

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT LYNDHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2011 AT 7.15 PM**

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mr M Abbott, Mr G Bisson, Mr P Boyes, Mrs A Butcher, Mr J Charlesworth, Mr L Cornell, Mr K Kaljura, Mrs H Klaassen, Mrs A Trend, the Revd Dr C Wilkins and Mrs P Wyeth.

Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

In attendance: 34 members of the public, Mr C Marsh, Press representative.

### **122 Public Participation**

Pastor C Tibbles and Mr D Platt, on behalf of Lyndhurst Baptist Church, asked for Parish Council support for their plans, at present in the early formative stages, to build a new Church in the grounds of Queens House. It was explained by the Chairman that until plans were drawn up showing the exact proposals it would not be possible for the Parish Council to make a comment.

### **123 Disclosures of Interest**

None.

### **124 Apologies for Absence**

None – all present.

### **125 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 8 November 2011, having been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

Mrs Butcher reported that all the Christmas trees had been excellently decorated this year for the Christmas Tree Festival at St Michael and All Angels Church. The Parish Council tree and Lyndhurst Community Association tree were now on display in the foyer at the Community Centre.

### **126 Matters Arising**

It was noted that following a meeting at NFDC no parking charges would be introduced at the car park by Eling Cemetery or at two other car parks in the district where objections had been lodged and charges were not considered to be appropriate.

### **127 Correspondence**

**NFDC** – Application for Temporary Events Licence for The Oak Inn, Bank on 23 December for the sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment 1500 – 2200 hrs (150 people) Winter Wonderland Party.

**Pat and Gerald Mabbutt** – Letter voicing concern regarding proposed work by Natural England at Parkhill Lawn, Beaulieu Road and asking for Parish Council's support to ascertain the effects of the work. Mr Abbott stated that the proposals had not yet reached a point where it would be appropriate for the Parish Council to become involved.

**NALC** – Briefing on The Localism Act.

**Lucy Yates, Department of Communities and Local Government** – Response to the Clerk's letter voicing concern regarding affordable housing development.

**Sally Arnold, Chairman of Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council** – Email asking if Lyndhurst Parish Council would like to share a "pack" containing 100 trees and shrubs (possibly between four parishes) which are donated from the Woodland Trust. The Woodland Trust have indicated that this would be acceptable.

**RESOLVED:** To decline the offer as no suitable sites could be identified for the trees some of which would grow to be very tall.

**Richard Bastow, Hampshire Highways** – Email indicating that the grit bins on forest land should be back in place by mid December 2011.

**NFDC** – Two emails indicating that there will be temporary road closures as follows: Queens Parade, 6 February 2012 between 0800 and 1800 hrs for five days and Queens Road (part), 13 February 2012 between 0800 and 1800 hrs for three days.

**NFDC** – Licensing Act 2003 – Minor Variation Premises Licence at The White Rabbit, Romsey Road to 0700 – 2400 hrs Monday to Sunday (currently 10.00 – 2400) indoors only with internal structural alterations to install a coffee station area and add a hotel reception area on the ground floor.

**Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust** – Acknowledgement of the Clerk's recent letter voicing concern at the possible closure of Woodhaven Hospital.

## **128 Minutes of Committee Meetings**

(a) *Finance and General Purposes Committee – 15 November 2011*

**RESOLVED:** To adopt the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee dated 15 November 2011 and to request a Precept for the financial year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 of £62,281, thus indicating that there would be no increase in the parish rate for the second year running.

(b) *Planning Committee – 22 November 2011*

It was noted that the application relating to South View, Gosport Lane would be discussed by the NFNPA Planning Committee on Tuesday 20 December.

## **129 County Councillor's Report**

Councillor Mans reported that the grit bins that had been removed from open forest verges should now be back in position, an agreement having been made with the Verderers/Forestry Commission. The Clerk agreed to ensure notices were placed in grit bins reminding users that grit should only be placed on highways and not private paths and driveways. The yearly budget process is now taking place and there has been a 1,140 reduction in staff over the previous year. There will be fewer, but more modern, buildings plus a sharing of resources with other councils and organisations. As a result of the Localism Bill the County Council will act in more of an advisory capacity when dealing with different organisations, working more in partnership. Results of the library consultation should be available in January and Councillor Mans felt there would be a need to use more volunteers. With regard to the Localism Bill there would be support for Local Design Statements. Mr Charlesworth stated that the budget to communities was being reduced by 8%, representing a £45M saving. With regard to Woodhaven Hospital, Councillor Mans stated that the local foundation trust was now listening and a decision may be delayed until the new year.

## **130 District Councillor's Report**

Councillor Wyeth reported that the National Park Design Statement will soon be adopted, with only three Parish Councils having made comments. With regard to affordable housing there was Core Strategy compliance. The planning application for South View would be heard next Tuesday. Results of the speed of traffic survey at Southampton Road were now available which showed that the average readings were 36 mph in the outward direction with less reported coming into the village. The District Council precept would be held for the next financial year. Councillor Wyeth's Community Grant would be increased to £600 for the next financial year.

## **131 Traffic Problems in Lyndhurst**

It was noted that the meeting between Parish Councillors, the Clerk and officers from Hampshire County Council would be held on 17 January 2012.

### **132 Remembrance Sunday**

The Chairman reported that the Service and Parade had been successful, well attended and it was hoped to build on the present arrangements in 2012.

### **133 Accounts**

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.

The Clerk submitted records showing spending for the period 1 April 2011 to 13 December 2011.

The Clerk reported that three authorised signatories had signed letters in accordance with resolutions passed at the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting as follows:

- (a) Transference of Parish Council funds to a higher interest account.
- (b) Authority for the Clerk to have internet access to view the Parish Council bank account but not to make payments from it.

### **134 Reports from Representatives of Outside Bodies**

Mr Cornell had attended a meeting of the New Forest Transport Passenger Forum. Subsidies had been discussed and it was noted that the bus route through Lyndhurst would now be reduced to one bus per hour. In addition there was a problem with overcrowding as a consequence of the reduction in the service and continuance of use of small capacity buses. The bus company had introduced double deck buses in peak times to compensate. Also discussed had been the Transport Self Help Kit which can be downloaded.

**RESOLVED:** That information would be collated for the Parish Council website.

Mr Charlesworth reported that the looping hearing system for the Community Centre would shortly be in place as would the first stage of the £36,000 dance floor.

It was noted that all the Christmas street decorations were now in place and that the Fun Day had taken place.

**RESOLVED:** To send letters of appreciation of the Village Decorations Committee and Chamber of Trade respectively for all their hard work.

It was noted that the planning application for South View would be decided by the NFNPA planning committee. It was understood that a further application for Wymering House would shortly be coming forward.

The Chairman reported that he, Mr Bisson and the Clerk had attended several meetings concerning the Olympic Torch relay route but information remained confidential at this time.

### **135 Dates of Future Committee Meetings**

Planning Committee – 20 December 2011 at 7.15 pm

### **136 Items for Discussion at the Next Meeting**

Items brought forward from the December Agenda and meeting.  
Any items brought to the attention of the Clerk by 3 January 2012.

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 were authorised for payment:

	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Charge</b>
<b>Mrs M Weston</b>			
Clerk's Salary and Expenses	2038.08		2038.08
<b>TLC-Online</b>			
Website maintenance	100.00		100.00
<b>Lyndhurst and District Community Association</b>			
Room hire - PC meeting	20.50		
Room hire - Planning Cte meeting	20.50		
Total			41.00
<b>Everton Nurseries Ltd</b>			
Memorial tree for Cemetery	45.31	9.06	54.37
<b>RTS Fencing</b>			
Repair damaged timber - Recreation Ground	80.00	16.00	96.00
<b>Beckley Joinery Limited</b>			
Maintenance - Gateway signs	300.00		300.00
<b>J Malcom &amp; Son</b>			
Allotment grass mowing	130.00		130.00
<b>K Bennett</b>			
Cemetery maintenance	150.00		
Recreation Ground - laying new bark	330.00		
Total			480.00
<b>R Sturt</b>			
Cemetery maintenance	150.00		
Recreation Ground - laying new bark	170.00		
Total			320.00
<b>Ideal Fire and Security Limited</b>			
Extra Camera at Recreation Ground	303.95	60.79	364.74
<b>New Forest District Council</b>			
Election Expenses	123.25		123.25
<b>New Forest District Council</b>			
Servicing of Dog Bins	257.12	51.42	308.54
<b>Total amount due</b>	<b>4218.71</b>	<b>137.27</b>	<b>4355.98</b>

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_