

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 14 July 2008 at 8 pm.

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

*Mrs M McLean	*Mr D Smith
oMr R Newell	*Mr P Vickers
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr A Wade
*Mr M Short	*Mr M 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: 1 member of the public

106/08 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 9 June 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

107/08 **Notification of any other urgent business to be raised at the end of the meeting**

Members advised the Chairman of matters which they wished to raise at the end of the meeting.

108/08 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

109/08 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

110/08 **Financial Monitoring – Period ending 30 June 2008**

The Clerk presented the financial monitoring information for the period ending 30 June 2008.

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring for the period ending 30 June 2008 be accepted and approved.

111/08 **Update on Young Persons Involvement Strategy Group**

Consideration was given to the update on the Young Persons Involvement Strategy Group. Members were also advised that Griffin, Hythe Marine Park, were providing premises and materials and assistance for young people who wished to enter this summer's raft race.

RESOLVED

That the update on the Young Persons Involvement Strategy Group be noted.

112/08 **Speed Limit Reminder Device**

Consideration was given to the report on the up to date position regarding the purchase and deployment of a Speed Limit Reminder Device.

The Clerk advised members that he is still awaiting a response to his enquiries.

RESOLVED

That the report on the purchase and deployment of a Speed Limit Reminder Device be noted and a further report be presented when the information is available.

113/08 **Hythe Circular Bus Service**

Consideration was given to the provision of a "free" local bus service on market days.

As all bus service provision is currently out to tender it was suggested that any further discussions are left until the results of the consultation are known.

RESOLVED

That the provision of a "free" local bus service on market days be considered when the results of tendering and consultation are known.

114/08 **New Forest District Council and Parish Council's GIS Partnership**

The Clerk gave a brief presentation of the District Council's Forest Map system and outlined how it could be used by the parish.

Members were in agreement over the benefits of the system but expressed some concerns that the costs may prove prohibitive if too few parish councils agree to contribute.

RESOLVED

That this Council will contribute up to a maximum of £2000 per annum for a minimum of 3 years to enable the partnership to progress.

115/08 **Accounts for Payment**

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

(a) Telephone charges

Clarification was sought over telephone charges which appeared to indicate that charges were higher for the workshop than The Grove.

The Clerk advised members that these charges related to alarm and internet connection lines rather than telephone calls made.

(b) General

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 4112-4179 inclusive, totalling £61,858.51, be approved and paid.

116/08 **Action for Market Towns Award**

The Clerk was delighted to advise the meeting that the "Snow Days in Hythe" project which was run as part of the Revital Hythe Initiative in association with the Waterside Business Partnership had recently been judged the winner of the Business and Economy category and then overall winner of the 2008 South East Region Action for Market Towns Award.

The project will now represent South East England at the 2008 National Action for Market Towns Convention at Skipton, Yorkshire in October.

Members asked that Helen Owers, Market Town Co-ordinator and the Business Partnership be congratulated on the achievement.

117/08 **Highway Maintenance**

The Chairman of the Council advised members of an email he had received from the County Council regarding the additional £1million which would be available for highway maintenance this year asking for notification of any potholes and verge maintenance which needed to be carried out in the parish.

Members advised of many areas in the parish which required attention. These included Whitewater Rise, Cumberland Way, Claypits Lane, the area around the Pier Head and Prospect Place, Oak Road, The Marsh, Cedar Road and along New Road past the church.

It was agreed that the Clerk would compile a list to be sent to the County Council.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman

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