

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD IN LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 7.15 PM**

**Present:** Mr G Bisson, Mr P Boyes, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell, Mr K Kaljura, Mrs H Klaassen, Mrs A Trend and Mrs P Wyeth.

**In Attendance:** Mrs M Weston (Clerk to the Council)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Mr M Rollé and the Revd Dr Caroline Wilkins.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Wyeth declared a personal interest in Agenda Item/Minute 9 in that her brother owned and resided in a property abutting Great Mead and a friend, Councillor Abbott, also owned and resided in a property abutting Great Mead.

Mr Bisson declared a personal interest in Agenda Item/Minute 9 in that he owned and resided in property abutting Great Mead.

Mr Kaljura declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item/Minute 9 in that he owned and resided in a property abutting Great Mead.

Discussion took place regarding the necessity, or otherwise, to declare prejudicial interests.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk write to the Monitoring Officer at NFDC, asking for clarification on this matter.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 20 June 2011 were approved with the following two amendments:

That 2011 be substituted for 2010 in the heading.

That Silver Street be substituted for Silver Lane (Minute 5).

**4. Matters Arising**

The Vice Chairman reported that he had examined the Village Walk noticeboard and whilst there were some marks on the Perspex he did not feel that further action was necessary.

It was noted that another request had been received from a resident of Silver Street to move the noticeboard closer to the telephone kiosk.

**RESOLVED:** That the noticeboard stay in its present position where it was felt to be more accessible to the public.

## **5. Bulbs**

Discussion took place as to suitable bulbs to be purchased and the most appropriate situations for them to be planted.

**RESOLVED:** That daffodils and narcissi be planted at Goose Green (inside the ditch and round the tree), Haskells Close entrance and beside the lime trees on Southampton Road near the Fire Station. The Chairman and Vice Chairman would brief whoever is appointed to do the work on exact locations.

## **6. Shelters**

The Vice Chairman reported that he now has two large maps on which he will be placing the whereabouts of the shelters, bulbs, street furniture, etc.

It was agreed that it was necessary to work with the school governors regarding the possibility of providing a shelter at the school although Mr Bisson pointed out that it was not the school children from Lyndhurst school who would particularly benefit from use of the shelter. The impact of any shelter on the Victorian building would need careful consideration.

**RESOLVED:** That a meeting be held with representatives from the school regarding design and position of the shelter and the possibility of bollards or no waiting restrictions to prevent parking on the pavement.

Discussion took place regarding replacement of an existing bus shelter in Southampton Road. The Clerk had obtained prices from Queensbury. It would be necessary to remove the existing seat and the new bus shelter was likely to have a seat incorporated into the design.

**RESOLVED:** To purchase a new shelter and to place it so that the side nearest the road was open so that there was a clear view of oncoming buses. The area around the shelter would need to be cleared and the old shelter would have to be removed prior to work taking place.

## **7. Seats**

Discussions had been temporarily held in abeyance regarding possible new seats within the parish boundary.

The Vice Chairman stated that the rolling programme of seat maintenance would be carried through as previously.

## **8. Path from Silver Street to Blackwater**

It was hoped that this matter could be drawn to a conclusion following the next Verderers' Court meeting.

## **9. Great Mead**

Following earlier remedial work to make safe a willow in Great Mead a quotation had been received from Martin Witney in the sum of £640 for further work that was considered necessary. It was noted that the willow trees were not subject to the Tree Preservation Order.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the quotation.

The Clerk explained that the senior arboriculturist at NFNPA had indicated that as Great Mead was now in the ownership of the Parish Council the TPO could be removed.

**RESOLVED:** That the TPO remain in place.

The subject of whether dog excrement was a problem at Great Mead was discussed and a suggestion was made that the situation be monitored.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk find the previous minute when this subject, and its possible resolution, was discussed and bring it before the next Amenities Committee meeting.

It was agreed that the area now looked very attractive.

#### **10. Parish Council Logo and Welcome Sign**

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk had held a meeting with representatives from the Design Team at Hampshire County Council with a view to designing new village signage which could incorporate a new Parish Council logo. As a result two possible signs were shown to the Committee for comment. It was noted that at least six, possibly eight, signs would be needed, particularly if the signs in Southampton Road were to be moved to the perimeter of the village.

**RESOLVED:** That the Design Team be asked to produce another sign mainly using the artwork from one sign but with several amendments and that the Chairman pursue the opportunity to obtain Leader Funding for the scheme.

#### **11. Village Walk Leaflet**

The Clerk reported that an estimate had been obtained for a further run of 20,000 copies but there would have to be a small amendment which might increase the cost.

#### **12. Any Other Business**

The Chairman stated that he would send out details for comment of requirements for the Finance and General Purposes meeting in November and would not be holding a further meeting to discuss this matter unless requested by Committee members to do so.

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_