

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Hythe and Dibden Parish Council
Held at The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe
On Monday 3 August 2009 at 8 pm

Members: *Mr D Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Bennett	*Mrs M Robinson
*Mr W Binns	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mr B Uglow
oMr G Jones	*Mr P Vickers
oMrs M McLean	*Mr A Wade
oMr G Parkes	*Mr M Wade

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)

Also present: Mr B Dash - Hampshire County Councillor
Mr S S Wade - New Forest District Councillor

Apologies: Mrs A McEvoy - Hampshire County Councillor
Mrs B Smith – New Forest District Councillor
Mr C Harrison - New Forest District Councillor

139/09 Declarations of Interest

Mr John Bennett declared an interest in item 149(b) as he is employed as the Honorary Consul for the Netherlands.

140/09 Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 June 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 22 June 2009 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

141/09 Public Forum

Mr Dash alerted the Council to his disappointment that the provision of dog waste bags was not going to be subsidised by the Parish Council.

The Chairman responded that the decision was taken after a robust discussion had taken place.

142/09 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman read out a letter from a member of the public who had written to the Council and its staff thanking them for the wonderful flower displays that had been provided this year

The Chairman had attended a Hovershow in Gosport which was part of the 50 anniversary celebrations of the Hovercraft.

143/09 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

The Chairman read a written report supplied by Mrs McEvoy regarding the proposed safety improvements to the A326.

The improvements which include the installation of street lighting and a controlled pedestrian crossing which will be equipped with the new "Intelligent Transport System" had been given the go ahead by the County Council's Executive Member for Environment. In addition there will be new road markings and anti skid surfacing

Mr Dash had continued working on the proposed Lorry Ban along Hythe Road however it has been decided that there will not be a complete ban. Another option which is being considered by the County Council was to restrict the number of heavy goods vehicles using the route. He has requested the County Council to consult with the Parish Council.

Mr Dash added a further point to the A326 road improvements update in that right turns into the Marchwood Priory from the A326 will be prohibited.

The cycle route located in Pylewell Road is going to be extended to Christchurch; work is scheduled to start next month.

144/09 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

Mrs Robinson informed the Council that she had witnessed the police carrying out speed checks on vehicles along the A326.

New Forest District Council has agreed a financial plan until 2012, currently savings of £1.5 million pounds above the budgeted figure have been achieved. This figure would have been greater had it not been for the legal fees and costs associated with the recent slippery floor court case.

It was anticipated that further savings of around £4 million would need to be achieved by 2012.

The latest update suggests that the "One Site" project being undertaken by NFDC is that Appletree Court will be the favoured site to host District Council staff.

Proposals from the sheltered housing review will be put forward to Cabinet it was suggested that members are provided with a copy of the report so that they are aware of the proposals.

The New Forest Business Partnerships have launched a new initiative which it is hoped will stimulate the local economy. The Brand New Forest Programme has different elements including business, energy and food however one of the major challenges of the scheme will be for the initiative to provide jobs/training for young people who are leaving school/colleges.

Mr M Wade is assisting the scrutiny panel to gather information on car crime figures in the district. A questionnaire is being distributed to car repair businesses in order to gather some understanding of car crime figures.

CCTV in the parish is on course to be live by September 2009.

Mr S Wade informed the Council that a new Chief Executive has been appointed to the National Park Authority one of his main tasks will be to improve public relations.

145/09 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

Mr Binns announced that Age Concern New Forest are hosting two Motability awareness days one of which will be held in St John's Street Car Park.

Mr Binns attended a meeting of It's Your Choice which is an organisation which provides support and advice for young people aged 13-25 year olds. The organisation provides a valuable service however it was not being fully utilised by young people of the parish.

Ongoing changes to the structure of the Citizens Advice Bureau were ongoing and it was anticipated that a job advertisement for a new Managing Director of the organisation would be produced by September.

The changes are due to be completed by March 2010 and Mr Guy will keep the Council informed of the progress.

Community First New Forest has been contracted to provide a wheels to work scheme to the Test Valley area. This follows success in the New Forest district.

146/09 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr M Wade stated that as ward member for Dibden he supported the County Councillors view of the preferred option for restricting HGV movements along the Hythe Road.

Mrs Robinson asked Mr W Binns if the Parish Council had received a reply to its earlier letter of support to Its Your Choice. Mr Binns was not aware of a reply and the Clerk confirmed that a response had not been received.

Mr Smith asked Mrs Robinson whether or not the District Council will review its decision to provide sun beds at its leisure centres. Mrs Robinson informed Members that discussions are ongoing.

147/09 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

There were no questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26.

148/09 **Reports of Committees**

(a) Planning Committee – 22 June 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 22 June 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 22 June 2009 be received and adopted.

(b) Planning Committee – 13 July 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13 July 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13 July 2009 be received and adopted.

(c) Amenities Committee – 13 July 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 13 July 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 13 July 2009 be received and adopted.

(d) Planning Committee – 27 July 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27 July 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27 July 2009 be received and adopted.

(e) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 27 July 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 27 July 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 27 July 2009 be received and adopted.

149/09 **Signing of Documents – To authorise two members of the Council to sign the new Lease between**

- (a) the Council and Hythe and Dibden Sports Club
- (b) the Council and the Honorary Consul for the Netherlands for the use of office accommodation at The Grove

RESOLVED

That authority be given to sign the documents as required by the Clerk to the Council.

150/09 **Southampton Airport – Noise Action Plan 2010 – 2015 Draft for Consultation**

The Council noted that complaints from residents regarding aircraft noise had decreased since the introduction of aircraft with quieter engines to Southampton Airport. As a way of informing the public of the consultation process it was suggested that a notice appears on the councils website and it's notice boards.

RESOLVED

That Mrs Robinson, the Clerk and any other interested Members meet to put forward comments for consideration by the General Purposes and Finance Committee at its September meeting.

151/09 **Port of Southampton – Masterplan 2009 – Consultation Document**

The Council in considering it's response to the Port Of Southampton – Masterplan – Consultation document.

RESOLVED

1. That a Working Party be formed to include Mr A Wade, Mr J Bennett, Mr G Parkes and Mr B Dash together with any other Member of the Parish Council
2. That the working party put forward responses to the consultation document for consideration by the General Purposes and Finance Committee at its next meeting.
3. That a letter be sent to the National Park Authority requesting that consideration is given to including Dibden Bay in the National Park.

152/09 **Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment, together with a supplementary list.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 5143-5176 inclusive, totalling £24,293.25, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairman

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