

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Amenities Committee  
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe  
on Monday 1 September 2008 at 8 pm.

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

oMr J Bennett	*Mr 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  
PC M Wellstead  
13 Members of the Public

154/08 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 7 July 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

155/08 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

156/08 **Public Participation Period**

**Proposed Youth Shelter Noadswood School**

Residents of Lime Walk expressed concern over the proposed construction of a youth shelter in Noadswood School, particularly as the Minutes of the Amenities Committee indicated that a consultation would take place before any decision is made and the Parish Picture indicated that erection of the shelter was imminent.

The Chairman apologised for any confusion which may have occurred but assured the meeting that no decisions would be made until full consultation had been held, not only with the young people who had requested the shelter, but also with local residents, the Police and any other parties who may be affected.

The residents' main concern was the possibility of anti social behaviour and vandalism by the users of the shelter. It was explained that this Council has had success in the past with involving the community in projects which creates a sense of ownership and community which tends to lessen any potential problems.

PC Wellstead advised the meeting that any problems with anti social behaviour must be reported to the Police so that it is known where to target patrols.

The Chairman ended the discussion by advising people to put any concerns they may have in writing so that they can be considered when the matter reaches the consultation stage.

157/08 **Notification of matters to be raised at the end of the meeting**

Members advised the Chairman of matters they wished to be raised at the end of the meeting.

158/08 **Vandalism Report 20 June 2008 to 15 August 2008 – To receive and note the Report**

Consideration was given to the Vandalism Report of 20 June 2008 to 15 August 2008.

The Chairman commended the maintenance team on their efforts to keep the Parish vandalism and graffiti free.

RESOLVED

That the Vandalism Report for 20 June 2008 to 15 August 2008 be noted.

159/08 **Replacement play equipment, Shore Road Playing Field – To note an update on the installation (Minute 102/08 refers)**

Members were advised that the replacement play equipment for Shore Road Playing Field agreed in Minute 102/08 has been ordered and should be installed by the end of September 2008.

RESOLVED

That the report on replacement play equipment for Shore Road Playing Field be noted.

160/08 **Clayfields Sports Centre – To consider future management options (Minute 431/02 refers)**

Further to the difficulties being experienced by New Forest District Council in staffing Clayfields Sports Centre with staff from Applemore Leisure Centre and recouping expenditure, two options were considered for the future management of the Centre.

Members agreed that Clayfields Sports Centre has the potential for greater usage and options need to be explored for a long term solution.

RECOMMENDED

That the management of Clayfields Sports Centre be taken over by the Parish Council at the end of the current agreement with the District Council with investigations being made into a long term strategy.

161/08 **Beechwood Way Pond – To note an update on the installation of lifebuoys and signage (Minute 103/08 refers)**

Members were advised that two lifebuoys and two new signs highlighting the deep water hazard at Beechwood Way Pond have been installed.

RESOLVED

That the report on the installation of lifebuoys and safety signage at Beechwood Way Pond be noted.

162/08 **Community Fun Day**

Members congratulated the Deputy Clerk and his staff for organising the Community Fun Day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

163/08 **Cycle Race**

The Deputy Clerk advised members that the Cycle Race which had been provisionally booked for September will not now take place due to various legislations. It is hoped that it will take place on 31 May 2009.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman

Date

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