

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2009 AT 7.15 PM

Present: Mr G Bisson (Chairman), Mr M Rollé (Vice Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr F Alexander, Mr M Böckle, Mr P Boyes, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr I Clark, Miss H Palmer, Mrs A Trend and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M H Weston

In attendance: 3 members of the public
PC A White
PCSO L Quinn
Mr B Craig, Lymington Times

181. Public Participation

Mr Webb, a resident of Rufus Court, drew the Parish Council's attention to the speed of traffic in Gosport Lane. Mrs Wyeth replied that various steps had been taken to try to alleviate the problem. There is temporary 30 mph signage in place and the Police do undertake radar checks regularly. The Parish Council had taken part in a scheme to try to reduce speeds with the use of temporary speed indicator devices.

PC Andy White gave a report on Policing activities and crime levels. There had been a small increase in the incidence of crime in March. There had been vandalism at the Cemetery. It was reported that there was a high level of elderly people and PCSO Lisa Quinn will be available to call on victims of crime to give reassurance and advice. There had been a small increase in criminal damage and one instance had occurred at Fenwick2.

182. Disclosures of Interest

Mr Bisson, Mrs Wyeth, Mrs Butcher, Mr Charlesworth and Mr Abbott all declared prejudicial, personal interests in Agenda Item No 12 (minute 192).

183. Apologies for Absence

None (all present).

184. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting dated 10 March 2009, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

185. Matters Arising

None.

186. Correspondence

HALC – Notification of competition for best local council website and best local council newsletter.

Lyndhurst Area Plan – Letter of thanks from the Treasurer, Mr Paul Boyes, regarding the Parish Council's grant of £250.

Community Action Hampshire – Newsletter.

Community First New Forest – Newsletter.

NFDC – Notification re temporary closure of Chapel Lane from Friday 1 May for a period of ten days between 9.30 am and 4.00 pm whilst highway work takes place.

Came and Company – Parish Council Insurance Policy.

Lyndhurst and District Community Association - Notification of briefing meeting at the Community Centre on 20 April at 7.30 pm. Details of how users would be affected by the building work scheduled to begin on 18 May.

New Forest Disability Information Service – Letter of thanks regarding the Parish Council's grant of £250.

NFNPA – Correspondence concerning meeting following public consultation for parish and town councils. Lyndhurst Parish Council would be represented at the meeting on 30 April by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Councillor John Charlesworth – Copy of reply from Mr Charlesworth to the NF NPA regarding follow-up to the Traffic and Transport Working Group meeting stating that he felt the only genuine solution was to set up a road network that is designed to move through-traffic past villages rather than through them.

187. Minutes of Committee Meetings

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

Planning Committee – 24 March

188. Annual Parish Meeting

Disappointment was expressed at the level of attendance at this year's Annual Parish Meeting.

The Chairman thanked all Committee Chairman for their reports.

189. 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 details of Parish Council accounts that had been paid since the date of the last meeting before 31 March 2009.
- (c) The Clerk submitted details of Parish Council spending for the period 1 April 2009 to 14 April 2009.

190. Circular Parish Walk

Mr Böckle thanked everyone who had been involved. He reported that he had met four groups undertaking the walk and the only problem seemed to be at the right hand turn on the track beyond the Cemetery and it was hoped this could be rectified in due course. He had collected the mapboard that evening and the Chairman confirmed that NFDC would be erecting it in the car park during the next few days. Mr Böckle asked if the reception prior to the walk launch could be funded by the Parish Council. Voting took place and the following resolution was passed (eleven in favour, one against (Mr Böckle voting against the resolution)).

RESOLVED: That an amount of £50 be made available for tea, coffee and biscuits.

191. Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies

Mr Charlesworth reported that renovation work would commence at the Community Centre on 18 May.

Mr Charlesworth had attended the NF NPA Traffic and Transport Working Group meeting (reported earlier in these minutes).

Mr Alexander reported on the meeting that had taken place of the Lyndhurst Traffic Management Scrutiny Review Group. The possibility of traffic lights near the school was still under consideration and a Puffin crossing was to be installed outside the school. The results did not seem very positive and there might not be any more meetings.

192. Section 137

The following proposals were put forward for allocation of the Section 137 budget for 2009/10:

Chairman's proposal: £3,000 to the Scouts; £1,000 to be kept for unspecified requests; £1,000 to the Lights Committee; leaving a balance of £3,000. The Chairman stated he felt the Community Centre would be a worthwhile recipient but was unable to comment further or to vote on any aware to the Centre.

Mrs Wyeth's proposal: £3,500 to the Scouts; £1,000 to the Lights Committee; £3,500 to the Community Centre.

Vice Chairman's proposal: To hold consideration of the Section 137 budget in abeyance until the June meeting to enable Councillors to give the matter full consideration.

Mr Boyes' proposal: £5,000 to the Community Centre; £1,000 to the Lights Committee; £2,000 to the Scouts.

Mrs Wyeth's amended proposal: £3.500 to the Scouts; £3.500 to the Community Centre; £1,000 to be kept for unspecified requests.

The Vice Chairman's proposal was given consideration first.

RESOLVED: That by a majority of eight votes to four, consideration of the Section 137 budget be held in abeyance until the June meeting.

193. Dates for Future Committee Meetings

Cemetery Committee – 20 April – Chapel – 6.30 pm
Planning Committee – 28 April – Community Centre – 7.15 pm
Amenities Committee – 5 May – Community Centre – 7.15 pm

194. Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting

Items brought forward from the Agenda for the March meeting.
Any other items brought to the Clerk's attention by 2 May 2009.

195. Rumour Corner

None.

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

_____ Chairman

_____ Date

APPENDIX A

The following accounts had been paid between meetings:

	Charge	VAT	Total
Mr P Boyes			
Cemetery materials	239.88	35.98	
Cemetery equipment	35.00		
Total	274.88		310.86
Lyndhurst and District Community Association			
Room hire - planning	19.50		
Room hire - Parish Council	19.50		
Total	39.00		39.00
Mr A Todd			
Cemetery maintenance	180.00		
Cemetery rhododendron pruning and reshaping, etc	1380.00		
Total	1560.00		1560.00
Broker Network Limited			
Insurance			2826.25
Total Amount paid			4736.11

Chairman _____

Date _____

The following accounts have become due for payment since the date of the last meeting:

	Charge	VAT	Total
Mrs M Weston			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses			1412.63
Lyndhurst and District Community Association			
Printing/Laminating re Circular Walk (Amenities)	75.30		75.30
A Todd			
Remedial work at Recreation Ground	150.00		150.00
Harry Stebbing Workshop			
Notice Board for Cemetery	1861.39		1861.39
Timberline			
Buccaneer ship - Recreation play equipment	1454.04	256.59	1710.63
TLC-Online			
Website Maintenance (March, April & May 2009)			100.00
Zurich Insurance Company			
Insurance cover for new play equipment 04.08.08 - 24.03.09			228.61
Forestry Commission			
Rent - Coles Mead Recreation Ground			300.00
Wellington Signs & Designs Limited			
Signage for Recreation Ground	43.00	6.45	49.45
Bibby Factors Bristol Limited			
Stationery	97.15	14.57	111.72
Total amount due			5999.73

Chairman _____

Date _____