

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 22 September 2008 at 8 pm

Members: *Mr D Smith (Vice Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Bennett	*Mrs M Robinson
*Mr W Binns	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mr B Uglow
*Mr G Jones	oMr P Vickers
oMrs M McLean	*Mr A Wade
*Mr G Parkes	oMr M Wade

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

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

The Chairman began the meeting by welcoming Mr Warren Binns in his new role as a Councillor.

197/08 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Binns declared an interest in the Public Forum as he is a patient of the Solent Surgery.

198/08 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28 July 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 28 July 2008 be signed by the
Chairman as correct.

199/08 **Public Forum**

Solent Surgery Update

Richard Naylor, Deputy Chairman of the Save Solent Surgery Committee, updated the meeting on the decision taken by the Primary Care Trust to close Solent Surgery and the steps which had been taken to try to reverse this decision.

It was agreed to include the matter on the next Agenda of the General Purposes and Finance Committee.

(Mr Binns declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

200/08 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman advised the meeting that planning permission has been received for the part time Post Office at Clayfields Sports Centre. It will open from the 20 October 2008 for 3 half days a week.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the Action Plan has been completed and copies will be distributed to every household in the parish during the week commencing 29 September 2008.

201/08 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

Associated British Ports have won an Appeal to the High Court regarding the provision of wharves and jettys for the importing of aggregates.

A consultation document has been written on the Solent Waterside Strategy for a partnership including PUSH and SEEDA by Adams Hendry, the same consultants who worked on Dibden Bay for ABP.

The Access to Waterside Transport Study has revealed that higher than average speeds are recorded on the A326 than are normal for A and B roads (excluding motorways). Suggestions for improving transport in the area include combined ticketing, increasing bus frequency, a northbound bus lane on the A326 and tentative suggestion of extending the rail link to Hythe.

202/08 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

There will soon be a new leader of the District Council as Councillor Mel Kendal is stepping down as leader at the end of September 2008.

The District Council is facing a large shortfall in income due to less than expected revenue coming from car parking, leisure centre attendance etc this year.

£20,000 has been put aside following a supplementary estimate to try to resolve the outstanding issues involved in the construction of Hythe Promenade.

A Certificate of Lawful Use has not yet been granted for the Marine Park. All the parties involved need to come together in order to resolve any problems and progress.

The Corporate Overview Panel is asking for feedback on the value of Representatives on Outside Bodies.

Mr Harrison visited Lymington Town Council in his role as a member of the Standards Committee.

The Planning Development Control Committee has completed its core strategy. It will soon be considered by Cabinet and then put out for 6 weeks for judging to ensure that due process has been performed before it is sent to the government for acceptance.

The Annual Assessment of Primary Shopping Areas has concluded that Hythe has hardly changed overall in the past 12 months over 3 categories.

203/08 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

It was concluded at the AGM of the CAB that £600,000 was brought back into the local economy last year.

Thanks were given to the Council from the CAB for all the support given but it was stressed that funding is still needed.

204/08 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports

Mr Uglow asked Mrs Robinson whether there was a conflict between the two main bodies in the Marine Park and whether they are tenants.

Mrs Robinson responded that all occupants of the Marine Park are tenants on leaseholds but she had no further information.

Mr Dash was asked what the likelihood of improving bus services on the A326 is, whether any improvements can be made to the A326 and what the environmental impact of transport on the Waterside is.

Mr Dash responded that the Access to Waterside Transport Study does not go into the detail required by this question, although it is known that the best way to travel to Southampton environmentally is via Hythe ferry.

205/08 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

There were no questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26.

206/08 **Reports of Committees**

(a) Planning Committee – 28 July 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28 July 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28 July 2008 be received and adopted.

(b) Planning Committee – 1 September 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 September 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 September 2008 be received and adopted.

(c) Amenities Committee – 1 September 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 1 September 2008.

RESOLVED

That the recommendation of Minute 160/08 be accepted and the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 1 September 2008 be received and adopted.

(d) Planning Committee – 8 September 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8 September 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8 September 2008 be received and adopted.

(e) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 8 September 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 8 September 2008.

It was agreed that Mr R Newell had not attended the meeting and to alter the minutes to indicate this.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of Minute 180/08 and Minute 181/08 be accepted and, subject to the above, the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 8 September 2008 be received and adopted.

207/08 **Casual Vacancy – Hythe East Ward – Election Result**

Mr Warren Binns was welcomed to the meeting following his election as Councillor of Hythe East Ward.

Mr Binns responded that he was looking forward to working with everyone.

208/08 **Committee Membership – Proposed change to Planning Committee Membership and to fill vacancy on General Purposes and Finance Committee**

Consideration was given to the request for Mr Binns to replace Mr Vickers on the Planning Committee and to fill the vacancy on the General Purposes and Finance Committee.

RESOLVED

That Mr W Binns serve on the Planning Committee and the General Purposes and Finance Committee.

209/08 **Appointment of Representative on Outside Bodies**

Age Concern

Consideration was given to filling the vacancy on the Age Concern Management Committee.

RESOLVED

That Mr Binns serve on the Age Concern Management Committee.

Hythe Hospital and Community Stakeholders Group

The Clerk advised the meeting that, further to a request from the above group to provide an attendee at their monthly meetings, he had been advised that some changes were expected to take place within the group.

It was agreed to await an update on the present position before considering the matter.

210/08 **Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – Shopping Trolleys – Consultation Document**

Consideration was given to the above document and a response to the questionnaire.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk complete the questionnaire concerning the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – Shopping Trolleys as indicated.

211/08 **New Forest National Park Recreation Management Strategy Consultation Draft**

Consideration was given to the above document.

RESOLVED

That a Working Party comprising Mr A Wade, Mr Uglow and Mr Bennett respond to the New Forest National Park Recreation Management Strategy Consultation Draft.

212/08 **Sponsor a Telephone Kiosk**

Consideration was given to a scheme introduced by BT whereby a telephone kiosk identified by them for removal could be sponsored by a local authority enabling it to remain in place.

Whilst members felt that telephone kiosks should be retained, particularly the one in Jones Lane, there was some concern at using taxpayers' money to support a private company. It was suggested that residents should be asked their views in the next edition of the Parish Picture and that no action should be taken until a response has been received to questions previously posed to BT.

RESOLVED

That the matter is discussed on a future General Purposes and Finance Committee Agenda once further investigations have been made.

213/08 **Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment, together with a supplementary list.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 4300-4358 inclusive, totalling £35,906.52, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chairman

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