

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 10 July 2013 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	*Mr S Wade
*Mrs M McLean	
*Mr G Parkes	

In attendance: 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)
oPCSO D Carlin (Hythe Police)

4 Members of the Public

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

The Chairman began the meeting by welcoming Hampshire County Councillor Fawkes to the meeting and thanked him for attending.

61/13 Discussion with PCSO Carlin of Hythe Police

PCSO Carlin was unable to attend and had submitted his apologies. The Chairman advised Members that PCSO Carlin had provided an electronic update which would be sent out under separate cover.

62/13 Declarations of Interest

Mrs Smith and Mr Guy declared an interest in Minute 73/13 as they are both allotment tenants. They considered their interest to be prejudicial and, having left the meeting, took no part in the discussion or vote.

63/13 Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 June 2013.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 June 2013
be signed by the Chairman as correct.

64/13 Public Forum

Mr Headon commented about hedge maintenance issues following the letter sent by the Parish Council to tenants of the School Road allotments.

Mrs Smith thanked Parish Council officers and maintenance staff for the beautiful floral displays around the parish.

Mrs McLean conveyed thanks to the Parish Council for the clearance of nettles along Shore Road.

Mr Dash complimented the Parish Council for the work undertaken on vegetation in the 'rapid growth' season. He appreciated Hampshire Highways were extra busy and could not always make areas within the Parish a high priority.

65/13 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman announced that a thank you letter had been received from the Clerk to the Lieutenancy in response to the Parish Council's congratulatory letter to Dame Mary Fagan, the Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire.

66/13 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Peter Fawkes, newly elected Hampshire County Councillor, introduced himself to Members and advised which areas of the Parish he is representing. Mr Fawkes stated that he is a member of the River Hamble Management Committee, the Environment and Transport Committee and the Education Advisory Panel. Mr Fawkes reported that a minor parking issue in Rosebery Avenue had been resolved.

Malcolm Wade reported that at meeting of the Children and Young People Select Committee he had established that a budget £5.2 million annually is allocated to youth support which is outsourced to various organisations. Mr Wade has requested that some of the outsourcing be scrutinised to ensure maximum effectiveness and value for money.

Mr Wade encouraged Members to attend the Hythe Ferry Interchange Travel Plan workshop.

Mr Wade had visited the Forest Education Centre and was impressed by the passion and enthusiasm of the staff.

67/13 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

Maureen Robinson reported that following introduction of the 'bedroom tax' and the imminent implementation of universal credit, this may have an effect on how residents manage their money. A 'moneywise' publication is available which may help.

Malcolm Wade reported that The Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel had focussed on community safety. A Task and Finish Group has proposed to combine the out of hours' service with CCTV. CCTV operation will be upgraded from 20 to 24 hours and will also create an opportunity to generate income.

A Mutual Exchanges Survey shows that in 2011 the number of tenants wanting to move to a smaller property was 23%. By 2012 this had increased to 38% although it is not known how many exchanges were due to the introduction of the 'bedroom tax'.

Chris Harrison reported that a Task and Finish group were looking into council tax rate relief given to some organisations. A further Task and Finish Group had identified an unused sum of money, held by Southampton City Council for use within the south of England, to provide 'no second night out' accommodation. The favoured view was to adopt a scheme similar to that run by Night Stop.

Maureen McLean reported that the Inquiry Process into the Local Plan Part 2 was nearly a year behind schedule due to illness. The written interim comments requested that the Council provide additional evidence regarding amenity areas in compensation for development, bring forward another site for housing development in New Milton and update the housing needs survey.

The outcome of the Hampshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan is expected shortly.

Mrs McLean is part of two Task and Finish groups, one to review the Council's policy of providing sandbags free of charge to households and businesses threatened by flooding and the other to evaluate options and current planning policies with regard to delivering social housing in times of austerity.

James Binns reported that anti-social behaviour accounted for 37% of all crimes reported. Forest Front has the highest levels of arson within the New Forest district.

Wildground Junior School will be opening an inter-active outdoor play area on 19 July 2013.

Stan Wade informed members that the default retirement age of 65 became unlawful on 1 October 2011 and staff are free to choose when they wish to retire. Employees aged 65 years or over will remain entitled to join or continue to be a member of the pension scheme up to age 75.

A Health and Safety Intervention Plan for 2013/2014 was presented to the General Purposes and Licencing Committee for Member approval.

68/13 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Maureen McLean informed Members that planning and property teams within the NHS continue to work to establish the needs of the redeveloped health facility at the Hythe Hospital site. All Primary Care Trusts have now been replaced by GP-led organisations, known as Clinical Commissioning Groups. West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group will be taking forward the Hythe Hospital redevelopment project. Further information is available from the Hythe Hospital newsletter.

69/13 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Alex Wade asked Malcolm Wade if the £5.2 million budget for youth support services was lower than in previous years. He was informed that it was lower.

Alex Wade queried with James Binns whether the reported incidents of arson were an improvement on previously reported incidents. Mr Binns replied that the number of incidents had reduced.

Graham Parkes queried the location of the reported arson incidents on Forest Front. Mr Binns advised that they occurred within the Dibden Purlieu and Butts Ash Wards.

Graham Parkes asked Maureen McLean what impact the importation of mineral waste would have on the Parish. Mrs. McLean commented that she was unsure.

Maureen Robinson raised concerns with Malcolm Wade that New Forest District Council is not more aware of how the benefit changes are affecting vulnerable residents. Malcolm Wade responded that, although he had requested an earlier review, the District Council would be reviewing the effects in twelve months' time.

70/13 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Roger Guy asked the Chairman whether she was aware that Mousehole Lane was being used for parking purposes, causing difficulties for traffic exiting Carpenter Close. The Chairman responded that the ACSOs would be asked to obtain evidence.

Stan Wade commented that large, heavy vehicles are using South Street as a means of accessing local businesses rather than the designated route of Frost Lane/Shore Road. The Chairman responded that the matter should be referred to the Highways Agency for advice.

Maureen Robinson asked County Councillors if they were aware of the difficulties caused to residents by the road closure in South Street. Malcolm Wade responded that he would make enquiries regarding the duration of the works.

Brian Dash asked whether Members were aware that the lane for emergency vehicles at Hythe Marina Village was heavily overgrown. The Deputy Clerk responded that the matter would be referred to the Council's Maintenance Team.

71/13 **Reports of Committees**

Planning Committee – 12 June 2013

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 June 2013.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 June 2013 be received and adopted.

72/13 **Payments of Allowances to Parish Councillors**

Consideration was given to the above document.

RESOLVED

That the payment of travel and subsistence allowances remain at the current rates.

73/13 **Allotments – Review of Terms and Conditions and Inspection Regime**

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak on the matter. A member of the public highlighted a number defects at the School Road allotment site. The Deputy Clerk agreed to investigate.

A copy of the proposed revised Terms and Conditions and the new Inspection Regime had been circulated to all members, with the main changes being identified. Members were requested to adopt the revised Terms and Conditions. Mrs Smith and Mrs Guy had previously declared a pecuniary interest, left the room and took no part in the discussions. Mr Alex Wade took the Chair.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the tightening of the inspection routine be adopted
- (b) a Working Party is set up to consider whether a resident should forfeit their allotment should they move out of the Parish, and if succession of tenancy should be permitted.

74/13 **Acceptance of Tender – Replacement Andrews Water Heater – Clayfields Sports Centre**

Consideration was given to the report and quotations submitted to replace the boiler at the Grove.

RESOLVED

That the quotation from Accolade Building Care Limited for the sum of £6,130.74 plus £1325.07 for a mixing valve be accepted.

75/13 **Acceptance of Quotation - Hedge Cutter**

A copy of the report and quotations submitted to purchase a replacement hedge cutter had been circulated to all members.

RESOLVED

That the quotation from New Forest Farm Machinery Limited for the sum of £6,000.00 be accepted.

76/13 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 8707 – 8771 inclusive totalling £57,182.29 be approved and paid.

77/13 **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.

78/13 **Future Markets – Hythe Centre**

Members considered a report on future markets in Hythe Village Centre.

RESOLVED

That the proposal detailed in the report is progressed.

The meeting closed at 9.35 p.m.

Chairman

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