

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR THE PARISH OF LYNDHURST HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY, 25 MAY 2021 AT 7.00 PM**

**Present:** Councillors C Willsher (Chair), S Se-Upara (Vice Chair), G Bisson, T Dunning, B Preddy, C Read, G Reeve, J Smith and A Wiltshire  
Mrs M Weston, Clerk to the Parish Council  
One member of the public

**(1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs F Green and Mr J Green prior to the meeting. Mrs Green had an unavoidable prior appointment connected to a family bereavement and Mr Green had already committed to another meeting prior to becoming a Councillor.

**(2) MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 19 March 2019 were approved, subject amendments pointed out by Councillor Bisson.

**(3) MATTERS ARISING**

None.

**(4) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

**Facts and Figures** Hampshire's population is **1,376,300** (2018) the third most populous county in England (85% is rural and 15% urban). Hampshire CC maintains **5400** miles of roads, 4300 miles pavements, 133,000 streetlights, **481** schools, **45** libraries, **3 Discovery Centres and 1 e-library, 16 care homes with 960 beds for older people, 9 residential homes for children and young people, 24 Household Waste Centres and 5 Country Parks.** Every year 94% of all household waste is diverted from landfill (40% recycled) is burnt for energy and powers 50,000 homes.

**Public Health -Coronavirus (Covid-19)** Hampshire County Council continues to play a significant role supporting vulnerable residents and providing local guidance and information. To date over **32 million people** in the UK have received their first dose of vaccine.

**HCC approves £2.1 billion spending on local services in 2021/22**

Plans for the next financial year focus on the county's ongoing work associated with the **pandemic, support for vulnerable children and adults, investment in Hampshire's roads and infrastructure to support economic recovery, as well as climate change mitigation.**

The budget includes **£13 million** for the maintenance of 5,500 miles of roads and an extra £1.2 million in carbon reduction measures across the County Council. **HCC's four-year capital programme of £744 million is one of the largest in the country.**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/News/25022021HCCbudgetdecisionFeb2021>

The proposed capital programme includes: • **£68 million** in new and extended school buildings to ensure there is a school place for every child in Hampshire • **£118 million** for structural maintenance and improvement of roads and bridges in Hampshire over the next three years • **£91 million** for integrated transport schemes including over **£18 million** specifically focused on walking and cycling improvements • **£141 million** for major improvement of school and other County Council buildings and land holdings over

the next three years • **£33** million for decarbonisation schemes covering solar PV, single to double glazing window replacements, transition from oil to gas and the implementation of heating controls.

**Climate Change** Hampshire County Council has been taking active steps to ensure Hampshire is resilient to climate change and in mitigating further changes through carbon reduction measures. HCC's own emissions have reduced by more than 43%, with more than a 50% reduction by 2025 and carbon neutrality by 2050.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/environment/climatechange>

## **(5) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Council Tax in the New Forest District has gone up by 4.77% this year.

The Lyndhurst Park Hotel as everyone is aware is moving forward in the planning process. A date for review by the NFPA has yet to be agreed.

Road issues remain a concern for residents especially speed limits and crossings for school buses. It is hoped that a plan can be put in place this year and costings determined ready to move towards Grant funding.

Complaints were received from many residents regarding the Christmas Light display and the string lights. The Lyndhurst Lights and Decorations Committee are working on a plan for fundraising and installing string lights this year. A meeting is being held 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to review plans and determine the way forward.

The Lyndhurst Youth Club is progressing with Policies and Constitution being written and training planned and costed. It is hopeful that the club will open in September 2021 and will be managed and supported by the Community Centre.

Brightening up Lyndhurst High Street is to be worked on.

A number of people have been supported during the last year with rehousing, safeguarding support and other general requests for help. Businesses have been supported to enable them to receive Covid Grants including the Community Centre.

SLOW signs have been added to Gosport Lane and Shrubbs Hill Road. A number of pot holes have been filled after reporting, new dragons teeth installed in the car park, the bus shelter in the car park moved (needs painting), Post Office windows covered up after complaints received.

I will continue to support the residents and businesses of Lyndhurst as best I can over the coming year.

## **(6) ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chairman reported that he would not be submitting a formal report this year as all the information was now contained in the Parish Council Annual Report which would be available on line. He thanked Portfolio holders and officers for submitting their reports and for the work that had been achieved during the since last March when the first lockdown had taken place. He stated that it had been a difficult year but that the Parish Council had still managed to achieve a significant amount of work. It was hoped that it would be possible to celebrate the volunteering spirit that had prevailed throughout the pandemic with an awards evening later in the year.

**RESOLVED:** That the LPC Annual Report be accepted subject to several small errors pointed out by Councillor Bisson which the Clerk would correct prior to insertion on the LPC website.

**(7) RESOLUTIONS**

The Clerk reported that she had not received any resolutions prior to the meeting.

**(8) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_