

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 20 October 2008 at 8 pm

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mrs M Robinson
*Mr W Binns	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mr D Smith
*Mr G Jones	*Mr B Uglow
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr 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)
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
Mr S S Wade – New Forest District Councillor

257/08 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

258/08 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 22 September 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 22 September 2008 be signed
by the Chairman as correct.

259/08 **Public Forum**

There were no questions from members of the public.

260/08 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman read a letter to the meeting from the Save Solent Surgery group which updated on the present position in their campaign and thanked councillors for the support which they had offered so far.

The Chairman read a letter to the meeting from a member of the public which congratulated the Council on the floral displays in the parish throughout the year.

The Chairman advised members that the mobile Post Office at Clayfields Sports Centre had opened that day. The official opening ceremony would be held the next day at 9 am.

261/08 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Mr Dash advised members that he had recently been taken on a guided tour of the Sports Pavilion. Hythe and Dibden Football Club advised him that they are very appreciative of the condition of the pitch and facilities at Ewart Recreation Ground and of the service provided by council staff.

The Independent Review of Members Allowances has been published.

262/08 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

The laws on permitted development rights changed on 1 October 2008. The District Council are currently seeking clarification.

It was confirmed that the District Council did not have any funds in Icelandic Banks.

The Hythe Ferry Parking Clock is to continue.

A new 3 monthly long stay parking clock is to be introduced at a cost of £20.

The parking restrictions currently being introduced in Jones Lane are expected to alleviate displacement parking.

The District Council has objected to the inclusion of Dibden Bay as a marine sector site of economic significance in the Waterfront Strategy of the South East Plan.

Thanks were given to the County Councillor for his work in enabling the creation of the Horrill Centre which offers older people the opportunity to socialise in a high quality environment.

The Standards Committee have considered a complaint against a local councillor and referred it to the next stage.

Following complaints over the visibility of some road signs in Hythe most have been improved, however, there are problems concerning the ownership of walls on two signs.

Members were reminded that even if they are appointed as a representative on an outside body by the Council they must declare an interest in any financial matters concerning that body.

The last meeting of the New Forest Environmental Protection Liaison Committee discussed the hazardous waste incinerator at Hardley. Members were surprised to learn that consents allow an annual 6% increase in the volume of what can be burned annually. Obnoxious materials are now classed as hazardous. The District Council is to investigate these matters and the findings will be passed on when they are known.

It is hoped to set up a working party to investigate sustainability and reducing carbon footprints.

There is only one Police Intelligence Officer in the New Forest dealing with drugs.

Responsibility for Community Safety Partnership Funding is now the responsibility of the County Council.

263/08 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

Mr Short attended the Annual General Meeting of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils. The two speakers were the Deputy Chief Constable of Hampshire who gave feedback on the 101 number stating that 95% of people are happy with the service and the Chairman of the Hampshire Playing Fields Association who can give technical advice and loans and grants for playing fields and areas. The Council were able to apply for a grant as a result of this meeting.

Dibden Allotments Charity held an open meeting recently which was well attended by 75 people from various agencies. The take up of food vouchers is increasing as people are finding life more of a struggle.

264/08 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports

Mr Uglow asked Mr Dash about the situation with repairing holes in the road which does not seem to have improved despite promises to the contrary.

Mr Dash replied that he had discussed the problem with the Area Superintendent but recommended that any pot holes are reported as they will get repaired.

Mr Uglow asked Mr Dash to make representations over the traffic problems in Hythe, particularly around the Marine Park.

Mr Dash stated that traffic management is the responsibility of the District Council but that he would raise the matter at the County Council. It was stated that traffic and transportation around the Marine Park has been discussed with the District Council for the past 2 years but agreed to include the matter on a future General Purposes and Finance Committee agenda.

Mr Uglow asked Mr Dash about the feasibility of a 20 mph speed limit in Hythe. Mr Dash thought it may be feasible but Mr Smith advised members that previous attempts to introduce a 20 mph speed limit had met with resistance from the Police and District Council. However, legislation has now changed meaning that it may be worth further investigation.

Mr Guy asked Mr M Wade whether there are any plans for an extension to the facilities at Hardley Incinerator as he was under the impression that it was almost at the limit of its capabilities.

Mr Wade stated that he was not aware of any but would investigate the matter.

Mr Binns asked Mr Dash to look into complaints over parking, unloading and turning at the Promenade.

Mr Dash agreed to investigate the matter.

265/08 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

There were no questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26.

266/08 **Reports of Committees**

(a) Planning Committee – 22 September 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 22 September 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 22 September 2008 be received and adopted.

(b) Planning Committee – 6 October 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6 October 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6 October 2008 be received and adopted.

(c) Amenities Committee – 6 October 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 6 October 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 6 October 2008 be received and adopted.

(d) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 13 October 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 13 October 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 13 October 2008 be received and adopted.

267/08 **Signing of Documents – To sign a 999 year Lease for the Open Spaces within Rockery Close and Magnolia Close, Dibden**

RESOLVED

That authority be given to sign the documents as required by the Clerk to the Council.

268/08 **To receive a copy of “The Dibden Manorial Presentments 1651 – 1783” in memory of the late Mrs Ethel Bartlett**

Members were honoured to accept a copy of The Dibden Manorial Presentments 1651 – 1783 presented in memory of the late Mrs Ethel Bartlett and agreed to send a letter of thanks to her family via the executors to her estate.

269/08 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 4407 -4441 inclusive, totalling £36,600.68, be approved and paid.

270/08 **Banking Arrangements**

Consideration was given to opening accounts with a different bank in view of the current situation in world banking.

RESOLVED

1. That this Council should open a current account and an investment account in an additional bank to the present bankers, Lloyds TSB Bank.
2. The initial signatories for the new accounts should be any two from:

Chairman of the Council
Vice Chairman of the Council
Chairman of the General Purposes and Finance Committee
Vice Chairman of the General Purposes and Finance Committee

Plus the Clerk or Deputy Clerk to the Council.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Chairman

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