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To: Members of the Amenities Committee

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Mr R Guy		Mr A Wade	
Mr G Jones		Mr M Wade	(ex officio)
Mrs M McLean	Chairman	Mr D Smith	(ex officio)
Mr M Short			

and remainder of the Council for information

AGAME122

28 August 2007

Dear Sir/Madam

A Meeting of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** will be held at **The Grove, 25 St John's Street, Hythe on Monday next, 3 September 2007, at 8.00 pm** when your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2007.
3. To note any declaration of interest made by Members in connection with an Agenda item. The nature of the interest must be specified.
4. Public Participation Period.
5. Notification of any other urgent business to be raised at the end of the meeting.
6. Vandalism Report – 28 June 2007 to 23 August 2007.
7. To receive the notes of the Play Equipment Working Party held on Monday 6 August 2007.



8. Ewart Recreation Ground – to consider the recommendations of the Play Equipment Working Party.
9. Noads Way Play Area closing times update (Minute 122/07 refers).
10. Forest Front Skate Park
 - a) Skatepark competition
 - b) Floodlighting (Minute 58/07 refers).
11. Hythe Skate and Ride – update.
12. Bus shelter, Beaulieu Road, Dibden Purlieu – update (Minute 458/03 refers).
10. Any other urgent business concerning the committee.

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA NOTES

AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 3 September 2007

Item 6

Vandalism Report –28 June 2007 to 23 August 2007

The following is a list of vandalism for the period shown.

Floral displays

A total of 43 bedding plants have been removed from the various displays around the parish (£6.88), in addition 2 Cordalines that were located in the Mullins Lane roundabout display have been taken despite measures to anchor them in the soil (£20.00)

Cost to the Council £26.88

Forest Front Open Space

A junior swing seat was cut and damaged beyond repair, this has since been replaced. The safety surface that is located under the senior swings in the Skate Park has been cut however the item is safe and repairs are scheduled after the school summer holidays have finished.

A couple of wooden slats that make up part of a seat were badly damaged and had to be replaced

There have been a number of incidents of smashed glass in the area resulting in extra manpower to remove the items and make the area safe again.

Cost to the Council £115.00 (This figure does not include the cost to repair the safety surface)

Cathay Gardens Play Area.

A fence that segregates the play area from neighbouring land was badly damaged and required repairs to make the item safe.

Cost to the Council £ 225.00 (This includes materials and labour)

Noads Way Play Area

A section of safety surfacing was badly cut requiring an item of play equipment to be taken out of service until the surfacing could be repaired.

Cost to the Council £220.00.

Total cost of vandalism for the period 28 June – 23 August 2007

The total cost of vandalism for the period shown is £586.88

Comparison

The total cost of vandalism for this financial year is £1642.02 compared to £1415.20 at the same time last year and £606.00 at the same time in the previous year

Item 7 **To receive the notes of the Play Equipment Working Party held on Monday 6 August 2007**

The notes of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 6 August 2007 are attached. Members are requested to note the contents. Consideration of the recommendations will be discussed during item 8 on this Agenda.

Item 8 **Ewart Recreation Ground to consider the recommendations of the Play Equipment Working Party**

The notes of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 6 August 2007 are attached. Members are requested to give consideration to the contents and recommendations made by the Working Party.

Item 9 **Noads Way Play Area closing times update (Minute 122/07 refers).**

During the last meeting of this Committee it was resolved to change the closing time of Noads Way Play Area to 8.00pm and if any problems were encountered officers were given the authority to revert the closing time back to 6pm.

Unfortunately vandalism occurred on 17 July 2007 causing damage to the safety surfacing underneath the swings. This resulted in the swings being taken out of action until the repair was completed. The cost of the repair was £220.00. As a result the closing time for the park has reverted back to 6.00 pm.

Members are requested to note the action taken.

Item 10 **Forest Front Skatepark****a) Skatepark competition**

The Handy Trust held a skatepark competition at Forest Front skatepark on Friday 24 August from 4pm until 7pm. The event included boarding, BMX and blading competitions.

Members will be given information on the event at the meeting.

b) Floodlighting (Minute 58/07) refers

At the meeting of the Amenities Committee on 4 June 2007 it was agreed to monitor the vandalism over the summer and to discuss whether floodlighting can be provided at the skatepark for supervised skatepark events.

Members are asked to give consideration to the reinstatement of the floodlights. A record of vandalism is attached.

Item 11 **Hythe Skate and Ride**

An update of the Hythe Skate and Ride skatepark will be given at the meeting.

Item 12 Bus shelter, Beaulieu Road, Dibden Purlieu – update (Minute 450/03 refers)

An update on the installation of the new bus shelter in Beaulieu Road, Dibden Purlieu will be given at the meeting.

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