

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Amenities Committee  
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe  
on Monday, 7 April 2003 at 8 pm.

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

*Mr B Dash	oMr M Short
*Mr G Dawson	oMr D Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mrs K Wade
oMr R Leavey	oMr 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)  
                                 Ms S A Maitland (Deputy Clerk to the Council)  
                                 Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)  
                                 Mr S Spencer (Foreman)

Also present:              Mrs C Gradidge  
                                 2 Members of the Public  
                                 1 Member of the Press

The Chairman began the Meeting by welcoming the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk to their new positions and wished them all the best for the future.

421/02    **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17 February 2003, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

422/02    **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Parkes and Mr S Wade declared an interest in Min 430/02 as they are trustees of Hythe and Dibden Community Association.

423/02    **Public Participation Period**

Forest Front Play Area

Mr Moore referred to the figures provided for the total cost of Forest Front Play Project and asked why no figure had been included to allow for the replacement of equipment.

The Clerk responded that these figures were for the construction and maintenance costs to date, not future provision. At present the equipment is under guarantee. During the budget process each year the Council sets an amount of money aside for the replacement of play equipment. Provision for replacement equipment will be considered again for all areas in the next budget.

424/02    **Dog Warden Patrol Report 2003**

Members considered the Dog Warden Patrol Report for January 2003.

The Clerk confirmed that action would have been enforced from 1 March 2003, if necessary.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

**425/02 Play Area – Cathay Gardens**

Members were advised that the Foreman, Mrs McLean and Mr Parkes had met with local residents further to complaints about vandalism and unacceptable behaviour in and around the Cathay Gardens Play Area. It was felt that the equipment was not being used by the intended age group and older youths were using the area as a meeting place. Alternatives may be to move the equipment to a different location or to reassess the age group for which it is intended.

RESOLVED

That the Play Equipment Sub-Committee investigate an alternative location and the current usage of the site.

**426/02 Moorlands, Beaulieu Road – Amenity land**

Members considered whether to agree to a request from the developer to accept funding for 2 seats to be sited in the Parish in lieu of 2 seats which had been agreed to on the amenity land at Moorlands, Beaulieu Road but were now felt to be surplus to requirements.

RESOLVED

That the funding for alternative seats be accepted, provided that this has been authorised by Planning Officers further to the Section 106 Agreement.

**427/02 Acceptance of Tender – Security Fence, Noads Way Play Area**

Consideration was given to the tenders received in respect of the 2.4 metre high fence to surround the Noads Way Play Area.

RESOLVED

That the lowest tender of £5,685.00 from New Forest Fencing Ltd be accepted.

**428/02 Noads Way Play Area – Update**

Members were advised of the revised timescale for constructing the fence around the Noads Way Play Area and considered the times of opening and closing the Recreation Ground once the fence is completed.

RESOLVED

That the Recreation Ground be opened at 8.15 am throughout the year and closed at 8 pm during the summer and ¼ of an hour before sunset during the winter months (October to March inclusive).

**429/02 Forest Front Play Area – Costs**

Consideration was given to a report on the costs of providing the new Forest Front play equipment and the day to day maintenance costs during the last year

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

**430/02 Deed of Surrender – Hythe and Dibden Community Centre**

Consideration was given to a request from the District Council that this Council enter into a Deed of Surrender for the existing lease on the land at Jones Lane which houses the Community Centre, in order for a new Lease to be issued directly to the Community Association which complies with the conditions for constructing the new Community Centre.

RESOLVED

That any documents required to surrender to land to facilitate the necessary 25 year lease be authorised.

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

431/02 **Clayfields Sports Centre – Management Agreement**

Consideration was given to the new Management Agreement for Clayfields and whether the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Amenities Committee be authorised to agree the final terms.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Amenities Committee be authorised to agree the final terms of the Management Agreement.

432/02 **Mrs K Wade**

Mrs Wade announced that as she would not be standing for re-election this would be her last meeting. She expressed her enjoyment of the last 4 years and wished Members all the best for the future.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Wade for the time she had given to the Parish.

433/02 **Mansel Close – Amenity land**

Mr Dash referred to land at Mansel Close which a householder was keen to purchase.

RESOLVED

That the matter be investigated.

434/02 **Dibden Purlieu Enhancement Scheme**

A Member reminded the Committee that the Dibden Purlieu Enhancement Scheme has been inactive for some time since the funding ran out and asked that the present position be clarified.

RESOLVED

That the matter be investigated.

435/02 **Shore Road Picnic Area**

A Member suggested that further to the improvements carried out at the Shore Road Picnic Area, the National Wetland Vegetation Area alongside which is managed by the District Council needs some tidying.

RESOLVED

That the matter be referred to the District Council.

Mrs McLean expressed her enjoyment of her tenure as Chairman of the Committee and wished Members good luck in the future.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chairman

Date

