and children are exposed for periods of over an hour. He was also concerned about the coach park where engines were sometimes left running and coaches were parked the opposite way round to the instructions. Graphs should be produced which can be more easily understood. The use of electric vehicles just passes pollution on somewhere else because electricity has to come from somewhere. A local expert was prepared to give advice on the subject.

Mr Boyes said he could only see two resolutions to the problem, stop the traffic or have a bypass. Such schemes were unlikely to be progressed due to feasibility or funding issues. This is unacceptable as the survey conducted for the Parish Council showed that over 90% of the population of Lyndhurst want a bypass.

Mr Boyes offered to gain permission from the authors and make copies of any of the information he had collected should anyone be interested.

Mrs Wyeth said she felt that although health was a concern it was important not to frighten anyone. The traders in the village are very concerned at the message being sent out by the Parish Council. With regard to a bypass the only route on offer would be Route 6 and residents do not want this.

Mr Cornell stated that he felt it was wrong that Mr Boyes had not made his report while the officers from NFDC were still present.

Mr Charlesworth said he felt the official bodies should all join together to solve the problem.

The Revd Dr Wilkins said she felt it was significant that the annual objective with regard to pollutant levels that might cause asthma and cancer were being exceeded and also felt that as there were more residents than traders this should be taken into consideration when deciding on what action the Parish Council should take.

Mrs Klaassen said she felt that there was a need to gather more information. However, Mrs Wyeth stated that we do have the information but the problem is what do we do about it.

**RESOLVED:** To await a request that this topic is once more required as an Agenda item when the Clerk would add it to the Agenda for the next available meeting.

**30. Correspondence**

Copies of correspondence received by the Clerk since the date of the last meeting had been emailed to all Councillors.

It was noted that a new Jubilee tree had been supplied by HCC and Mr Boyes would shortly be planting it in Great Mead.

Mr Charlesworth reported that following correspondence he had written on the subject the subject of the closure of the NatWest Bank was being investigated.

**31. Minutes of Committee Meetings**

The Minutes of a Committee Meeting held since the date of the last meeting were confirmed as follows:

Planning Committee – 28 May 2013

**32. County Councillor's Report**

Councillor Mans stated that provided that the local consensus of opinion is high he would support a call for a bypass. He pointed out that this is low level air quality in the local area. He felt that the left hand filter system is very useful.

The broadband contract has now been signed with BT and people will be able to see the order of installation on their website from next month.

Mr Mans was congratulated on being re-elected as County Councillor.

**33. District Councillor's Report**

Mrs Wyeth reported that the food hygiene rating scheme has been launched and can be viewed at [www.food.gov.uk/ratings](http://www.food.gov.uk/ratings). All outlets selling food have ratings and there are six different grades. Under discussion regarding planning had been flyposting and the use of A boards. HCC will not take action unless asked to do so by the Parish Council, in which case all A boards will be removed. Enforcement action is being launched with regard to Indulgence because they started to trade before the new ruling was announced. With regard to the application at 39-41 High Street this shows a good deal of plate glass both at the front and rear of the property. La Canard is now up for sale.

**34. Accounts**

- (a) The Clerk submitted accounts which had become due for payment since the date of the last meeting, as detailed in Appendix A and these were approved.
- (b) The Clerk submitted a Statement of the Parish Council's income and expenditure for the financial year April 2012 to March 2013 and this was approved.

**35. The Australian Connection – Arthur Phillip**

It was reported that a meeting with Hilary Marshall would take place at the New Forest Centre the following week.

**36. Picnic in the Park 2013**

Mrs Klaassen reported that the event had been very successful with over £1,500 raised. Thanks were given to all those who had assisted and also to people who had attended.

**37. Parish Lengthsman Scheme**

The Clerk reported that she had recently attended a Parish Lengthsman Scheme meeting consisting of Clerks and Councillors from various Parish and Town Councils in the New Forest. Richard Bastow from HCC Highways had explained the meaning of the lengthsman scheme that had already been introduced and was running successfully in some areas whereby HCC gave £1000 per annum to local councils to be spent (and accounted for) in connection with small, routine highway maintenance items.

**RESOLVED:** That this item be given further consideration at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

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

Mr Cornell distributed copies of the new Transport Leaflet, which had been amended. He stated that, due to grants being obtained, there would be no charge to the Parish Council for the leaflet, which had been designed and printed by TLC-Online. There were still sufficient funds for one or two more reprints of this leaflet.

**21. Dates of Future Committee Meetings**

Dates were set for Committee meetings as follows:

Recreation Committee	14 June	Coles Mead Recreation Ground	7.15 pm
Allotment Committee	21 June	Allotment Gardens	7.15 pm
Amenities Committee	26 June	Lyndhurst Community Centre	7.15 pm
Planning Committee	25 June	Lyndhurst Community Centre	7.15 pm

**22. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting**

Items brought forward from the May Agenda and meeting.  
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 1 July 2013.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX A****Accounts paid between meetings:**

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Mr P Boyes</b>			
Cemetery Padlocks	24.00		24.00
<b>Wellington Signs</b>			
Picnic in the Park banners (x2)	205.00	41.00	246.00
<b>Mr A Wiltshire</b>			
Allotment fencing materials	21.91		21.91
<b>Beckley Joinery</b>			
Fixing commemorative plaques/dog notices	69.00		69.00
<b>TLC-Online</b>			
Picnic in the Park programmes	275.00		
Website design	175.00		
Total			450.00
<b>Southampton Calor Gas Centre</b>			
Cemetery calor gas	138.10	6.91	145.01
<b>Lyndhurst &amp; District Community Assoc</b>			
Picnic in the Park posters	30.00		
Advertising for Picnic in the Park	30.00		
Allotment advertising	15.00		
Parish Council meeting	21.50		
Picnic in the Park meeting	21.50		
Total			118.00
<b>SBC Solutions</b>			
Broadband	61.00	12.20	73.20
<b>Beckley Joinery</b>			
Repair to seat at Boltons Bench	37.00		
Repair to bench in Recreation Ground	65.45		
Total			102.45
<b>South Wilts Falconry</b>			
PITP	6.75		6.75
<b>Wellington Signs</b>			
Picnic in the Park banner	80.00	16.00	96.00
<b>Accounts due for Payment:</b>			
<b>Mrs M Weston</b>			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	1807.35		1807.35
<b>Lyndhurst &amp; District Community Assoc</b>			
Planning Committee meeting	21.50		
Lengthsman's meeting	25.00		
Total			46.50
<b>Mr K Bennett</b>			
Recreation Ground maintenance	370.00		
Allotment clearance and maintenance	1028.50		
Cemetery maintenance	896.00		
Total			2294.50
<b>Hampshire Probation Trust</b>			
Cemetery maintenance	75.00		75.00

<b>RTS Fencing</b>			
Allotment fencing	1740.00		1740.00
<b>New Milton Advertiser</b>			
PITP advertising	145.00	29.00	174.00
<b>Alan Vandome</b>			
PITP entertainment	195.00		195.00
<b>Lyndhurst &amp; District Community Assoc</b>			
PITP printing and laminating	142.80		142.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>7722.36</b>	<b>105.11</b>	<b>7827.47</b>