

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
General Purposes and Finance Committee
held at The Grove, 25 St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday, 25 July 2005 at 8.06 pm.

Members: *Mr R Podesta (Chairman) – in the Chair

oMr G Dawson	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr D Smith
*Mrs M Robinson	oMr M S Wade
oMr M Short	*Mr S S Wade

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: Mrs M McLean
Mr G Parkes
Ms Stephanie Sutton (New Forest District Council)
4 Members of the Public

117/05 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 9 May 2005 and 20 June 2005, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

118/05 **Declaration of Interest**

Mrs Robinson declared an interest in Minute 126/05, as she is the Chair of Hampshire Partnership NHS Trust.

119/05 **Presentation – Crime and Audit Strategy – What Section 17 means to Parish and Town Councils**

Councillor Beck sent his apologies to the meeting and the presentation was given by Stephanie Sutton of New Forest District Council.

The basic premise of Section 17 is that any decision made by a Parish or Town Council must take into consideration the impact, which it will have on crime and disorder. Among suggestions for achieving this were to follow an evidence based problem solving approach, to ensure local issues are not ignored and not reported, to aim to reduce the potential for crime in decisions made and to encourage understanding.

Surveys have been conducted with many groups and an audit has enabled the District Council to form a strategy with six priorities over the next 3 years. It is also hoped to produce a DVD to advise the public on how the anti-social behaviour issue works.

120/05 **Public Participation Period**

Health Meeting

Mr Cox advised members that a provisional date has been agreed for a meeting to replace the aborted Health Meeting in Hythe. It is expected to be on August 19th 2005 between 7 – 9 pm at Applemore Recreation Centre.

A Member asked whether the consultation date would be extended due to the later timing of this meeting.

It was agreed to investigate the matter and to publicise the Meeting.

Hart Hill Lane/Hardley Lane

Mr Cox made a request on behalf of the residents of Hart Hill Lane that this Council advises the County Council that they are not against designating the route between Hart Hill Lane and Hardly Lane as a bridleway but they do not wish to see it used for traffic due to problems with vandalism and attempted arson.

It was agreed to consider this request later in the meeting when the matter would be discussed more fully.

Byelaws

Mr Uglow asked Stephanie Sutton whether it is a crime to break byelaws.

He was advised that it is not easy to answer such questions without specific examples, but it may be the responsibility of the Council rather than the Police to enforce byelaws. However, there are more modern tools, which can be used to alter behaviour areas.

Junction Shore Road/St John's Street/South Street

Mr Uglow expressed concern at the potential for accidents at the above junction and asked for a mini roundabout to be introduced.

It was agreed to investigate the matter.

121/05 **Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk submitted a Schedule of Accounts for payment.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 1455-1509 inclusive, totalling £42985.70, be approved and paid.

122/05 **Financial Monitoring period ending 30 June 2005**

Consideration was given to the financial monitoring for the period ending 30 June 2005.

A. 9013 Dibden Bay Fighting Fund

It was agreed to consider the reallocation of the Dibden Bay Fighting Fund.

B. General

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring report for the period ending 30 June 2005 be noted.

123/05 **Removal of Fly Tipping – Forest Front – Allocation of Funds**

Consideration was given to the funding of the cost of removal of fly tipping from Forest Front.

RESOLVED

That the cost of removal of the fly tipping be taken from general balances.

124/05 **Community Wardens**

Consideration was given to the introduction of a Parish led Community Warden Scheme and whether to consult the public for their views.

Concern was expressed that this type of scheme would result in the County Council's ACSO's being reassigned to other areas, although it was agreed that the scheme was desirable in principle.

RESOLVED

- (a) That New Milton Town Council be approached for feedback from their scheme and a study of recent stats be undertaken before further recommendations can be made.
- (b) Consideration be given to appropriate consultation with members of the public.

125/05 **Map Modification Order to record bridleway rights on Hart Hill Lane and Hardley Lane in Fawley and Hythe and Dibden Parishes – section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981**

Consideration was given to a request from Hampshire County Council to comment on the above order.

Members agreed with the comments made by Mr Cox earlier in the meeting and were concerned that the area between points D and F on the map should be fully protected.

RESOLVED

That Hampshire County Council be informed that this Council accepts that Hart Hill Lane is a Byway Open to All Traffic but would urge that it is downgraded to a Bridleway due to environmental concerns.

126/05 **Consultation Document on Community Services for Older People in New Forest, Southern Test Valley and Eastleigh**

Consideration was given to the above document and the effect it will have on the residents of the Parish and Hythe Hospital.

Questions were raised over the legality of changing the use of Hythe Hospital, as it is a war memorial paid for by the residents of the Parish. However, if it is necessary to close beds, assurances were sought that the vacated space would continue to be used for healthcare. It was further pointed out that this consultation refers only to one section of the community – departments such as the Minor Injuries Unit are not involved.

Hythe and the surrounding areas of the Waterside are quite densely populated and there is a need for a local hospital and “step down” beds from acute care.

It was suggested that a final submission could be made after the Public Meeting on 19th August 2005, but the County Council could be advised of the points raised so far.

RESOLVED

That a response be drafted and circulated to Members for comments before submission.

(Mrs Robinson declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

127/05 **Report of Police Liaison Group Meeting held on 14 June 2005**

Members noted the above Report.

128/05 **Southampton Airport Flight path Trials**

Members were advised that trials are presently being conducted at Southampton Airport. It was agreed to publicise this fact to residents so that they could provide the Airport with feedback.

The Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Chairman

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