

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday, 18 November 2002 at 8.02 pm.

- Members: * Mr G Parkes (Vice Chair)– in the Chair
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| oMr B Dash | *Mr M Short |
| *Mr G Dawson | *Mr D Smith |
| *Mr C Harrison | *Mrs K Wade |
| oMr R Leavey | oMr M Wade |
| oMrs M McLean | oMr S Wade |
| *Mr J Ramsbottom | |
- * Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence
- In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)(Designate)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)
Mr S Spencer (Foreman)
- Also present: Mr R Guy
Inspector P Winchester
1 Member of the Press
2 Members of the Public

266/02 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 7 October 2002, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

267/02 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

268/02 **Public Participation Period**

Forest Front Skate Park

Mr Moore asked whether the original estimate for the maintenance of Forest Front had been exceeded.

The Chairman replied that as it was merely an estimate it was not possible to stick rigidly to costs. The Chairman of the Council stated that some of the costs were attributive to start-up costs.

Mr Uglow enquired as to the truth of a rumour regarding the Security Hut.

The Clerk (Designate) replied that he believed the Security had left the hut unattended of his own volition and a set of bolt cutters had been removed.

Holly Close Footpaths

Mr Uglow sought clarification over the timescale for the footpaths, which will link Holly Close with other areas (Min 214/02)

The Clerk (Designate) replied that the matter is in progress but no timescale has been agreed as yet.

269/02 **Dog Warden Patrol Report for September 2002**

Members studied the Dog Warden Patrol Report for September 2002.

RESOLVED

- (a) That monitoring is continued until consideration is given to the matter by the Committee in January's Meeting.
- (b) Information is collated to ensure that this Council is treated in the same way as other Councils in respect of the Fixed Penalty Notice System.

270/02 **Forest Front Skate Park - Update**

The Clerk (Designate) updated Members on the measures, which had been taken to combat the wanton vandalism at the Forest Front Skate Park. It was hoped that the blockwork problems have now been addressed and the maintenance team has overcome the grave concerns over the electricity being tampered with. Various gates, locks and signs have been vandalised, but are being replaced as soon as possible by the maintenance team.

Members were advised that the Park will reopen officially in about 2 weeks when a safety rail has been replaced by the main contractor, but in the meantime closure signs are being posted every morning.

The Chairman thanked Inspector Winchester for his attendance and the assistance of his officers in recent weeks.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the security of electrical switchgear box be monitored. If it is thought necessary to turn off the electricity, this should be done immediately.
- (b) That a joint letter from this Council and the Police be sent to all local householders asking for assistance in this matter.
- (c) That other methods of surveillance are investigated.

271/02 **Budget 2003/2004**

Members considered Draft Budget Paper C and the 5000 code series on Paper D in order to make recommendations to the Meeting of the Council on 9 December 2002.

The Chairman of the Meeting left at 9.05 pm and the Chairman of the Council took the Chair.

RESOLVED

- (a) That £2000.00 be removed from the budget re 5900 Village Performance Area.
- (b) That £1000.00 be added to the budget from balances re historical "Blue Plaques."
- (c) That a letter be sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, under the Chairman of the Council's signature, deploring the amount of money leaving the economy in the form of insurance premiums.

272/02 **Cycle Route – Pylewell Road**

A Member expressed concern that the barriers had been removed from the Cycle Route in Pylewell Road.

RESOLVED

That the matter be investigated with the County Council.

273/02 **Baptist Church – Challenger Way**

A Member sought clarification over the demolition of the Baptist Church in Challenger Way, which remains in a dangerous condition and unfenced. (Min 219/02)

RESOLVED

That the District Council is awaiting a J.C.B. to demolish the building.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairman

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