

**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 9 July 2014 at 8.00 pm

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

*Mr J Binns	*Mrs M Robinson
*Mr M Short	*Mr D Smith
*Mr B Dash	*Mr A Wade
oMr 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)  
oMr P Fawkes (Hampshire County Councillor)

2 Members of the Public

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

60/14 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

61/14 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11 June 2014.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11 June 2014  
be signed by the Chairman as correct.

62/14 **Public Forum**

There were no matters raised.

63/14 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that a petition, received from a Member of Marchwood Parish Council, was being circulated. The petition is requesting that residents of Marchwood and the Waterside are included in the consultation over the future of Marchwood Military Port. The Chairman advised that the decision to sign the petition rests with individuals.

64/14 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Malcolm Wade reported on the proposed cuts to the Adult Services budget – a further £43 million reduction is required in 2014/15 in addition to the £50 million previously reported. Over 90% of the budget is required to meet statutory duties, leaving the discretionary budget for Supporting People under serious threat and proposed cuts amount to a 33% reduction over the next two years. A reduction of £4.1 million is planned during 2014/15 with a further £3.6 - £4.2 savings potential in 2015/16. Supporting People clusters are to be reviewed on a rolling cycle to

ensure services covering the Socially Excluded, Older People and Disabilities are required and relevant.

Mr Wade advised that Hampshire County Council has been awarded a further £6 million from central government (in addition to the £11.5 million already awarded) for flood and infrastructure relief. The money will be used to repair pot holes throughout the county.

Mr Wade informed Members that a pre-planning consultation on the proposed children's home at Dibden Purlieu is being held on 17 July 2014 at the Coffee Shop, St. Andrew's Church, Dibden Purlieu.

65/14 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

Chris Harrison attended the Planning Development Control Committee meeting on 9 July 2014 and updated Members on applications within the Parish. The application for 1 Malwood Road West was granted subject to conditions. The application for 1 Butts Ash Avenue was refused.

Mr Harrison informed Members that he had received a copy of the local plan setting out planning proposals and policies for the period up to 2026. Within Hythe and Dibden Parish 400 new homes are required although more than 200 have already been built. It is anticipated that the extra homes will result in excess of 7,000 extra visits to places of special interest. To offset this the District Council is required to provide suitable alternative natural green spaces (SANGS). Areas of land within the Parish have been identified for this purpose.

James Binns advised that unfortunately 'Shoutabout' had to be postponed due to low numbers. It is hoped the event will take place later this year in November/December when there are no exams taking place and students are contactable.

Mr Binns had attended a meeting with civil servants from the Ministry of Defense (MOD) concerning the military base at Marchwood. The MOD has now agreed not to lease out the sea mounting capability. This part of the base will be retained by the MOD.

No reassurance was given with regard to either the lack of public consultation with the residents and communities affected by the change, or the potential increased traffic or congestion and how this would be managed. There is no legal obligation on any party wishing to lease the site to provide funds towards infrastructure such as roads.

The MOD is expected to return for a further meeting sometime next year to update local councils and authorities on the progress. However, the tendering process will still not have been completed and no information will be given as to who the bidders for Marchwood Military Port are.

Stan Wade reported that he had attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Friends of Forest Front Nature Reserve.

Maureen McLean attended a meeting of the Safer New Forest Partnership Strategy Group where performance information for 2013/14 showed reductions in violence with injury, antisocial behaviour, theft from cars and youths referred to the criminal justice system.

Mrs. McLean also reported from the Housing Strategy Group on the number of empty properties within the New Forest. From 80,488 properties 400 are considered to be empty, 0.5% of the total.

In 2013 a total of 291 properties were empty for a period of 18 months or longer. Of those 129 are now occupied with 53 being second homes. Other reasons for properties being empty include: properties undergoing repairs, for sale, used for commercial services, awaiting demolition or no known reasons.

Malcolm Wade reported from the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel which he attended on 12 June 2014. The task and finish group reported on planned replacement and refurbishing of public conveniences. The public convenience at Hythe will undergo improvements to lighting and ventilation.

New Forest District Council (NFDC) has agreed to undertake additional inspections of trees which are deemed potentially weak or in danger of falling over.

Mr Wade reported that the task and finish group looking into car park ticket machines advised that all ticket machines within the area will be replaced within the next two years.

Maureen Robinson reported that the Corporate Overview Panel is unhappy with the process by which community grants are allocated and will be subject to more critical analysis in future.

66/14 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Mike Short informed Members that he has obtained copies of the NHS West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group's Annual Report for 2013/14 and the Quality Services Better Health five year plan for 2014 – 2019. The copies are in the possession of the Clerk to the Council should Members wish to read them.

Brian Dash reported on the Hythe Hospital Project Group meeting. There is general approval for a new building, although the cost of modification to the existing building against the cost of a new build is marginal. Distribution of land sale proceeds will be made clear later this month. The timescale for the end date is 2017.

The substitution of in-patient beds by reablement beds has been fine tuned. Length of stay has been increased to 6 weeks and patients will also be given additional support for rehabilitation.

67/14 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Brenda Smith asked Malcolm Wade if the consultation regarding the proposed Children's Home at Dibden Purlieu included the general public. Mr Wade responded that it does.

Brian Dash expressed concern about the transport infrastructure with regard to Marchwood Military Port and asked James Binns if the County Council will be acting to ensure that proper provision is made. Mr Binns responded that he was unaware at this time.

68/14 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

David Smith asked if the Chairman was aware that real time information boards would be installed at some of the bus shelters within the Parish. The Chairman responded that she was not aware.

Stan Wade asked if the Chairman was aware that those residents living in flats were not issued with glass recycling boxes. The Chairman referred the matter to Malcolm Wade who responded that the Environmental Committee was already looking into the matter.

Brian Dash asked if the Chairman was aware of the number of representations that had been made regarding 50 Pylewell Road. Mr Dash was informed that the Enforcement Officer from NFDC was looking into it.

69/14 **Reports of Committees**

**Planning Committee – 11 June 2014**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 June 2014.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 June 2014 be received and adopted.

70/14 **Appointment of Internal Auditor**

Consideration was given to the above report.

RESOLVED

That the quotation supplied by Internal Audit Solutions be accepted.

71/14 **Consultation of the future of Hampshire Household Waste Recycling Centres**

A copy of the consultation document concerning the future of Hampshire Recycling Centres had been circulated to all members.

RESOLVED

That a working group be set up to respond.

72/14 **Bank Reconciliation May 2014**

Consideration was given to the Bank Reconciliation for May 2014.

RESOLVED

That the Bank Reconciliation for May 2014 be noted.

73/14 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed totalling £62,483.01 be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 8.52 p.m.

Chairman

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