

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday, 17 February 2003 at 8.05 pm.

Members: *Mrs M McLean (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr B Dash	*Mr M Short
*Mr G Dawson	*Mr D Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mrs K Wade
oMr R Leavey	*Mr M Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr 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 P Brailey (Sports and Youth Development Officer-NFDC)
3 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

361/02 **Presentation by Peter Brailey, New Forest District Council**

Mr P Brailey, Sports and Youth Development Officer with New Forest District Council, gave a brief presentation on the Child Protection Courses the District Council runs in order to protect children who use facilities in the area and those who supervise them.

The basic course is offered free to any adults who supervise in sports facilities, sports clubs, youth clubs etc and lasts for 2 hours.

Members agreed that the best possible protection should be offered to children and congratulated the District Council for initiating this scheme.

RESOLVED

That Mr Brailey be asked to discuss the matter more thoroughly
with the Clerk.

362/02 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 6 January 2003, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

363/02 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr S Wade and Mrs Wade declared an interest in Min 367/02 as they rent an allotment in West Street.

364/02 **Public Participation Period**

(a) Forest Front Recreation Area

Mr Uglow reported that a lot of scrub vegetation had grown in the corner of Forest Front Recreation Area and was causing problems with his neighbour's boundary.

RESOLVED

That the area be cleared.

(b) Dog Waste Bin

Mr Uglow reported that a Dog Waste Bin in the Forest Front Track area needed cleaning due to the amount of tree sap which was covering it. He also expressed concern that large bags of dog waste were being dumped next to the bin.

RESOLVED

That the Dog Warden be made aware of the situation.

(c) Noads Way Play Area – Tender

Mr Moore asked whether the amount of the tender for the Noads Way Play Area would be disclosed at the Meeting.

The Clerk replied that it would.

365/02 Play Area – Cathay Gardens

Members discussed the possibilities for alleviating the problems caused at Cathay Gardens Play Area by some youths, further to the news that the play area cannot be moved to the land adjoining the Pupil Referral Unit.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee, the Foreman and the local residents meet to discuss a way forward.

366/02 Dog Warden Patrol Report – December 2002

Members studied the Dog Warden Patrol Report for December 2002.

RESOLVED

That the Report be noted.

367/02 Allotments

Members studied a Report following the recent Allotment Association's A.G.M. which raised several matters including insurance and the surfacing of the lay by at West Street Allotment.

RESOLVED

(a) That no decision is made until a survey of other Allotment Providers has been carried out.

(b) That the County Council be approached to see whether a more cost effective way of surfacing the lay by can be found.

(Mr S Wade and Mrs Wade declared an interest in this item and left the Meeting during consideration thereof)

368/02 Land adjoining 2 Pentland Close, Dibden Purlieu

Members considered a request by the owner of 2 Pentland Close, Dibden Purlieu to purchase some land adjoining his property which presently belongs to the developer.

RESOLVED

That the householder be advised that his request will be considered at the appropriate time.

369/02 Acceptance of Tender – Noads Way Play Area

Members were advised that the Tenders for the Provision of Play Equipment at Noads Way Play Area had been opened on Friday 14 February in the presence of the Chairman of the Committee and the Clerk.

Wicksteed Leisure had quoted for a cheaper item of equipment in their original Tender, but this had now been amended so that all companies were tendering for exactly the same equipment. The Tenders were as follows:

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| 1. Playsafe Playgrounds | £27,677.00 |
| 2. A S and A Leisure | £32,720.00 |
| 3. Wicksteed Leisure | £28,000.00 |

As the Tenders of Playsafe Playgrounds and Wicksteed Leisure fell within the budget provision, Members compared the issue of a 20 year guarantee by Wicksteed Leisure to that of a 3 year guarantee by Playsafe Playgrounds. Wicksteed Leisure will also provide new safety surfacing for the new items of equipment.

RESOLVED

That the tender of £28,000.00 by Wicksteed Leisure be accepted.

370/02 **Shore Road Picnic Area**

Members congratulated the Maintenance Team on the work carried out at the Shore Road Picnic Area which had improved the area in the hope of making it better used.

Due to the anticipated increase in usage it was proposed to install a dog waste bin in the area at a cost of £199.00 and to add the emptying of the bin on a weekly basis to the Council's schedule at a cost of £225.00 per annum.

RESOLVED

That a dog waste bin be purchased and included on the emptying schedule.

371/02 **Roundabout Sponsorship**

Members discussed the interim report on Roundabout Sponsorship, although some concern was expressed that the issue was getting a little too involved bearing in mind that the original purpose was merely to make the area's roundabouts more attractive.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

372/02 **Application for the Renewal of a Public Entertainment Licence – Seagull Public House**

Members considered the application for the renewal of a Public Entertainment Licence for the Seagull Public House.

Whilst welcoming the continuation of live music in the area some concern was expressed over reports of damage and disturbance at the time that customers were leaving the Seagull, although there was no proof of a link and it was proving difficult to get information from the Police on the matter. It was felt that the time for last admission should remain at 11 pm and the closure time for a Sunday should be 11pm. A Member suggested that bands should finish playing 15 minutes before the stated closure time in the hope that this would stagger the leaving times of customers and, therefore, alleviate any potential problems.

RESOLVED

That no objection be raised to the licence subject to a last admission time of 11pm and to closure at 11 pm on Sundays.

373/02 **High Hedge Legislation**

The Chairman of the Council advised Members of a letter received by a local resident from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister in response to a complaint about high hedges, in particular Leylandii. It was suggested that any residents who wish to support legislation against high

hedges should write to Katy Parish at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister or email her on hedges@odpm.gsi.gov.uk . A copy of the letter could be put on the Parish Notice Boards to this effect.

374/02 **Land adjoining Mansel Close**

A Member queried a previous decision by the Committee not to sell land adjoining Mansel Close to a householder.

RESOLVED

That a unanimous decision not to sell had already been made by the Committee and should be upheld.

The Chairman thanked the Foreman for his attendance at the Meeting and congratulated his team for all the work done around the Parish.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairman

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