

**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, 29 April 2002 at 8.15 pm.

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

*Mr B Dash	*Mr R Podesta
*Mr G Dawson	*Mrs M Robinson
*Mrs C Gradidge	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr R Guy	*Mr D Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr M S Wade
*Mrs M McLean	

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance:           Mr B H Beaven (Clerk to the Council)  
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present:             Mr G Parkes  
1 Member of the Public

427/01 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 4 March 2002, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

428/01 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

429/01 **Report of Senior Community Advisor**

Mr M Robinson sent his apologies that he was unable to attend the Meeting due to pressure of work. Members noted his report.

RESOLVED

1. That letters of thanks be sent to Gwen Strange and Colin Woods expressing appreciation for their previous work.
2. That the title of Senior Community Advisor be amended to Community Advisor.

430/01 **Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk submitted a Schedule of Accounts for payment.

**1 Voucher 606**

Members sought clarification over the repairs made to the Grove doors.

It was reported that one repair was made out of warranty and the other was for adjustment of the sensor further to complaints about the speed of the automatic door.

**2. General**

RESOLVED

That, subject to the above, accounts as detailed in the Schedule circulated, totalling £45967.17, be approved and paid.

**431/01 Bus Service 36**

Members were advised that the 6.45 pm Service 36 from Hythe to Netley View Estate and return would cease to run with effect from 27 May 2002 due to the enforced withdrawal of the subsidy.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted with regret, but a letter be sent to the County Council requesting reinstatement of the service at the earliest possible opportunity.

**432/01 Footpath access between Challenger Way and Orchard School**

Members discussed a letter from Mr and Mrs Wells regarding the problems they were encountering accessing their fields adjacent to Orchard School following the construction of a footpath from Challenger Way.

RESOLVED

That Mr and Mrs Wells be advised that Mr Dash will investigate this matter on their behalf.

**433/01 Bus Shelters**

Members noted the Report that Adshel had agreed to provide three bus shelters as requested in min 376/01.

**434/01 Healthy Walks in the Parish**

Members considered where the Notice Board showing the Healthy Walks, Public Footpaths and other walks in the Parish should be located.

RESOLVED

1. That the two main locations for the Board should be Hythe Hospital Health Centre and the centre of Hythe and a second Board should be ordered at a cost of £370.00 so that one can be placed at each site.
2. That the Clerk locate a suitable site in Hythe Centre.
3. That a copy of the walks be placed on the website subject to copyright clearance.

**435/01 School Governors****(a) Hythe Primary School**

Members considered the nomination of a Minor Authority Governor for Hythe Primary School.

RESOLVED

That Mr John Gunn be nominated.

**(b) Orchard Infant School**

Members considered the nomination of a Minor Authority Governor for Orchard Infant School.

RESOLVED

That the Governors of the School be invited to submit nominations and that the matter be considered at the next Council Meeting.

**436/01 Hythe Centre Advisory Group – Meeting 11 March 2002**

Members considered the Minutes of the Meeting of Hythe Centre Advisory Group held on 11 March 2002.

It was noted that Mr R Podesta had dispensation to speak, but not to vote.

Matters arising:

**(a) Farmers Markets (min 04/02)**

Members were advised that the County Council had been unable to sanction the closure of St John's Street to traffic as had been requested on the days of this year's Farmers Markets. For this reason it had been reluctantly agreed by Hythe Business Partnership that the Market would take place in High Street provided it also included Pylewell Precinct.

RESOLVED

1. That the County Council be advised that after this year markets must be held on a Sunday or Bank Holidays
2. That clarification be sought regarding pedestrian safety between High Street and Pylewell Precinct.

3.

**(b) Shopping Guide (min 05/02)**

Members expressed their disappointment at the layout and distribution of the Shopping Guide.

It was noted that it had not been printed in the agreed format.

**(c) The Way Forward (min 08/02)**

Members discussed the Resolution that the Parish Council initiate action under the Market Towns Initiative.

RESOLVED

That the initiative be adopted and an audit carried out so that the funds can be accessed.

**(c) Hythe Fair Trade Zone (min 09/02)**

Members discussed whether this Council could become a "Fair Trade Zone".

RESOLVED

That the matter be investigated.

**437/01 Annual Parish Meeting – 25 March 2002**

Members noted the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25 March 2002.

**438/01 Equal Opportunities Working Party**

Members considered the Report of the Equal Opportunities Working Party and congratulated them on the amount of work already achieved.

RESOLVED

That the report and recommendations be approved.

**439/01 Community Safety Initiative**

Members were advised that funding had been approved for lighting at the Lower Mullins Lane/Southampton Road junction.

440/01 **Prohibition of Waiting Order**

Members were advised of a proposed Prohibition of Waiting Order for Atheling Road.

RESOLVED

That the order be supported.

441/01 **Shore Road Junction**

Members expressed concern at the lack of white lines on the Shore Road/St John's Street Junction.

It was noted that the road surface was not yet complete and the road markings should be added by the Developer of the Dreamland site in due course.

442/01 **Cycle Way**

Members expressed concern at the progress of the Cycle Way.

RESOLVED

That the matter be put on a future agenda when further information is available

443/01 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

444/01 **Personnel Sub-Committee – Meeting 12 March 2002**

Members considered the Minutes of the Meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on 12 March 2002 and a letter from the Clerk, dated 17 April 2002, regarding the Authority to Act in respect of the new Disciplinary Procedures.

RESOLVED

That, subject to the following amendments, the Minutes of the Sub-Committee and the revised Authority to Act Schedule, be approved:

- (a) That the six month probation period also applies to internal promotion within this Council.
- (b) That a meeting between the Clerk to the Council and the employee will be arranged within 5 working days of receipt of the employee's request under the grievance procedure.
- (c) That the word "will" be substituted for the word "may" regarding the warnings issued under the disciplinary procedure.
- (d) That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee show that the Clerk withdrew prior to discussions of item P150.

445/01 **Report on allegations of intimidation**

Members considered the Report by Mr Dash concerning the allegations of intimidation raised by the former Amenities Manager at the Meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee on 28 November 2001.

RESOLVED

That the Report be noted.

(Mrs Robinson, Mr Podesta, Mr M Wade and Mr Guy took no part in the discussion.)

The Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Chairman

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