

**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, 1 November 2004 at 8 pm.

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

*MrG Dawson	*Mrs B Smith
oMr C Harrison	oMr 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  
Mrs H Owers (Market Towns Co-ordinator)  
Mr C Williams (Representative of Hampshire County Council)  
Mr N Williamson (Representative of New Forest District Council)  
1 Member of the Public

274/04 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 20 September 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

275/04 **Declaration of Interest**

Mr Podesta declared an interest in Minute 278/04 as he is the owner of 25/27 High Street.

276/04 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

277/04 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 966-1012 inclusive, totalling  
£36002.26, be approved and paid.

278/04 **Hythe Promenade Refurbishment**

Mr C Williams of Hampshire County Council and Mr N Williamson of New Forest District Council advised Members of the current position of the Hythe Promenade Refurbishment Scheme.

The Scheme that was agreed after consultation with the local community came in over budget when the tenders were returned. The new design has followed as closely as possible to the original with the boardwalk, 2 viewing platforms and Performance Area all being retained. The main differences are that the access to the boardwalk has been modified, some hard surfacing in the centre has been replaced with grass and some block paving has been changed to coloured tarmac. It is hoped that this will mean that the design is still attractive and durable and it will be possible to upgrade and expand as necessary.

As the design is as close to the original as possible and the timescale is tight if the project is to progress in this financial year. If the owners are agreeable, it is hoped to display the revised plans at The Grove, the Community Centre, Applemore Recreation Centre, St Andrew's Church, Dibden Purlieu, the website and on the Parish Notice Boards. It was agreed to advise

the media and The Herald and those whose properties directly front the Promenade that the Scheme is still active.

Members offered their congratulations to all those who had put so much effort into keeping this scheme going.

The Clerk advised Members that the Parish Council had already agreed to contribute £18,500, but there is still a shortfall to make up.

It was agreed to recommend to Council that a further £10,000 be contributed from balances and future developers' contributions also be allocated.

(Mr Podesta declared an interest in this item when financial matters were discussed and left the meeting during consideration thereof. Mr M Wade took the Chair)

279/04 **Final Accounts 2003/2004 – External Audit**

Members noted the completion of the Audit process for 2003/2004.

280/04 **Financial Monitoring Period ending 30 September 2004**

Consideration was given to the Financial Monitoring for the period ending 30 September 2004.

Members agreed that it was easy to understand and should be continued for 12 months before any further improvements are suggested.

281/04 **Market Town Healthcheck - Update**

Helen Owers, the Market Town Co-ordinator, circulated draft copies of the healthcheck Snapshot. Although it is not yet complete, it contains a considerable amount of information and Members were invited to correct inaccuracies or add information.

At present, the Hythe and Dibden Market Town Partnership is in the process of being formed, although it is hoped to give it a more catchy name, and it is hoped to hold the first meeting later this month.

It was suggested that a comparison with national average figures and a comparative community would be useful. It was further suggested that some of the recommended questions may be worth modifying as they are not necessarily relevant to this area.

282/04 **Grant Applications**

Consideration was given to the allocation of Grant Aid, in conjunction with the recommendations of the Grants Working Party.

RESOLVED

1. That grants be made to the following organisations, for the amounts stated, from the 2004/2005 Grant Aid budget:

1) Waterside Baton Twirlers	£150
2) New Forest Dis. Inf. Service	£250
3) Oakhaven Hospice Trust	£500
4) Indigo (Hampshire)	£500
5) Hythe Ferry Users Group	£ 50
6) First Light and Friends of SNAP	£150
7) Panthers Roller Hockey Club	£250

2. That the application for Hythe United Reform Church be discussed at the next meeting.

283/04 **New Forest Association of Local Councils – Election of Parish Representatives on National Park Authority**

Consideration was given to the nomination for election of representatives of Parish Councils on the National Park Authority.

## RESOLVED

That this Council second the nomination of the candidate of Fawley Parish Council, Mr Eddie Holtham.

**284/04 Licensing Act 2003 – New Forest District Council Draft Statement of Licensing Policy – Consultation Document**

Consideration was given to the above Consultation Document.

It was agreed that no further comment needed to be made.

**285/04 Community Safety Initiative – (CSI) Street Lighting**

Consideration was given to which roads should be nominated for inclusion in the (CSI) Street Lighting Scheme.

## RESOLVED

That the presently nominated roads should be included, plus the end of School Road outside the Working Men's Club.

**286/04 Clean Neighbourhoods – Consultation Document**

Consideration was given to the Consultation Document on the Clean Neighbourhoods Initiative.

## RESOLVED

That the Minister for Rural Affairs and Local Environmental Quality be advised that recent problems with Dog Wardens mean that all our recent efforts have been pointless.

**287/04 Government Proposals for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles**

Consideration was given to the Government Proposals for Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles and the response to be made to the District Council's request for comments.

## RESOLVED

That the District Council be advised that this Council feels that some sort of management should still take place, especially in ensuring that the number of taxis does not exceed the number of spaces available for waiting.

**288/04 Police Liaison Group Meeting**

Members noted the notes of the first meeting of the Police Liaison Group.

**289/04 Minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting**

Members noted the Minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting held on 11 October 2004.

**290/04 Footpaths to School Scheme**

A Member requested that a bid be made to the Footpaths to School Scheme as Mullins Lane is cracking badly.

**291/04 Whitewater Rise**

A Member advised that pot-holes are appearing in Whitewater Rise again.

It was agreed to contact Highways regarding the matter.

292/04 **Tuesday Market**

Due to the poor attendance at last Tuesday's Market, it was agreed to contact the District Council to clarify the arrangements for Christmas.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman

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