

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 Wednesday 8 October 2014 at 8.00 pm

Members: *Mrs B Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Binns	*Mrs M Robinson
oMr M Short	*Mr D Smith
*Mr B Dash	*Mr A Wade
*Mr R Guy	*Mr M Wade
*Mr C Harrison	oMr S Wade
*Mrs M McLean	
*Mr G Parkes	

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mr D Melsome (Assistant Clerk)
Mr M Kendall (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)
Mrs B Edwards (Minute Clerk)

Also present: oMr M Harris (New Forest District Councillor)
oMr P Fawkes (Hampshire County Councillor)

2 Members of the Public

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

138/14 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations made.

139/14 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 September 2014.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 September 2014 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

140/14 **Public Forum**

Mr John Carr, Chairman of the Hythe Hospital Stakeholder Group updated Members on the outcome of consultations regarding Hythe Hospital. West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has indicated that the preferred option is to build a new hospital. The next step is to consider funding options involving a considerable number of partners. This process is likely to be concluded by December 2014 with the aim to commence business case development in January 2015. Work is expected to start on the site in 2016 and completed in 2017.

There will be three phases involved. Phase 1: move all existing services to the Medical Centre Building, Phase 2: construct a new building over the site where the current old hospital is located, Phase 3: move services to the new building and demolish the old Medical Centre.

Some existing clinics will have to transfer to other locations during the build, namely the Respiratory, Phlebotomy and Ultrasound clinics.

Mr Carr confirmed that some of the land within the grounds of the existing hospital complex will be sold for housing.

Mr Carr stated that the Royal British Legion continues to be consulted with regard to the siting of the War Memorial.

The Chairman of the Council confirmed that the Parish Council will actively support the project and thanked Mr Carr for the time, effort and work he has put into the project.

141/14 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that all Members have been invited to attend Remembrance Day Services within Parish Churches on 9 November 2014. She requested that Members inform Officers which service they plan to attend.

142/14 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Malcolm Wade attended the call-in meeting of the Children and Young People Select Committee on 12 September regarding reducing the funding for Short Breaks for disabled children. The decision to carry out the consultation on the basis of cutting the service next year instead of delaying it for alternative funding to be found or providing funds was not supported by the majority of the committee. Mr Wade confirmed that the campaign for the funding not to be cut will carry on and a petition is being put together to go to Westminster.

Mr Wade attended the normal meeting of the Children and Young People Select Committee on 24 October at which the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service was an agenda item. Health Watch Hampshire gave a presentation on the work it does with children suffering from mental health issues.

Children's Services within Hampshire County Council (HCC) have been subject to an Ofsted inspection which resulted in 3 good and 2 outstanding classifications.

At the Children and Families Advisory Panel a presentation was given on child sexual exploitation.

Discussions and negotiations are ongoing concerning The 'Keep Lepe Car Park Open' issue.

The pedestrian refuge near the old Croft site is progressing and should be finished soon.

143/14 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

James Binns expressed disappointment that unfortunately the Shoutabout conference, rescheduled for 24 October 2014, has now been cancelled due to a lack of response from Head Teachers within the locality.

Mr Binns attended the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel and was made aware of an increased number of incidents involving young people and bicycles. Enquiries are to be made as to which schools provide cycling proficiency. Mr Binns informed Members that all NFDC vehicles are to be upgraded with safety signage.

Maureen McLean reported a discussion with an anti-social behaviour officer on troubled families. The cost to the government of one troubled family is £75,000 per year. Following a three year study, in year 1 Hythe and Dibden Parish had 14 active cases, 11 cases in year 2 and 2 cases in year 3.

A Task & Finish Group to discuss child poverty is being set up.

Mrs McLean reported from the Housing Policy Group: 3,000 tenants within the Parish are in receipt of housing benefit. With regard to the bedroom tax, 340 have 1 spare bedroom resulting in a 14% loss of benefit, 70 have 2 spare bedrooms resulting in a 25% loss of benefit. Self-employed residents who are in receipt of some benefit has increased by 25% in the past year. There are many bedroom tax appeals in progress, the charity Shelter is providing a helpline to assist with appeals.

Results of a tenant satisfaction survey sent to 5,100 NFDC tenants and 183 Lease holders indicate a 46% response. Of those 63% are in receipt of housing benefit, 51% do not use the internet and 7% have reported anti-social behaviour.

A complaint of insufficient litter bins has been addressed by the provision of larger bins which can be used for both litter and bagged dog waste.

Chris Harrison attended the Planning Development Control Committee meeting on 8 October 2014. Application number 14/11077 for the Travellers Rest was granted.

Mr Harrison informed Members that NFDC estimates revenue of £800,000 from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) next year. Mr Harrison advised that Section 106 monies will remain for affordable housing.

Maureen Robinson reported that the budget Task and Finish Group had invited members to talk about their priorities for budget spending. No responses had been received.

Malcolm Wade informed Members that the Environment Panel meeting was cancelled as it was deemed there was nothing to discuss.

The re-opening of Applemore Recreation Centre swimming pool is now planned for 15 November. Mr Wade continues to ask for a specific briefing on what went wrong.

144/14 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

David Smith attended the AGM of the Hythe and Dibden Woodland and Waterside Group. In spite of having only 8 members, the group is engaged in various activities within the community and is pleased with the support received from the Parish Council.

Parish Councillors agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the Woodland and Waterside Group in recognition of the work they have been doing for the past 25 years.

Mr Smith reported from the Butts Ash Community Association. The new chairman, Peter Armstrong, conveyed thanks to Graham Parkes for meeting him and giving advice.

145/14 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports

David Smith asked James Binns whether the increase in cycling incidents correlates to an increase in the uptake of cycling. Mr Binns responded that the figures related primarily to junior cyclists, however he would make further enquiries and report back.

Roger Guy asked Malcolm Wade if he was aware of any dissatisfaction reported concerning any of the work being carried out elsewhere at Applemore Recreation Centre. Mr Wade responded that he was not aware.

Malcolm Wade queried with James Binns and Maureen McLean whether the record number of incidents of rent arrears had been mentioned at the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel. Both Councillors responded that no figures had been mentioned.

146/14 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26

Maureen Robinson asked if the Chairman had received a response from the Principal of Totton College regarding the Lunedale Road facility. The Clerk to the Council replied that no response had been received and that the matter would be pursued.

Alex Wade asked if the Chairman knew whether the site visit to Pylewell Precinct Building Site had been made by the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation. Brian Dash responded on behalf of the Chairman stating that a Planning Officer had attended the site and that subsequently a fence had been erected around the perimeter.

147/14 Reports of Committees

Planning Committee – 10 September 2014

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 September 2014.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 September 2014 be received and adopted.

148/14 Conclusion of Annual Audit 2013/2014

Consideration was given to the Annual Return for 2013/2014.

RESOLVED

That the Annual Return for 2013/2014 be noted.

149/14 Internal Audit Report 2014/2015 (interim)

Consideration was given to the Internal Audit Report 2014/2015 (interim).

RESOLVED

That the Internal Audit Report 2014/2015 (interim) be noted.

150/14 Use of Developers' Contributions – Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

Consideration was given to the above report.

RESOLVED that

- a) the unallocated balance of £6,317.04 earmarked for the Roman Road South improvements be agreed.
- b) the £66,179 potentially available from extant permissions earmarked for the Roman Road South improvements, installation of a crossing on Butts Bridge Hill and towards a footway widening scheme in School Road be agreed.
- c) the £43,227 section 106 monies be used to construct a Multi-Use Games Area adjacent to Netley View Youth/Community Building.

151/14 Request to lease Parish Council land adjacent to Highlands Way

Members gave consideration to the above request.

RESOLVED

That a longer term strategy for the area of land be explored.

152/14 Hampshire Countryside Access Plan Review – Stakeholder Consultation

Consideration was given to the invitation to comment on the Hampshire Countryside Access Plan Review.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Clerk to the Council responds on behalf of the Parish Council.
- b) a link to the survey is placed on the Parish Council's website to encourage residents to respond.

153/14 Bank Reconciliation – August 2014

Consideration was given to the Bank Reconciliation for August 2014.

RESOLVED

That Bank Reconciliation for August 2014 be noted.

154/14 **LGPS – Policy Document**

Consideration was given to the above revised policy document.

RESOLVED

That the revised LGPS Policy be adopted.

155/14 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed totalling £73,374.46 be approved and paid.

156/14 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

157/14 **Global IT Solutions – Termination of Tenancy at the Grove**

Members considered the above report.

RESOLVED that

- a) The period of notice required is reduced to six months.
- b) The vacant office is allocated as outlined in the report.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman

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