

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, 16 July 2007 at 8.00 pm.

Members: *Mrs M Robinson (Chairman) – in the Chair

Mr J Bennett *Mr M Short
oMr G Jones *Mr D Smith
*Mr R Newell *Mr M Wade
*Mr G Parkes

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mrs S A Krynicki (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)

Also present: Mrs M McLean
Mr P Vickers
Mr B Uglow
Mr Andy Mansbridge - PCSO

134/07 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 11 June 2007, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

135/07 **Notification of any other urgent business to be raised at the end of the meeting**

There were no matters mentioned.

136/07 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr M Wade declared an interest in Minute 139/07 as he is related to an ex long service councillor; Mr A Wade declared an interest in Minute 139/07 as he is related to an ex long service councillor; Mr D Smith declared an interest in Minute 139/07 as he is related to an ex long service councillor; Mrs M Robinson declared an interest in Minute 141/07 as her daughter is a Guider; Mr G Parkes declared an interest in Minute 141/07 as he is chairman of Waterside Heritage and Chairman of Hythe and Dibden Twinning Association which has close links with the Petanque Club; Mr P Vickers declared an interest in (Item 9 on the Agenda) as he is a District Council representative on the Waterside CAB Management Committee.

137/07 **Public Participation Period**

Mrs McLean informed the Committee that she was glad to see Andy Mansbridge, the Police Community Safety Officer and stated that she had heard good reports about Andy's work locally.

The Chairman welcomed Andy Mansbridge to the meeting and introduced him to the Committee. Members were informed that the Council contributes towards the funding for Andy who is the Police Community Safety Officer dedicated to Hythe and Dibden and they were offered the opportunity of a brief question and answers session.

Andy informed the group that there are telephone calls being received regarding anti-social behaviour at Ewart Recreation Ground and there have been occasions when there have been issues however, the noise tends to come from groups playing football and groups of young people which is only to be expected from a recreation ground.

The shifts of the PCSO and the ACSO's do not match and Andy would like to resolve this because he feels that there is value to be added if they work together. It was agreed to let Andy have a copy of the ACSO's shift rota and to ask the Clerk to the Council to commence working on a strategy with the Council, the ACSO's and the PCSO and to report back to this committee.

There were concerns about the Security Guard who is employed to ensure that over age people do not use the play area as the Police have been called to assist in clearing the site.

138/07 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed on the Accounts for Payment and the Supplementary List, Vouchers 3266 - 3327 inclusive, totalling £29,060.61, be approved and paid.

139/07 **Recognition of long serving Councillors**

Members were shown details of two possible awards which could be engraved and given as mementoes in recognition of 20 years service as a Councillor. Engraving costs would be approximately £80.00.

RESOLVED

- a) That the 5" Tain Column would be the most appropriate award.
- b) That the award should be engraved with the Member's name, dates of service and with the Council's logo. It should also read "With grateful thanks from the Community of Hythe and Dibden".

140/07 **Update on Public Buildings**

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

Consideration was given to the update on Public Buildings. It was noted that the work on the disabled access at the Parish Hall was completed with the exception of one handrail. This was due to be installed this week.

The Deputy Clerk informed members that the new roof on the Pavilion had a 10 year guarantee.

RESOLVED

That the update on the Public Buildings be noted.

141/07 **Grant Applications 2007**

Members gave consideration to the suggested Grant Aid awards as per the list attached to the Agenda Notes.

Mr Vickers informed the Committee that Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau was in a financial dilemma and that a letter requesting further financial assistance would be forthcoming.

RESOLVED

That the following Grant Aid be awarded.

CAB	£1295.00
Community First Direct	£1093.00
Friends of Forest Front NR	£ 414.00
Waterside Heritage	£ 266.00
Hythe and Dibden Youth Academy FC	£ 500.00
NF Victim Support	£ 300.00
New Forest Disability	

Information Service	£ 300.00
Hythe & Dibden Short Mat Bowls Club	£ 100.00
Southampton & District Samaritans	£ 500.00
Planet Kids After School and Holiday Club	£ 300.00
Dibden Petanque Club	£ 150.00
Girlguiding – Hythe District	£ 61.00

(Mr Vickers declared an interest in this item as he is New Forest District Council's representative on the Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau's Management Committee. Mr Vickers remained and participated in the meeting. Mrs Robinson declared an interest in this item as her daughter is a Guider. Mrs Robinson remained in the meeting but took no part in the Discussion or decision relating to her interest. Mr Parkes declared an interest in this item as he is Chairman of Waterside Heritage and Chairman of Hythe and Dibden Twinning Association which has close links with the Petanque Club. Mr Parkes remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion or decision relating to his interests).

142/07 **Financial Monitoring – Period ending 30 June 2007**

Consideration was given to the financial monitoring for period ending 30 June 2007.

The Deputy Clerk clarified that in relation to 3300 to 3300/1 ideas for assisting the elderly were being sought. 1725 to 1725/3 appeared to be over budget but this was due to having made a 6 monthly payment for the service.

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring for period ending 30 June 2007 be agreed.

143/07 **Proposed Protocol for Attendance of Non Committee Members at Committees**

The adoption of a protocol to clarify the position of non committee members addressing the committee was discussed.

RESOLVED

That the following Protocol be tried for six months. After this period, if it is successful, will be included as part of the Council's Standing Orders:-

1. A non- committee member wishing to speak at a committee meeting should inform the Chairman of the meeting or the Clerk to the Council of the item they wish to speak on prior to the meeting commencing.
2. The non-committee member will be allowed to address the committee provided he/she is the ward member for the item which is to be discussed.
3. A non-committee member will only be allowed to speak once per agenda item for a maximum of 3 minutes. If the Chairman requires clarification or further information the non-committee member may be invited to speak again.
4. Whenever possible all non-committee members should sit in the public area.

144/07 **Review of Council's Young People Involvement Strategy**

The Chairman of the Council suggested that this item be discussed in order to review the Council's existing strategy.

RESOLVED

1. That the existing Young People Involvement Strategy be reviewed by the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Amenities Committee, Mr D Smith, Mr A Wade, Mr B Uglow, a representative of the HANDY Trust, the Market Town Co-ordinator and the Clerk or Deputy Clerk to the Council at a date to be arranged by the Deputy Clerk.
2. That the outcome of the review meeting be reported back to the Committee at its meeting on 15 October 2007.

145/07 **Updated Policy Documents**

Consideration was given to the updated Policy Documents relating to Bus Shelters, Staff Welfare and Street Furniture.

RESOLVED

That the updated Policy Documents relating to Bus Shelters, Staff Welfare and Street Furniture be agreed.

146/07 **To consider a request from the Amenities Committee for the funding of temporary mobile security patrol at Ewart Recreation Ground**

At the meeting of the Amenities Committee on 9 July 2007 it was recommended to request that this Committee approve funding of a temporary mobile security patrol for Ewart Recreation Ground.

Consideration was given to the request and it was agreed that a review of the security service should take place to ensure that the Council receives the best service for the money allocated.

RESOLVED

1. That funding for mobile security patrols at Ewart Recreation Ground be approved for a 12 month contract and that the Clerk to the Council identify the funds.
2. That a review of the guarding service take place to ensure that the Council receives best value for money from the service.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Chairman

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