

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 14 January 2015 at 8.00 pm

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

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

In attendance: Mr D Shimpe (Clerk to the Council - Locum)
 Mr D Melsome (Assistant Clerk to the Council/Finance Officer)
 Mr M Kendall (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)
 Mrs B Edwards (Minute Clerk)
 Mrs J Bevis (Administration Assistant)

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

10 Members of the Public

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

220/14 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations made.

221/14 Presentation of Long Service Awards

The Chairman of the Council presented long service awards to Councillors Maureen Robinson, Graham Parkes, David Smith and Malcolm Wade.

222/14 Presentation to David Shimpe from Members and Staff of the Parish Council

The Chairman of the Council presented David Shimpe, former Clerk to the Council, with a gift from Members and Staff in recognition of his retirement following thirteen years' service to Hythe and Dibden Parish Council.

223/14 Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 December 2014. Councillor Parkes voiced concerns regarding the comments made by Councillor Dash in item 203/14.

RESOLVED

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

224/14 Public Forum

Mr Brian Uglow informed Members that the 20 mph speed limit which has been introduced in Hythe is not being enforced, especially along Shore Road. The Chairman of the Council responded that contact would be made with the local Accredited Community Safety Officers (ACSOs) and the Safer Neighbourhoods Team regarding the matter. The possibility of implementing a Speed Indicator Device would also be pursued.

Mr Uglow expressed his thanks to David Shimpe for his service to Hythe and Dibden Parish Council.

225/14 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman conveyed thanks and appreciation to officers of the Council for their efforts in the absence of a Clerk to the Council.

226/14 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

Philip Fawkes reported that following public pressure, the opening hours of the car park at Lepe Beach will be extended during the Summer months.

Malcolm Wade advised that remedial work will start on 26 January 2015 to the resurfacing work recently undertaken at Noads Way, Dibden Purlieu south of the junction with Peartree Road. The road will be closed between the hours of 07:00 and 17:00 hours. Local residents will be informed by letter and information signs will be erected approximately 2 weeks prior to the start.

Mr Wade attended a PACT meeting at Hythe Police Station on 2 December 2014 at which the difficulties experienced by traders at Fairview Parade were discussed. Actions to resolve the matter include more Police involvement, further action from the ACSOs and the Handy Trust and visits to the local schools. A review meeting is planned for the end of February.

Mr Wade reported that following a review of external contracts, the contract with Veolia for the disposal and treatment of waste for Hampshire County Council has been extended until 2030.

227/14 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

Chris Harrison attended a Planning Development Control Committee meeting on 14 January 2015 and reported that the appeal by McCarthy and Stone for the new development at Dibden Purlieu has been successful.

Maureen McLean advised that she has been appointed to serve on a Child Poverty Task and Finish Group. Mrs McLean quoted statistics which indicate that some areas with the highest child poverty rates fall within the parish of Hythe and Dibden.

Stan Wade informed Members that the pathway between the Westhill estate and Jones Lane which traverses Ewart Recreation Ground had become unsafe due to overgrown vegetation.

Michael Harris gave thanks to the recipients of the long service awards. Mr Harris informed Members that he is keen to promote the concept of social enterprise within the public sector and would like to see it introduced within the New Forest area.

Mr Harris reported on imminent progress regarding Unit 8 at Hardley Industrial Park.

228/14 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies.

229/14 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports

Brenda Smith asked Philip Fawkes if he was aware that the closure of the upper car park at Lepe Beach was causing difficulties for people with mobility problems. Mr Fawkes responded that he would raise the matter.

Maureen Robinson asked Michael Harris whether the resolution of the empty unit at Hardley Industrial Estate would have a wider impact on the Parish of Hythe and Dibden. Mr Harris replied that the issues had been separated from the two parishes.

Alex Wade asked Malcolm Wade if he had received any feedback from the traders at Fairview Parade. Mr Malcolm Wade responded that a new Manager at One Stop had introduced changes to the dynamics of the store which had resulted in a reduction of the issues.

230/14 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

There were no questions raised.

231/14 **Reports of Committees**

Planning Committee – 10 December 2014

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

RESOLVED

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

232/14 **To agree the Budget, Fees and Parish Precept 2015/2016**

Consideration was given to the above report.

RESOLVED

That the Budget, Fees and Parish Precept for 2015/2016 be agreed.

233/14 **Hampshire County Council, Rights of Way – Vegetation Priority Cutting Lists for Your Parish**

Consideration was given to the priority cutting list for Hythe and Dibden parish.

RESOLVED

That the decision be made by the Amenities Team and Officers of the Council.

234/14 **Bank Reconciliation – November 2014**

Consideration was given to the Bank Reconciliation for November 2014.

RESOLVED

That the Bank Reconciliation for November 2014 be noted.

235/14 **Parish Polls – to consider a consultation document**

Consideration was given to above document.

RESOLVED

That the final response be agreed by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council.

236/14 **Quality Council Status**

Members considered the above document.

RESOLVED

That the document on Quality Council Status be noted.

237/14 **Accounts for payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed totalling £57,167.71 be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.34 p.m.

Chairman

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