

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 August 2013 at 8.00 pm

- Members: *Mrs B Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair
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| *Mr J Binns | *Mrs M Robinson |
| oMr B Dash | *Mr M Short |
| oMr R Guy | *Mr D Smith |
| oMr C Harrison | *Mr A Wade |
| oMrs M McLean | *Mr M Wade |
| *Mr G Parkes | *Mr S Wade |
- In attendance: Mr D Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Deputy 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)
- 1 Member of the Public
- * Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

86/13 **Discussion with PCSO Attrill of Hythe Police**

PCSO Attrill did not attend the meeting.

87/13 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Robinson declared an interest in Minute 99/13 as she is a District Councillor. She did not consider her interest to be prejudicial and remained in the meeting for the discussion.

88/13 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 July 2013. The Chairman pointed out that the first name of County Councillor Fawkes had been incorrectly recorded in Minute 66/13.

RESOLVED

That, subject to the above correction, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 July 2013 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

89/13 **Public Forum**

Mr Allen stated that the residents of Fairview Drive were very concerned about the Planning Application for the proposed development on the site of the former Cussens Day Centre. He felt that the matter had been rubber stamped by the Parish Council and that the wishes of the residents had not been taken into consideration. He stated that he had problems accessing the District Council website.

Mr Parkes, Chairman of the Planning Committee, responded that the application was for Access and Outline Planning Permission and that the Planning Committee had followed the correct procedure when dealing with the application.

Mrs Robinson, District Councillor for the Ward, responded that she was aware the matter was causing much concern amongst the residents of Fairview Drive. She reiterated Mr Parkes' comment, stating that the Planning Committee must follow planning laws and the correct

procedure had been adhered to. Additionally, the District Council Planning Department had notified all neighbours to the site of the planning application.

Mrs Robinson advised Mr Allen that the area of land in question was owned by New Forest District Council. In her capacity as District Councillor, Mrs Robinson had, over a period of time attended numerous meetings regarding possible future use of the land. It was felt that the option which would have the least impact for existing residents was to develop the land in a similar way to the surrounding area. This would also generate capital receipt for the benefit of all residents within the Parish.

90/13 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that a thank you letter had been received from Wildground Infant School for supporting the creation of the Growing and Wildlife Garden.

91/13 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Malcolm Wade attended a meeting of the Children and Families Advisory panel where an overview of services had been given.

Mr Wade attended Hythe Library where he learnt of a volunteer library book service for less abled people which had a low uptake in Hythe and the New Forest. Mr Wade had contacted New Forest District Council Housing Department to help promote the service locally.

92/13 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

Malcolm Wade reported that the District intend to conduct an on-line public consultation to establish whether all council tax payers should pay a rate of 20% rather than the current rate of 8%. As people who only paid 8% may not have on-line access, it was felt that this was unfair.

James Binns reported that there was a change to the District's sandbag policy. Sandbags will only be issued following an assessment of need carried out by a District Council officer.

93/13 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

David Smith advised that he had attended a meeting of the Public Transport Forum and updated Members on the Waterside Rail Study. A study by Hampshire County Council resulted in two options: an hourly service from Hythe to Southampton at an infrastructure cost of £9 million or a half hourly service at an infrastructure cost of £11 million. The Forum is awaiting the findings of a third GRIP report.

94/13 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Brenda Smith asked David Smith whether there was a projection of how many passengers would potentially use the Waterside Rail Service. Mr Smith responded that the projection had only been calculated as a percentage.

Brenda Smith queried with Malcolm Wade whether he was working in close co-operation with the Citizens Advice Bureau to help residents struggling with benefits reduction. Mr Wade stated that he would.

Graham Parkes asked David Smith what investigations were being carried out regarding the use of intermediary stations between Totton and Southampton. Mr Smith replied that he would make enquiries.

Graham Parkes asked Malcolm Wade how the volunteer library book service was being advertised. Mr Wade stated that he had seen pamphlets and signs in the library.

James Binns asked David Smith if he was aware of a start and completion date for the Waterside Rail Service. Mr Smith responded that the feasibility of the project was still being looked into and that no dates were known.

Alex Wade queried with Malcolm Wade when the public consultation on council tax would take place. Mr Wade replied that it was due to start in August/September 2013.

95/13 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26

Maureen Robinson asked the Chairman if she knew when Councillor Alex Wade would report back to Council on his remit to encourage and generate interest from younger people to become involved in local council matters. Mr Wade responded that he would report at the next Council meeting and asked for the matter to be put on the agenda.

96/13 Reports of Committees**Planning Committee – 10 July 2013**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 July 2013.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 July 2013 be received and adopted.

97/13 Financial Monitoring for period ending 30 June 2013

The Clerk presented the financial monitoring for the period ending 30 June 2013 and highlighted variances.

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring for the period 30 June 2013 be accepted and approved.

98/13 Hedge Cutter

Members noted the updated report on the hedge cutter.

99/13 Proposed Land Exchange – former Cussens Days Centre, Fairview Drive

Consideration was given to the proposed land exchange requested by New Forest District Council on the former Cussens Day Centre.

RESOLVED

That the land exchange proposed by New Forest District Council on the former Cussens Day Centre be approved.

100/13 NALC – A New Future; developing the strategy – Draft for Consultation

Consideration was given to the above document. Members felt that more time was required to respond.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would consider their responses and return their findings to the Clerk to the Council for collation by 30 August 2013.

101/13 Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in the schedule totalling £58,828.46 be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

Chairman
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