

Landford Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of meeting held at Landford Village Hall on 27th May 2009

Present

AA Westmore (Chairman)

J Wright (Clerk)

Councillor R Randall (SDC)

Members of the Public

01/09 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs D Watkins, Cllr MA Coleman, PC H Clissold, PCSO W Parr.

02/09 *The minutes of the May 2008 meeting had been agreed and signed at an earlier Parish Council meeting.*

03/09 Introduction of new Councillors

Cllrs J Harper and S Pender introduced themselves to the public.

04/09 Summary of Parish Council Activity - Cllr Westmore

- a) Lyndhurst Road still experiences problems with sewerage after very heavy rain: it is imperative that everyone affected logs their complaint with Southern Water as the number of complaints impacts on the likelihood of a response.
- b) Some lack of provisions identified during the creation of the Community Plan have been remedied. There are now three noticeboards within the parish; a toddler play area has been equipped at the Recreation Ground; a grant has been obtained to provide seats and picnic tables and to improve the bus shelter provision. This has had to be part-funded by the Parish Council and is one of the reasons for the increase in the precept.
- c) A leaflet has been produced to discourage people from parking on pavements and will soon be appearing in the village. It was also noted that the habit of parking at night without lights on Lyndhurst Road is a particular hazard when other traffic is approaching.
- d) The Police were thanked for the support they gave during and following the murder investigation.
- e) The Councillors and Clerk were thanked for the support they had given the Chairman and the work they had done in the course of the year.

05/09 The Community Plan - Cllr Martin

- a) This had taken two years to produce and had now been endorsed by the Parish Council and the outgoing SDC. The process had brought many people together and fostered a community spirit; it has also generated a list of individuals who are willing to work on various aspects of improving village life.
- b) Following on from the Plan had been the creation of the Landford Community Partnership it saw its function as facilitator in achieving the Plan's aims and objectives.
- c) An Environment Group has also been formed which is intending to begin with litter-picking activities, but then to offer assistance to the Landford Footpath Committee.
- d) The next step from the creation of the Plan is the production of a Village Design Statement and a group of about 15 have started work on this – the initial phase is a survey of the parish to identify the starting position. The completed VDS must have the endorsement of the Parish Council, WC and NFNPA: it then becomes a Supplementary Planning Document and must be considered when the relevant Local Planning Authority is making any planning decision.

06/09 *Dog-fouling*

This has become a problem at various points in the village, notably Lyndhurst Road and the Recreation Ground. It was requested that this should be an Agenda item at the next PC meeting and that the PC should consider banning dogs from the Recreation Ground if the problem continues.

07/09 *Siting of additional seats*

- a) It was suggested that two should replace the one at the Pound and the one at the cross-roads end of Lyndhurst Road, and that the third should be placed between the Post Office and the other Lyndhurst Road seat. It was also suggested that Redlynch should be approached to provide a seat just within their boundary to give continuity of provision between The Lamb and the Village Store.
- b) The appropriateness of dedicating one of the seats to Mr J Baker was considered: the Clerk was asked to tactfully broach the subject with his relatives.
- c) The PC was asked to consider using money left over from improving bus-shelter provision to providing an additional seat, possible on the triangle at New Road.

08/09 *Recreation Ground – Mr B Bennett*

Mr Bennett thanked the PC for the improvements to the Recreation Ground which had been carried out this year. He also took the opportunity to call for support for the Village Show the following week.

09/09 *Tree Wardens*

- a) Four more volunteers have been recruited and a survey of trees within the parish has begun. This work does not include ancient hedgerows, although the VDS group thought a survey of hedgerows would be helpful.
- b) The Chairman of the Village Hall asked to be kept informed as the Committee would wish to provide more trees around the hall.

10/09 *Overgrown Hedges*

- a) The hedge between Beech Grange and The Farriers Stud Farm was again in need of trimming. The hedges on the unadopted road in Landford Wood towards the chicken farm were in serious need of attention. It was suggested that the PC should address both of these matters.

11/09 *Gated junction from Stock Lane to Landford Wood*

- a) It was suggested that there should be some indication that traffic through the gates did not have priority.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.