

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 23 July 2007 at 8 pm

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mrs M Robinson
*Mr R Guy	*Mr M Short
oMr G Jones	*Mr D Smith
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr B Uglow
*Mr R Newell	oMr P Vickers
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr A Wade

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mrs S A Krynicki (Deputy Clerk to the Council)

Also present: Mr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor
Mr C Harrison – New Forest District Councillor
Mrs B Smith – New Forest District Councillor
1 Member of the Public

Apologies for absence:
Mr L Dunsdon – Hampshire County Councillor
Mr S S Wade – New Forest District Councillor

155/07 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Robinson advised members that, should there be a debate on Minute 141/07, she would declare an interest. Mr Parkes advised members that, should there be a debate on Minute 141/07, he would declare an interest.

156/07 **Presentation on “No Smoking” Legislation by New Forest District Council**

The Chairman introduced Andy Freeman, New Forest District Council's Environmental Health Technician. Andy gave a summary of the new No Smoking legislation.

Members took the opportunity to ask questions about the legislation and were informed that taxis are designated to be smoke free, bus shelters that are substantially enclosed i.e. 50% enclosed are smoke free however, as yet, there is no legislation on smoking outside of a building.

The complaints procedure is to inform New Forest District Council and the complaint will be logged, this will then be dealt with by NFDC contacting the management of building in which the offence occurred. Accredited Community Safety Officers are not authorised to issue Fixed Penalty Notices for the offence.

157/07 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18 June 2007.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 18 June be signed by the
Chairman as correct.

158/07 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman reported that the Bishop of Southampton has visited Hythe and that the Vice Chairman of the Council, Mr Smith and the County Councillor, Mr Dash hosted a meeting with him.

At a previous meeting, concern had been expressed regarding a planning application which has subsequently been withdrawn by Veolia Environmental at Hardley. The Chairman updated members of the current situation which is that the application was withdrawn because the interest was sold to Pyros Environmental. Pyros intend to submit an all encompassing licence application which would enable them to burn woodchip and solid oily waste whereas Veolia used to apply for a separate licence each time they wanted to burn such items. The Environment Agency's concern is with the storage of the materials.

It was agreed that it would be a good idea to invite Pyros to give a presentation of their plans to a future meeting of the Council.

159/07 Reports of the County Councillor on County Council matters concerning the Parish

No decision has yet been made on the final location of the much needed Children's Centre for this area.

The County Council has concerns about the proposals to introduce Education Academies in Hampshire, this is due, in part, to the difference in the curriculum between local schools and the academies.

The bus service provider has agreed to run a service in Claypits Lane, Dibden and there is to be a new bus stop in that location.

There is a change in the adult learning policy. The policy will now concentrate on learning for work. There will be charges attached to a number of courses except where the student is in receipt of benefits including pensions.

An analysis of the performance data of the County Councils Community Safety Officers was given to the Clerk to be circulated to members. It was noted that the Western Group, which is made up of Test Valley and the New Forest has a higher amount of incidents relating to alcohol, noise and vandalism.

160/07 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

There is a new management structure in the Housing Service. 5000 people are on the waiting list with 3000 of them being in priority need. Less than 100 affordable houses are being built every year. Information is to be gathered on rough sleeper statistics.

The District Council's Central Control service has been outsourced to Tunstall Response and following a settling in period, appears to be working well.

The new building on the Trafalgar House site is nearing completion.

The Cabinet has recommended to Hampshire County Council that the price of the short stay parking clocks should rise from £8.00 to £10.00 each.

Financial challenges were not diminishing therefore the finances of the Council need to be managed very carefully if development is to be achieved. Altering priorities may be necessary as could an increase in charges and Council Tax.

A joint scrutiny panel will advise Cabinet on the advantages and disadvantages relating to the proposed governance arrangements for the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire.

The Gravel and Sand Extraction Consultation response that had been called in has been slightly modified however it still offers "cautious support".

Reassurance was given that the Licensing Panel scrutinise the applications for Hackney Carriage Licences, noting that two applications have been dismissed recently.

Interviews were to be held on Friday for the selection of members for the Parish Council representative on the Standards Committee.

The Southampton Airport Community and Stakeholders Conference has taken place and attendees were updated on the preferred routing trial results.

The implementation of some aspects of the Police and Justice Act has been delayed until 2008.

The Crime and Disorder Review Panel has discussed the merits of the ACSO service.

161/07 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies.

162/07 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

The County Councillor was asked if he was aware of the recent press reports concerning the previous Head of Applemore College and whether the fact that the College was grant maintained had prevented the County Council from detecting the irregularities in the audit.

The County Councillor stated that although the college was grant maintained, the County Council conducted the audits. He further stated that the details of events in the press must not cloud the fact that the college has very good teaching staff.

Mr Uglow asked how much housing development is planned for the Waterside area. He was informed that no figures were available yet although 100 affordable housing properties had been guaranteed.

Mr M Wade reported a near miss on the south of Roman Road in Dibden Purlieu and asked whether the County Councillor could revisit the possibility of having a footway along that part of Roman Road. The County Councillor agreed to continue to pursue this but stated that a white line has been painted on the road which should keep traffic away from the edge of the road. This is also something that may be included in Applemore College's Safe Route to School Plan.

Mr Parkes enquired as to whether there was any progress on the proposed cycleway on Roman Road as he felt that this could be combined with a safe pedestrian route. Mr Dash replied that the cycle route has not been consulted upon yet.

163/07 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Mrs McLean asked members whether they were aware that the travellers that were camped in the car park in Shore Road have moved further down the road near to the railway track.

Mrs McLean was informed that New Forest District Council was dealing with this and papers were being prepared in order for them to be moved on.

Members referred to the recent flooding in the south west and asked what emergency plans were in place for this area.

It was noted that there is a system in place with New Forest District Council and the County Council taking responsibility and it was agreed that the Clerk should arrange for a presentation to be given at a future meeting of the Council.

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

Post Box in Dibden Purlieu

The Chairman read a letter that had been received from a member of the public who wanted to know if any progress had been made in getting the post box in Dibden Purlieu relocated to the other side of the road, nearer to the Post Office.

The response given was that no response had been received from the communications although the local Post Office in Dibden Purlieu would accept letters handed into the Post Office.

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The Council Meeting then resumed.

164/07 **Reports of Committees**

(a) Planning Committee –18 June 2007

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 June 2007.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 June 2007 be received and adopted.

(b) Personnel Sub-Committee – 18 June 2007

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Personnel Sub Committee held on 18 June 2007.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on 18 June 2007 be considered at the next meeting of the General Purposes and Finance Committee.

(c) Planning Committee – 9 July 2007

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 July 2007.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 July 2007 be received and adopted.

(d) Amenities Committee –9 July 2007

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 9 July 2007.

RESOLVED

That the Recommendations of Minute 121/07 be accepted and the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 9 July 2007 be received and adopted.

(e) Planning Committee -16 July 2007

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16 July 2007.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16 July 2007 be received and adopted.

(f) General Purposes and Finance Committee –16 July 2007

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 16 July 2007.

RESOLVED

- 1) That the Resolutions made on Minute Numbers 143/07, 144/07, 145/07 and 146/07 should be Recommendations.
- 2) That the Recommendations of Minutes 143/07, 144/07, 145/07 and 146/07 be accepted and the Minutes of the General Purposes

and Finance Committee held on 16 July 2007 be received and adopted.

165/07 **Internal Audit Report**

Members were asked to note the report of the Internal Auditor for the year 2006/2007 and that the Auditor had not recommended any changes.

RESOLVED

Members noted the report of the Internal Auditor and commended the Officers on their work.

166/07 **Final Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 2007**

The accounts for year ending 31 March 2007 along with the Annual Return for the same period and the Annual Governance Statement were presented for consideration.

RESOLVED

1. That the Accounts for year ending 31 March 2007, the Annual Return and the Annual Governance Statement be approved.
2. That the staff be commended on the excellent and well presented work.

167/07 **Representation on Outside Bodies**

Consideration was given to the appointment of representative to serve on Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED

1. Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau (WCAB)

Mr Roger Guy
Mr Mike Short (Substitute)

2. New Forest District Council's Environmental Protection Liaison Committee

Mrs Maureen McLean

3. NALC – Larger Councils' Committee 2007/8

No nomination made

168/07 **Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment.

Clarification was sought on Vouchers 3330 and 3341.

Voucher 3330 relates to a replacement part for the flag pole. Voucher 3341 relates to the electricity for the performance/entertainment area of the Promenade not street lighting.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 3328 to 3344 inclusive, totalling £27,569.85, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

Chairman

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