

**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 July 2008 at 8 pm.

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

*Mr J Bennett	oMr D Smith
oMr R Guy	*Mr B Uglow
*Mr G Jones	*Mr A Wade
*Mr M Short	*Mr M Wade

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

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

Also present:             Mr G Parkes  
1 Member of the Public

97/08   **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 2 June 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

98/08   **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

99/08   **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

100/08  **Notification of matters to be raised at the end of the meeting**

There were no matters mentioned.

101/08  **Vandalism Report 17 May 2008 to 20 June 2008 – to receive and note the report**

Consideration was given to the Vandalism Report for 17 May 2008 to 20 June 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Vandalism Report for 17 May to 20 June 2008 be received and noted.

102/08  **Replacement Play Equipment – Shore Road Playing Field (Min 406/07 refers)**

Further to the previous resolution of this committee to utilise up to £9000 to purchase a new piece of play equipment for Shore Road Play Area, members considered 3 options for play equipment suitable for use by children between the ages of 5 and 12. The options were the result of recent consultation with park users and the Handy Trust.

RESOLVED

That option 3, a combination of free flowing climbing and balance play equipment comprising 2 vertical climbers, 90 degree inclined horizontal ladder, side stepper, S horizontal ladder, crunch bar and log roll, be installed at Shore Road Play Area.

103/08  **Beechwood Way Pond – To discuss the findings of a risk assessment**

Further to a recommendation from RoSPA consideration was given to the provision of life saving equipment near Beechwood Way Pond in case of emergency, in particular the provision of lifebuoys.

Whilst appreciating the need for lifesaving equipment there was some concern from members that lifebuoys may be vulnerable to vandalism and not in situ at a time when they are needed. For this reason it was suggested that other forms of life saving equipment be investigated.

RESOLVED

1. That officers install sufficient life saving equipment to suit purpose once all options have been investigated.
2. That a detailed record of inspection and maintenance of the lifesaving equipment is kept.

104/08 **Tree Planting Programme (Min 59/08 refers)**

Members noted the proposal to work with various organisations in the area in order to determine suitable species and locations that would benefit from additional tree planting.

105/08 **Rainer Wessex Restorative Justice (Min 444/07 refers)**

Consideration was given to the report on the projects carried out by Rainer Wessex Restorative Justice in partnership with the Parish Council and ACSOs.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman

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