

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Amenities Committee  
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe  
on Monday, 10 January 2005 at 8 pm.

Members:                   \*Mr C Harrison (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mr D Smith
*Mr M McLean	*Mr M Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr S Wade

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance:           Ms S A Maitland (Deputy Clerk to the Council)  
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)  
Mr S Spencer (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)

Also present:             3 Members of the Public

374/04 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 29 November 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

375/04 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

376/04 **Public Participation Period**

**Flagpoles**

Mr Moore questioned the cost of the provision of flagpoles outside The Grove and what benefit they would be to members of the public. He asked members to reconsider their planning application for what he considered to be advertising in a conservation area.

It was explained that a written question would need to be sent to the Clerk regarding the cost of the flagpoles, although a definite figure could not be given until an order had been placed. The Planning Application had not yet been determined by the District Council, although permission was not necessary to fly the national flag.

Members felt that a flag outside The Grove would provide a strong identity and link all the services that the Parish Council provides together. The flying of the national flag would also be of benefit in times of celebration and bereavement and both would be a sign of pride.

Mr Williams wished to speak on the subject of Shore Road Playing Field and it was agreed to allow this when the item was discussed on the agenda.

377/04 **Vandalism Report**

Consideration was given to the Vandalism Report of 18 November – 20 December 2004.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

378/04 **Lakes/Ponds at Beechwood Way and Oaklands Way (Min 65/04)**

Consideration was given to the safety report from RoSPA regarding the above location.

Concern was expressed that the wire netting recommended for the timber landing stage may not be adequate for the purpose and it was agreed to ask RoSPA for further advice.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

379/04 **Licences update (Min 323/04)**

Consideration was given to the granting of licences for access to Council land further to the advice received from NALC and the Council's insurers.

Clarification was sought over the Council's position if no licences were issued but householders claimed "Right of Access". The Deputy Clerk advised Members that annual inspections would be carried out and steps taken if accesses were being used, meaning that any access could not be classed as uncontested.

RESOLVED

1. That no further licences be issued and all existing ones be allowed to expire without renewal.
2. That the only exception to this rule be that allotment holders be granted a temporary licence for the duration of their tenure if their property adjoins the allotment.

380/04 **Graffiti Removal - Hythe Village Centre**

Consideration was given to offering a partnership agreement to Hythe Business Partnership in which the Parish Council supplies the necessary equipment for the removal of graffiti to the Partnership on the understanding that they will use it to remove graffiti from their properties.

RESOLVED

That the scheme be offered for an initial period of one year and monitored for that time.

381/04 **Young Sports Person of the Year Award**

Consideration was given to continuing with the presentation of this award and to the appointment of a working party to consider the nominations.

RESOLVED

That Mrs McLean, Mr Harrison and Mr Parkes form a working party to consider applications.

382/04 **Tates Copse and Shore Road Playing Field**

Mr Williams outlined the problems caused to local residents by the temporary closure of the access into Shore Road Playing Field and suggested that an overhead barrier of around 6 feet high may be the solution.

It was confirmed that this is one of the options currently being investigated, but there are concerns over access for emergency vehicles at times when there are no staff available to open the gate.

It was agreed to continue investigating solutions to the problem.

383/04 **Traffic Calming Measure – Forest Front/Butts Ash Lane**

Members were advised that a sleeping policeman has been constructed at the junction of Butts Ash Lane. Concerns were expressed over the fact that it is not marked, it may not be accessible for emergency vehicles and whether permission had been sought for its construction.

It was agreed to investigate the matter.

The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman

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