

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, 20 February 2006 at 8 pm.

Members: * Mr M S Wade (Vice Chairman) – in the Chair

Mr G Dawson	* Mr M Short
*Mr C Harrison	* Mrs B Smith
oMr R Podesta	oMr D Smith
* Mrs M Robinson	*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: Mr G Parkes
1 Member of the Public

412/05 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 23 January 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

413/05 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

414/05 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

The Chairman agreed to allow Mr Emis to speak later in the meeting.

415/05 **Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk submitted a Schedule of Accounts for payment, together with a supplementary list.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 1940-1966 inclusive, totalling
£12,217.39, be approved and paid.

416/05 **RevitalHythe update**

Members were updated on the RevitalHythe project and complimented the organisers of the successful cinema project.

The Promenade opening will take place on 12 April 2006 when it is hoped to relaunch RevitalHythe and possibly introduce the Community Warden Scheme. A local personality is being sought to perform the opening.

A Member observed that the workmen have left the Promenade site but it does not appear to be completely secure. The Clerk agreed to investigate the matter.

It was agreed to investigate the possibility of altering the franking machine logo to include the www.hytheononline.com information.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

417/05 Review of the Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme

Consideration was given to the initial views of NALC on the Review of the Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme.

Members were agreed that it is too soon to make major alterations to the scheme and felt that this was a reasonable set of questions and answers. However, it was felt that there may be conflict between this scheme and the government's wish to set up "neighbourhoods" when large parts of the country are governed by Parish Councils which are effectively "neighbourhoods" anyway.

RESOLVED

That NALC be asked to what extent the "neighbourhood" scheme will undermine those Parish Councils with Quality Status.

418/05 Notes of the Hythe Centre Advisory Group held on 24 January 2006

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Hythe Centre Advisory Group held on 24 January 2006 with the following points being raised:-

(2) Living Landmarks Bid

The bid has completed the preliminary stage and the next stage will be a more detailed assessment.

(5) Hythe Centre Improvement

The transport interchange refurbishment, by the County Council, includes the existing area. The part from the pier head to the new promenade will be addressed in the Living Landmarks Bid although it was agreed to press the County Council to include it in the existing refurbishment.

Concern was expressed that the road in Pylewell Road is not wide enough to include a cycle route. As the cycle route sign has still not been removed or covered it was agreed to write to Highways Division once more and copy the County Council into all correspondence.

(6) Exchange of information

The inconsiderate parking around New Road and the entrance to the car park is thought to be caused by people stopping "for a moment" to use bank cash machines. It was agreed to ask the ACSOs to investigate the matter as well as the Police and the District Council.

RESOLVED

That, subject to the above, the minutes be noted.

419/05 New Housing Development Langdown Lawn/Southampton Road

Members were advised that a new area of housing on Langdown Lawn/Southampton Road has been named without the usual courtesy of consultation by the District Council.

Mr Emis felt that calling the area Langdown would cause a great deal of confusion and at his request the Clerk wrote to the District Council who changed the name to Langdown Court, Southampton Road but would not alter it further due to the utilities being informed and signage ordered. Despite this, it was still felt that long term confusion and inconvenience could result from this name and a name such as Mousehole Court which has historical significance would be more appropriate.

Mr Parkes also expressed concern that planning conditions were not being adhered to and steps had been constructed where it had been agreed to place a smooth surface. He was further concerned at the way the road appeared to sweep into Racketts Lane which could be hazardous.

It was agreed to inform the District Council of this Council's displeasure at the lack of courtesy afforded in this instance and to continue to press for the name to be changed to Mousehole Court.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman

Date

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