

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Hythe and Dibden Parish Council  
Held at The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe  
On Monday 24 July 2006 at 8 pm

Members: \*Mrs B Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Bennett	oMr R Podesta
*Mr G Dawson	*Mrs M J Robinson
*Mr R Guy	*Mr M Short
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr D Smith
*Mrs M McLean	oMr M S Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr S S Wade

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor  
Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)  
Ms S A Maitland (Deputy Clerk to the Council)

Also present: 4 Members of the Public

157/06 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Robinson declared an interest in Minute 160/06 as she is the Chair of a NHS Trust.

158/06 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 24 July 2006.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 24 July 2006 be signed by the  
Chairman as correct.

159/06 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made no announcements.

160/06 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Adult care in Hampshire has a serious budget deficit and the consequence of this is that a care package will not be offered unless the case is critical.

The consultation on modernising the maternity services is taking place. The service offered in Hythe is under threat and the PCT and Southampton University NHS Trust are committed to making economies.

The crossing on the A326 is still in the design stage and it is anticipated that works will commence towards the end of December 2006.

The prohibition order on Hardley Lane, towards Hart Hill is being reviewed.

The car parking problem at Wildground School is being addressed with white lines being painted on the road, across driveways.

161/06 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

There is to be a presentation from the Southampton University NHS Trust on why there is to be a review of maternity provision. Pregnant women and new mothers will take part in the consultation.

The Standards Committee was required to form a Standards Panel and the Parish Councillor was found not guilty.

Neighbourhood policing is to be introduced in this area and is to be fully effective by 2008.

The statistical summary of the CCTV used in 4 locations has shown that there has not been a significant decrease in crime. The results do not show the whole picture as the tapes are used to assist in crime detection.

The District Council's Central Control service is being reviewed and tenders have been invited for the provision of the service.

The Sheltered Housing Service is under review and all residents have been informed of the reasons for the review and the current action being taken. A copy of the statement regarding changes to the system was given to the Clerk.

The Community Safety Action Group are to hold another "Shout About" on 13 October 2006. Connexions, NFDC and the Hampshire Youth Service will be in attendance.

Two courses have been held with 12 students attending the 999 Live initiative at Hardley Fire Station. The courses were held in June and July.

Trading Standards have conducted a test purchase on 7 premises that sell alcohol. 2 premises in the waterside were found to be selling alcohol to people under the age of 18.

The Community Safety grant has been awarded for the Summer Sports in the Park project.

The New Forest National Park Authority is producing a forward plan for the next 30 years.

162/06 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Hythe Youth Club has been host to a lot of activity. There are now 7 young helpers. The toilets are due to be refurbished and the cricket club has expressed an interest in using the facilities. The building is also used by Rainbows, the Church Youth Club and can be hired out for parties and band practice. The AGM will be on 16 October.

163/06 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr Harrison was asked whether, out of the two premises that had supplied alcohol to under 18's, any were within this parish. Mr Harrison reported that one was within this parish.

Mr S Wade asked whether there was any progress to be reported on the provision of the proposed new day centre. Mr Dash replied that the project had been agreed by HCC's cabinet and was to be signed by the Leader.

164/06 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

There were no questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26.

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At this point the Meeting adjourned to allow a Public Forum to be held.

**Ewart Recreation Ground – New Play Area**

Having heard that some favourable comments had been made about the new play area at Ewart Recreation Ground, Mrs Hunter asked for the names of those who had made the comments.

Mrs Hunter was informed that this information was not going to be made public.

Mrs Hunter asked for seating to be removed, for the whole play area to be relocated to Shore Road Playing Field or for perimeter fencing to be installed because she dislikes the sound of the young people playing.

Mrs Hunter was informed that several measures were in place to alleviate the problem of anti social behaviour and that time was needed for these to be effective.

Mrs Hunter expressed concern that the Council was to install a bowling green in Ewart Recreation Ground.

Mrs Hunter was informed that there were no proposals to site a bowling green in Ewart Recreation Ground and that the Council had been discussing the viability of the provision of such a facility.

Mr Uglow expressed his concern about the recent spell of fire setting at Forest Front.

Mr Uglow was informed that the ACSO's would be asked to contact him direct.

It was felt that Inspector Kenna should be invited to a future meeting of the Council in order to explain the process involved in bringing the culprits to justice.

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The Council Meeting then resumed.

165/06 **Reports of Committees**

**(a) Planning Committee – 19 June 2006**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19 June 2006

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19 June 2006 be received and adopted.

**(b) Planning Committee – 10 July 2006**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 July 2006

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 July 2006 be received and adopted.

**(c) Amenities Committee – 10 July 2006**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 10 July 2006

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 10 July 2006 be received and adopted.

**(d) Planning Committee – 17 July 2006**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17 July 2006

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17 July 2006 be received and adopted.

**(e) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 17 July 2006**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 17 July 2006

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 17 July 2006 be received and adopted.

166/06 **Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 2352 - 2382 inclusive, totalling £17,719.27 be approved and paid.

167/06 **Internal Audit Report 2006**

Consideration was given to the Annual Audit Inspection Report and the proposed response.

RESOLVED

That the Annual Audit Inspection Report be noted and the response be agreed and approved.

168/06 **Annual Accounts for year ending 31 March 2006**

(a) **Accounts**

Consideration was given to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2006 along with the Annual Return for the same period.

RESOLVED

That the accounts for year ended 31 March 2006 along with the Annual Return for the same period be approved.

(b) **Statement of Assurance**

Consideration was given to the Statement of Assurance which forms part of the Annual Return.

RESOLVED

That the Statement of Assurance be approved.

169/06 **Enforcement of Byelaws**

Members were recommended to authorise the Community Safety Officers to enforce the Council's Byelaws and to consider taking up Hampshire County Council's offer of legal services should a prosecution become necessary.

RESOLVED

1. That the Accredited Community Safety Officers be authorised to enforce the Council's Byelaws.
2. That the offer of legal services from Hampshire County Council be accepted should a prosecution become necessary.

170/06 **Noise levels over Hythe due to over-flying aircraft**

Members noted the letter that had been received from a local resident who was concerned about the noise created by aircraft flying over this area.

RESOLVED

1. That the letter be forwarded to the new Director at Southampton Airport.
2. That an item giving information on how residents can make their views known about aircraft noise be put in the next issue of the Parish Picture.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Chairman

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