

## Minutes

The ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY & LPC Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Present: Cllr's D Barr (Chair), B Parker-Smith, K Lynch, S Edworthy, S Bennett**

**Attendees: S Holden (Clerk), T Hampshire (RFO), PCSO, Cllr Y Parker-Smith, Public.**

**1/ a) Elect Chair, Vice Chair and Sub-Committee Chair.**

Cllr Edworthy nominated Cllr D Barr to remain Chairman, with Cllr B Parker-Smith as Vice Chair and Cllr K Lynch as Chair of Employment committee. Show of hands, agreed unanimously.

Cllr Barr, introduced Gerry Biddiscombe a previous member of LPC who has expressed an interest in returning and would be most welcome. Agreed to forward appropriate documentation.

**b) Apologies: Cllr's H Whiley & S Banks van Zyl**

**c) Minutes of last meeting (11<sup>th</sup> April 2016).** Proposed by Cllr Bennett and seconded by Cllr Edworthy. Agreed by members as a true and accurate record.

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**2/ Welcome and Introduction of the Parish Council** Cllr Barr introduced the Councillors (see Present above)

**3/ Overview of the last year's achievement** Cllr Barr reported that with the appointment of a new Clerk last year ably supported by the Assistant and RFO the office team were working well with a diverse range of skills.

It has been pleasing to see the success of the Royal Exchange and the improvement this has made to our village. LPC supported RedMist in their application to refurbish the establishment and believe it's a good focal point to the village. Combined with the Spar and other businesses that bring employment and offer a service to our community.

LPC has successfully seen the quality of our Village Newsletter improve and now with the help of Treloar Print looks more professional. Our thanks go to the Assistant Clerk who edits the newsletter and gives up a lot of her own time to produce.

We have been fortunate to have been approved a grant from the 'Developers Contributions' to further enhance the appearance of Lindford. We shall shortly be installing new 'Welcome to Lindford – Please drive carefully' road signs at three locations. In addition the junction of Chase Road and Liphook Road will be given a tidy up and reflect the planting scheme opposite outside the Royal Exchange. There shall also be four planters strategically positioned to brighten up the Liphook Road and Five Ways Junction.

Cllr Lynch has been working on a Village Survey which shall be issued soon for completion with view to seeking villagers feedback on future improvements they would like to see.

**4/ Finance Report.** RFO T Hampshire reported the Parish Council finances remain strong and within budget. A new on-line banking system has been introduced together with a more user friendly financial package.

**5/ Planning Report.** Over the last year the Planning Committee under the Chair Cllr B Parker-Smith have reviewed 23 applications, with 2 objections being raised. An appeal hearing was held at the Village Hall where the outcome of the application for 33 dwellings on the Headley Road. The final outcome being the rejection of this proposal. The principle reason being the need to maintain the 'gap' between Parishes.

**6/ Employment Report** Cllr Lynch took the opportunity to thank the 'dynamic' office team for the support given to LPC over the year. The Clerk has been working through appropriate training with the Society of

local Council Clerks and is ongoing. There has been a pay review based upon newly introduced staff appraisals.

The next item for review is the mandatory Government scheme for the provision of a Work Place Pension Scheme. Cllr Lynch has been working with the RFO on this and been looking at a sector based scheme. The implementation date being April 2017 latest.

- 7/ Village Hall Update.** Cllr Barr gave an overview of developments at the Hall. The opportunity was taken over the winter to re-paint and brighten up the Perry Room (Main Hall) and refurbish the Committee Room which is now available for hire for training sessions, meetings and presentations.

There is now a diverse group of hirers and regular users. This year has seen the start of Ballet classes and the Wessex Rangers using the hall. Various keep fit and activity classes take place with the Brownies/Rainbows also using the hall. Further improvements are planned to encourage fitness activities.

Summer fete 2016 shall take place at the Village Hall on June 18<sup>th</sup> between 12-4pm. This year sees the newly refurbished Royal Exchange providing a beer tent, with the Spar running a BBQ and other activities. (It was reported that with sadness the Scouts will not be available to help this year as the group has been stopped. LPC and Cllr Y Parker-Smith seeking ways to help in the future). Keat's estate agents have agreed to help with advertising and participation on the day. There shall be farm animals, stalls and some vintage tractors. We hope to raise a good sum of money with a donation going to the Hampshire & IOW air ambulance.

Radian and Cllr Y Parker-Smith have kindly made grants available. Cllr Barr thanked them for the financial support.

**8/ Refreshments and Networking opportunity**

- 9/ Bruce Collinson**, Environment Sustainability Lead for EHDC gave an informative and entertaining update on the Bordon Inclosure including the history to the works, what's happening and management of the site. Cllr Y Parker-Smith and LPC thanked Bruce for providing this summary.

- 10/ Public Questions.** It was noted the appearance of the village has greatly improved, however the old butchers shop remains an eyesore and would benefit the village from some refurbishment.

It was commented that the Bordon Scout troop were established in 1911, and as a garrison town were fortunate to have financial assistance from the military. The loss of the troop was most disappointing.

Close 9-30

**The next LPC Meeting shall be held at 7-00pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.**