

# Landford Annual Parish Meeting

## *Minutes of meeting held at Landford Village Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2010*

Present

AA Westmore (Chairman)

Councillor R Randall (SDC)

J Wright (Clerk)

Members of the Public

PCSO K Weston

### **01/10 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

*02/10 The minutes of the May 2009 meeting had been agreed and signed at an earlier Parish Council meeting.*

### **03/10 Badly Behaving Dogs**

- a) PCSO Weston informed the meeting that Dog Control Orders applied to individuals and their dogs, and were not applied unless the dog had already attacked someone. "Dog against dog" would not generally give rise to an order.
- b) By-laws do apply to an area (rather than a person) but must be enforced through the civil courts. It is possible for a Council to give powers to the Police for their enforcement, but the process takes years!

### **04/10 Traffic near the School**

Concern was expressed that there had been several near-misses involving parents exiting from the Village Hall Car-park with speeding vehicles from the Pound Hill direction. Random speed checks are being carried out.

### **05/10 Summary of Parish Council Activity – Cllr Westmore**

- a) Cllr Westmore introduced the members of the Parish Council.
- b) Seats have been installed by the Shop, in Forest Road and towards the Bramshaw end of Lyndhurst road.
- c) An area has been paved outside the Pavilion and three picnic tables and a seat have been installed at various locations on the Recreation Ground. A new toddler play area has been provided. The Toilet Block has been redecorated, with thanks to Cllrs Martin and Reynolds: the toilets are now open during the day in the summer months.
- d) The Maybush Copse Project is progressing well - many thanks to Mr Barrie Foley (Chief Executive NPA) and Ms Saira Sheldrake for their help. The Parish Council held a consultation evening last week which was very successful. The School has expressed a desire to do an ecology survey annually with a group from Key-stage 2 led by an officer from the NFPA.
- e) Beech Grange has been designated a "No Cold Calling Zone".
- f) Wiltshire Rural Housing Association has done a housing needs survey, but the results have not yet been received.
- g) Cllr Martin has been working on the new Parish Council website which is now operational.
- h) Parish Council and Community Partnership fought and won the battle to save the X7 service, but it will only continue to run via Lyndhurst Road next year if it is well used. This year is a trial to assess if a more frequent service makes it attractive to more people.
- i) Finally the Chairman thanked the Clerk and Parish Councillors for all their hard work throughout the year.

### **06/10 Waste/Dog bins**

A member of the public asked if the new bins were being emptied; it was observed that the one at Nomansland Crossroads had been seen to be full. The Clerk confirmed that Wiltshire Council should be emptying the bins when the general refuse is collected.

**07/10 *Bus Travel***

A member of the public emphasised that it is essential to ensure that the driver “clicks his machine” even if one has a free bus pass. Without this the journey is not counted and so will not contribute to the decision next year regarding the continuing subsidy of the diversion via Lyndhurst Road. It was rumoured that Tuesday is the usual day for counting passengers.

**08/10 *Land at Landford Level***

A member of the public asked for an update of the planning situation at this land to the south of the A36, which is in multiple ownership. The NFNPA has removed the General Permitted Development rights for the entire site. It was confirmed that the NFNPA Enforcement Team was actively involved in enforcing planning policies and regulations but it is essential that all the steps are followed in the correct sequence and at the appropriate time otherwise an appeal could succeed on a technicality.

**09/10 *Verge Maintenance***

Members of the public asked that Mr Brian Lawrence should be thanked for his public spiritedness in maintaining the verges around Beech Grange. The Clerk was also asked to mention this in Clerks' Corner in Horizon.

**10/10 *Smell at The Pound***

This has recurred, partly due the broken vent pipe at the top of The Pound not having been repaired. Cllr Harper reported that Southern Water had made many promises regarding repair of the vent pipe and the fitting of the last non-return valve, but nothing has actually happened. Cllr Harper is still vigorously pursuing this with Southern Water and the new Environmental Health Officer from Wiltshire Council: the process has been made much more difficult by both organisations moving the staff originally involved in the case to other jobs.

*There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.*