

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday 6 October 2008 at 8 pm.

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

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| 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
Mr B Dash
2 Members of the Public

221/08 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 1 September 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

222/08 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

223/08 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

224/08 **Notification of matters to be raised at the end of the meeting**

Members advised the Chairman of matters which they wished to raise at the end of the meeting.

225/08 **Vandalism Report 15 August 2008 to 19 September 2008 – To receive and note the report**

Consideration was given to the Vandalism Report of 15 August to 19 September 2008.

The Chairman thanked the Maintenance Team for their efforts in clearing up after vandalism, particularly unpleasant matter such as excrement and vomit.

Concern was expressed at the potential dangers of removing the lifebuoys at Beechwood Way Pond and cutting the emergency throw line.

RESOLVED

That the Vandalism Report for 15 August 2008 to 19 September 2008
be noted.

226/08 **Tates Copse woodland footpath reinstatement – To receive an update**

Consideration was given to the report from the ACSOs on the Tates Copse woodland footpath reinstatement project which is being jointly run by the Parish Council, ACSOs, Youth Offending Team and Rainer Restorative Justice.

RESOLVED

That the report on the Tates Copse woodland footpath reinstatement be noted.

227/08 **Clayfields Sports Centre – Update (Min 160/08 refers)**

Members received an update on the progress of the management of Clayfields Sports Centre.

RESOLVED

That the update on the management of Clayfields Sports Centre be noted.

228/08 **The Grove Garden renovations – to consider and decide on the way forward**

Consideration was given to the proposed renovations to The Grove Gardens.

Members were keen that the Mulberry tree should be protected and various ideas such as an area of reflection or a sensory garden were put forward.

The Deputy Clerk advised members that all plans would be put before the Committee for consideration.

RESOLVED

That the report on The Grove Garden renovations be noted.

229/08 **Winter Planting Scheme – To note the progress**

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor updated members on the winter planting scheme for the Parish which will consist of yellow and blue winter flowering pansies.

Most summer bedding and hanging baskets have been removed but some will remain until they have finished flowering and then be replaced with winter planting.

The County Councillor congratulated the Council on the planting scheme which he feels enhances the area.

RESOLVED

That the report on the winter planting scheme be noted.

230/08 **Cosworth Drive Local Park – To receive a verbal update on the progress**

The Deputy Clerk advised the meeting that the draft plans for the Cosworth Drive Local Park have been completed. It is hoped to view them at a forthcoming meeting with the District Council then discuss them at a meeting of the Play Equipment Working Party before bringing any recommendations before the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the update on the Cosworth Drive Local Park be noted.

231/08 **Future of the Cussens Day Centre**

Members discussed possibilities for the future use of Cussens Days Centre.

It was agreed to forward any ideas to the Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Chairman

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