

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 October 2005 at 8 pm.

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mrs B 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: 2 Members of the Public

219/05 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 5 September 2005, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

220/05 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

221/05 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

222/05 **Vandalism Report – 23 August – 23 September 2005**

Members noted the Vandalism Report for 23 August – 23 September 2005.

Concern was expressed that the vandalism at Fern Hill Play Area would cost the Parish a great deal of money with no possibility of recompense if the perpetrators cannot be identified and punished. Many ideas were suggested to attempt to identify the vandals and it was agreed that a publicity campaign should be conducted to make the public aware of the cost of vandalism to their local taxes in the hope that this would encourage them to give any information they may have to the authorities.

The publicity campaign is expected to be run through local schools, special posters around the Parish, the Herald, the Parish Picture and local newspapers. It was also agreed to investigate the possibility of setting up a dedicated phone line and answering machine for people to report instances of vandalism in confidence.

223/05 **Notes of the meetings of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 19 July and 21 September 2005**

The notes of the meetings of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 19 July and 21 September 2005 were noted and adopted by the committee.

224/05 **Designation of Special Areas of Conservation (SACs)**

The letter from English Nature regarding the Designation of Special Areas of Conservation was noted.

225/05 **Unauthorised Advertising Signs (Min 169/05)**

Dismay was expressed at the response to our letter to Highways Department regarding our concerns at the proliferation of unauthorised advertising signs along the A326.

A suggestion was made that the maintenance team be asked to take on the responsibility for removal from Highways, but this was rejected as unworkable.

RESOLVED

1. That Mr Dash and Mr Dunsdon be asked to take up the matter with the County Council.
2. That all Members of Council be asked to report infringements so that they can be passed to Highways Department.

226/05 **Terms and Conditions for the use of The Parish Hall, West Street, Hythe – Clarification of Clause 7.4**

Consideration was given to the amendment to Clause 7.4 of the Conditions of Use for the Parish Hall which states that "Customers must not be served drinks in bottles. In every case the drink will be poured into appropriate vessels by the bar staff" in order to allow wine to be served in bottles at certain events.

RESOLVED

That Clause 7.4 be extended to include the words "except by prior agreement"

The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman

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