

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 13 August 2014 at 8.00 pm

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

*Mr J Binns	oMrs M Robinson
oMr 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 J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mr D Melsome (Assistant Clerk)
Mrs B Edwards (Minute Clerk)

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

6 Members of the Public

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

80/14 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

81/14 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 July 2014.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 July 2014 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

82/14 **Public Forum**

Mr A Stote informed Members that he had started a 'Keep Lepe Open Longer' campaign group, via social media, in an effort to extend the opening times of the lower car parks at Lepe Country Park. The social media group currently has around 750 members.

Mr Stote stated that Lepe beach car parks had been open to the public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until recent years when it became a Country Park. Since then the car park was closed at sunset in Winter, in 2013 it was closed at 10 p.m and this year it closes at 8 p.m. In contrast, the car park at Calshot beach is open 24 hours. The closure of the car park has resulted in cars parking on the road way along the seafront.

Councillors Philip Fawkes and Malcolm Wade had agreed to assist in the mission to have the car parks open 24 hours a day. Mr Stote requested assistance from Hythe and Dibden Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would progress the matter in a positive direction through the County Councillor.

Mrs J Bovey advised Members of her concern about lavatories and litter within the Parish. In her opinion there was too much litter and too few public conveniences.

Mrs Bovey considers that public conveniences are not seen as an essential provision and she would like to see partnership working with New Forest District Council (NFDC) to ascertain what is preferred, what is required and to make provision.

Mrs Bovey expressed dismay over the quantity of litter dropped within the Parish.

The Committee agreed that both matters would be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Council.

At this point in the meeting Standing Order 17.1 was suspended to allow more time for the Public Forum.

Mr K Fox informed Members that he is appalled at the state of the building site in Pylewell precinct. In March of this year he started investigations into who is responsible to ensure the land is safe, secure and cleared. NFDC responded on 8 August 2014 and informed Mr Fox that a Section 215 had been prepared and should shortly be served on the developer of the site.

Mr Fox asked if the Parish Council could accept the matter as a corporate issue and do something about it.

The Committee agreed that the matter would be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Council.

83/14 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

84/14 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Philip Fawkes had nothing to report in respect of the Parish. He reported that he is involved in the Lepe Beach car park issue. Mr Fawkes has met with both the Park Manager and others higher up the chain of command to suggest that the lower beach car park remains open during the night but does favour the upper car park being closed at night.

Malcolm Wade reported that the cuts to Supporting People service, previously reported on last month, had been to the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health. On 30 July 2014 the proposals to reduce the overall expenditure by £7.66 million across the Socially Excluded Sector, Old People's Sector and Disabilities Sector had been agreed.

Mr Wade attended the Young People's and Children's Select Committee at which the Task and Finish Group reported on the review of the disabled children's short break funding. The group's recommendations covered a range of issues addressing savings, improvements and ways to mitigate the cuts. The consultation on the proposed cuts was put through on decision day. However, the decision has been called in, resulting in a special meeting of the Select Committee in September to further discuss the matter.

Work is programmed to start on the pedestrian refuge crossing at Langdown Lawn on 7 September 2014.

The improvements to Hythe Interchange are currently programmed to start at the beginning of January 2015.

85/14 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

James Binns reported that the postponed Shoutabout conference had been rescheduled for either the 24 or 31 October 2014.

Chris Harrison attended the Planning Development Control Committee meeting on 13 August 2014 and updated Members on applications within the Parish. The application submitted by McCarthy and Stone at Dibden Purlieu was refused. Mr Harrison also informed Members that McCarthy and Stone were proposing that there would be no developers' contributions to affordable housing, open spaces or transport.

Malcolm Wade stated that the reason for the recent non-collection of recycled glass from Dibden Purlieu was due to technical issues with the vehicle.

86/14 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

David Smith attended the Annual General Meeting of the Butts Ash Community Association (BACA) on 23 July 2014 at which Mr Peter Armstrong was elected as Chairman. The lack of members and difficulties regarding operational activities in the running of the building were discussed.

Mr Smith and Mr Armstrong are attending a preliminary meeting with the Clerk to the Council next week to see if the Parish Council can offer advice. Subsequent meetings will also include the new vicar of St John's once she is in post.

Maureen McLean informed Members that the Dibden Allotments Fund had assisted those families directly affected by the fire which destroyed three houses at Netley View.

Dibden Allotments Fund has also purchased 200 Beach Bus tickets to give to families in need which will be distributed via The Handy Trust and youth workers.

87/14 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports

Malcolm Wade asked David Smith if the Parish Council to anything further to assist BACA. Mr Smith responded that time would tell if the organisation could stand alone and operate under the direction of the new Chairman.

Mr Parkes stated that he was willing to offer any assistance he could to Mr Armstrong and asked David Smith to pass on his contact details.

Brenda Smith asked Chris Harrison if the inability by McCarthy and Stone to meet the 106 payment was the reason for the refusal. Mr Harrison responded that the reasons were numerous.

88/14 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26

David Smith asked if the Chairman was aware that problems with pedestrian access in the village centre had been reported by a resident who is registered blind. The problems are being caused by A boards and furniture (tables and chairs) on the pavements. The resident sought the involvement of the Southern Daily Echo (SDE). As the matter is a highways issue the SDE has contacted Hampshire County Council (HCC) whose officers have visited the area and identified problem areas. In future licences will be required to place advertising boards and furniture on the pavements.

The Chairman stated that she was aware and that the Parish Council would become involved, specifically in liaising with traders.

89/14 Reports of Committees**Planning Committee – 9 July 2014**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 July 2014.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 July 2014 be received and adopted.

90/14 Financial Monitoring – Period ending 30 June 2014

Consideration was given to the above report.

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring for the period ending 30 June 2014 be noted.

91/14 Bank Reconciliation June 2014

Consideration was given to the Bank Reconciliation for June 2014.

RESOLVED

That the Bank Reconciliation for June 2014 be noted.

92/14 Open and Accountable Local Government

Consideration was given to the guide for the press and public on attending and reporting meetings of local government issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government.

RESOLVED that

- a) Standing Order 17.2 be removed to comply with the filming of Council meetings
- b) The guidance document for use by Hythe and Dibden Parish Council be agreed
- c) The implications of the regulation with reference to the recording of officers' decisions are considered at the September meeting.

93/14 Appointment of Representative to Dementia Friendly Action Group

The Dementia Friendly Action Group had asked for a representative from the Parish Council to sit on the group.

RESOLVED

That Cllr. Maureen McLean be appointed as the Parish Council representative for the Dementia Friendly Action Group.

94/14 Update on Transfer of Community Safety Team

Consideration was given to documentation to be used following the transfer of the Community Safety Team to Hythe and Dibden Parish Council during September 2014.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Child Protection Policy be adopted
- b) the Pocket Note Book Rules be adopted
- c) the Accredited Safety Officers Manual be adopted
- d) item 19 of the Accredited Safety Officers Manual be kept under review

95/14 Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed totalling £69,317.47 be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman

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