

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday, 4 April 2005 at 8.10 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)

Also present: Mr B Dash (County Councillor)
Mrs M McLean
Mrs C Huxham (Handy Trust)
10 Members of the Public

The Chairman of the Council began the meeting by presenting Community Spirit Awards to June Carr and Shirley Stevens in recognition of their service to the community over many years.

511/04 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14 February 2005, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

512/04 **Declaration of Interest**

Mrs McLean declared an interest in Minute 515/04 as she is a trustee of Hythe Skate and Ride.

513/04 **Public Participation Period**

Hythe Skate and Ride

Mr Lankford spoke warmly of Hythe Skate and Ride and hoped that efforts would be made to preserve it for the young people of the area.

Licences

Mrs Jenny Croxon, representing Muir House, Dibden Purlieu, spoke of her regret that the Council is no longer issuing licences to allow access onto its land. This has meant that the residents of Muir House are no longer able to access the Noads Way Play Area through a back gate and it is too far for many residents to walk to the main entrance.

Whilst Mrs Croxon accepted the reasons for the Council's decision she asked whether it could be reconsidered. It was agreed to place the matter on an Agenda in six months time when any other objections can also be considered.

514/04 **Vandalism Report**

The Vandalism Report for 30 January – 25 March 2005 was noted by Members.

515/04 **Hythe Skate and Ride (minute 457/04)**

The Trustees of Hythe Skate and Ride gave a presentation on the present condition of the Jones Lane Skate Park and how they hope to replace the equipment to a high specification complying to RoSPA standards.

Once this has been achieved through various methods of fundraising the trustees are hoping that the Parish Council will form a partnership agreement with Hythe Skate and Ride to ensure the smooth running of the facility.

RESOLVED

That this Council agrees to the idea in principle and that further investigations be made before the matter is placed on a future agenda.

(Mrs McLean declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during consideration thereof)

516/04 **Dibden Purlieu Environmental Scheme – Responsibility for the new trees**

Consideration was given to the request from the District Council to accept responsibility for the trees and ironwork at the Dibden Purlieu Environmental Scheme and also to the application for “consent to cultivate”.

RESOLVED

That the District Council be advised that this Council does not wish to accept responsibility for the trees and ironwork.

517/04 **Flagpoles – Planning decision (minute 456/04)**

Consideration was given to how best to respond to the District Council’s decision to refuse planning permission for two flagpoles at the front of The Grove.

RESOLVED

That the Planning Application be pursued robustly, as far as Appeal if necessary.

518/04 **Play Equipment Working Party notes**

Consideration was given to the notes of the meeting of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 22 March 2005.

RESOLVED

That the notes of the meeting of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 22 March 2005 be adopted.

519/04 **Public footpaths (minute 454/04)**

Consideration was given to the list of Ward Paths in the Parish.

RESOLVED

That Members be sent copies of the map showing paths to be walked in their ward.

520/04 **Policy Statement – Leases and Licences (minute 323/04)**

Consideration was given to the draft policy statement for Leases and Licences.

RESOLVED

That the draft policy statement for Leases and Licences be adopted.

521/04 **Licences**

The Chairman advised Members of a letter of complaint he had received from Mr Maxwell concerning the decision to end issuing licences.

This will be addressed as an agenda item in six months time as previously outlined.

522/04 **Signs on A326**

Concern was expressed at the number of unauthorised signs which have appeared on the A326 recently.

It was agreed to enquire whether the County Council has a policy for dealing with this type of problem.

The Meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

Chairman

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