

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 23 October 2006 at 8.03 pm.

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

*Mr G Dawson	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr D Smith
*Mrs M Robinson	*Mr M S Wade
*Mr 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: Mr G Parkes

271/06 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 11 September 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

272/06 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

273/06 **Public Participation Period**

There were no members of the public present.

274/06 **Accounts for Payment**

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

(a) Voucher 2700

Members were advised that these CRB checks were done on members of the Parish Council staff through a recognised body.

(b) Voucher 2701

Members were concerned at the cost of removing hanging baskets but were advised by the Clerk that health and safety reasons dictate the use of a cherry picker for this task.

(c) General

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 2631-2706 inclusive, totalling £26,926.13, be approved and paid.

275/06 **Update on Public Buildings**

- The Grove
- Clayfields
- Parish Hall
- Workshop
- Pavilion Shore Road

Consideration was given to the update on public buildings. Members were advised that the District Council's Sports Development Officer is currently looking into other activities which could take place at Clayfields.

RESOLVED

That the update on public buildings be noted.

276/06 Community Safety Service update

The Clerk advised members that he expects the ACSOs to be issued with bicycles and the relevant equipment within the next week.

It was suggested that the ACSOs take their marked car to places such as Tesco, Waitrose, Dibden Purlieu and Netley View Post Office to speak to residents and publicise the service.

Discussion took place over what form this update should take as some members had hoped that more detail of the work done by the ACSOs would be included.

It was agreed that members should be advised of matters which the Clerk feels are necessary as they happen such as matters which will be covered in the media by email and any other matters should be included with the quarterly statistics in order to ensure that the ACSOs spend as much time as possible in the community rather than the office.

RESOLVED

That the Community Safety Service update be noted.

277/06 Neighbourhood Policing 2007

Consideration was given to a letter from Hampshire Constabulary concerning the Police Community Support Officer Scheme.

Members were also advised that Chief Superintendent Ann Wakefield will be giving a presentation at a General Meeting of New Forest Association of Local Councils on "Neighbourhood Policing and Police Community Support Officers".

RESOLVED

That Mr S Wade and the Clerk will attend the NFALC General Meeting with Mr Harrison if he is available. From the information received at that meeting a decision will be made on whether to invite a Police representative to speak to this Council on the PCSO Scheme.

278/06 New Forest Association of Local Councils

Consideration was given to whether to support a draft item prepared by Ringwood Town Council for inclusion on a future agenda for the New Forest Association of Local Councils.

RESOLVED

That this Council support the draft item for a future agenda of the New Forest Association of Local Councils asking;
"That the Association be requested to carry out a fundamental review of its organisation and explain, with examples, to Member councils how it is meeting the five primary objectives set out in its new constitution; and if it is unable to meet its objectives make proposals on a way forward to provide an effective representative body for all Town and Parish Councils within New Forest District".

279/06 Proposed Extinguishment of Highway Rights Section 116 Highway Act 1980 – land adjoining Frost Lane, Hythe

Consideration was given to a request from Hampshire County Council for comments on the proposed extinguishment of Highway Rights along land adjoining Frost Lane.

Concern was expressed that this would result in the potential loss of the hedge and the effect that this would have on the landscape and its structure.

It was agreed that clarification is needed on the implications of the extinguishment of highway rights from the County Council and that a request should be made for this.

RESOLVED

That this council will accept the extinguishment of highway rights on the land adjoining Frost Lane provided a condition is made that the hedge is maintained in its present form and that the area covered does not extend beyond No. 1 to the west.

280/06 **Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service – Disability Equality Scheme Consultation**

Consideration was given to the document received from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Services concerning Disability Equality Scheme Consultation.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

281/06 **Traffic Management – Jones Lane area**

Members were advised that the scheme to improve traffic management in the West Street/Marina/Brinton Lane/Jones Lane area would not be investigated until the next financial year. A temporary solution of white lining would be utilised in the meantime. As members did not consider it covered a wide enough area, it was agreed to ask for the scheme to be extended.

Councillor Harrison reported that he had submitted a motion to the next meeting of the District Council, requesting that the £80.00 parking charge in Hythe be dropped. It was recommended that this proposal be discussed at the next Council meeting.

It was suggested that the District Council be asked to support the request to drop the £80 parking charge in Hythe as it is felt that this is what is causing the parking problems.

282/06 **Remembrance Sunday**

Mrs Smith advised members that she will be absent from the Parish on Remembrance Sunday. Mr Parkes and Mr Smith volunteered to cover her representative duties.

283/06 **Speed camera – Langdown Lawn**

Members asked if the effectiveness of the speed camera outside The Croft had been ascertained.

Mrs Smith asked whether any response had been received to a previous question asking whether it had reduced road traffic accidents.

It was agreed to pursue the matter.

284/06 **Whitewater Rise**

A member advised the committee that the road at Whitewater Rise had still not been repaired satisfactorily and was dangerous.

It was agreed to pursue the matter.

285/06 **Sea Wall – Britannia Gate Estate**

Members were advised of the concern of some residents of the Britannia Gate estate over the condition of the sea wall.

There appears to be no liability on the Parish Council or the District Council who have advised that the Environment Agency is happy that the destruction of the sea wall is within satisfactory limits.

Mrs Robinson agreed to notify those residents who had written to her of this fact.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Chairman

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