

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 7 November 2005 at 8.05 pm

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

*Mr J Bennett	oMr R Podesta
*Mr G Dawson	*Mrs M J Robinson
*Mr R Guy	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr D Smith
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr 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)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)
oMr L Dunsdon - Hampshire County Councillor

Also present: 3 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

249/05 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Dawson declared an interest in Minute 255/05 as a report contained an item relating to his employer.

250/05 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3 October 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 3 October 2005 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

251/05 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

252/05 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

An extraordinary meeting of the Crime and Disorder Panel was thrown into confusion on the 18 October 2005 when the Police declared that the report on domestic crimes which was under discussion was flawed. It was agreed that the Police will contribute 50% to the funding of the Domestic Crimes Co-ordinator.

The Fear of Crime Working Party questionnaires will soon be distributed.

The September report from the Community Safety Officers indicated that no fixed penalties, yellow cards or letters to parents have been issued in this area. This has been queried and a reply is awaited from the team leader.

The Periodic Electoral Review Consultation Paper was handed to the Clerk for information.

With a capping level likely to be a maximum of 5% and the council tax rise target being a maximum of 3% it is anticipated that approximately £2million of savings will need to be made in next year's budget.

The Statement of Community Involvement in the New Forest Local Development Framework has been submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.

253/05 **Reports of County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Councillor Dash offered Councillor Dunsdon's apologies as he was attending another meeting on their behalf.

The surveys have been completed on the A326 which indicate that while the maximum number of crossings are made at the Heath roundabout, many crossings are made all along the road. Verge cutting has already begun so that traffic can be seen and luminous posts will soon be installed at 6 crossing points to alert motorists to the possibility of pedestrians crossing. Safety surfacing is also being considered. It was also found that 47% of users of Dibden Inclosure car park drive there so that they do not need to cross the A326.

As part of the National Cycle Network, funds have been made available for a crossing on the north side of Applemore Roundabout.

A suggestion was made to put shingle on the verge of country lanes in lieu of a pavement as a refuge for pedestrians.

Special Needs funding will now be allocated according to the demography of a school.

The White Paper on Education places a greater responsibility on the Local Education Authority.

There is a serious shortage of people willing to foster in Hampshire.

254/05 **Questions to District and County Councillors arising from their reports**

It was argued that a cycle crossing is needed on both the North/South and South/North sides of the Applemore Roundabout for pupils travelling to Applemore and Noadswood Schools.

Mr Dash suggested that the schools submit an application for a grant for a "Safe Route to School". He also suggested that the Parish Council pursue the matter and he will discuss it with John Sorrell.

Mr S Wade advised Mr Dash that he had asked for the verges to be cut along West Street as the length of the grass is dangerous for pedestrians, but no action had been taken.

Mr Dash agreed to contact the Area County Surveyor.

255/05 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Mr Short attended the first meeting of the Community Services Strategy Locality Stakeholders Hythe Hospital which had been set up to look at the future of Hythe Hospital and proposed changes.

The Twinning Association enjoyed a successful visit from the residents of Mauves sur Loire recently and are grateful for the support they receive from the Parish Council.

A resolution at the Annual General Meeting of the Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils concerned the number of votes each Council is allowed. It was lost on this occasion but it is hoped to revisit the matter in the future.

Mrs Robinson announced that she has resigned from Victim Support New Forest with effect from 31 December 2005. The Chairman thanked her for her work over the years. It was agreed to investigate the possibility of nominating a local representative.

The Environmental Protection Liaison Committee have discovered that the quality of air declines when the wind brings it over the 3 chimneys at Esso.

Road Safety is improving with a target of less than 55 lives to be lost on the roads of Hampshire annually. In 2000 110 people were killed and in 2004 that figure was reduced to 67.

The New Forest Consultative Panel have agreed that there is no reason why members of the National Park Authority should not serve on their Panel.

(Mr Dawson declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during discussion of the matter concerning Esso)

256/05 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

A. Traffic Problems

Concern was expressed at the problems caused by the traffic jams at the beginning of the previous week by gas leaks on the main route into Southampton.

It was agreed that the matter be pursued through the appropriate channels.

B Parish Boundary

Members were advised that the side of Roman Road which has the potential for a shingle pathway is actually in Denny Lodge Parish. It was suggested that the parish boundary should be moved to the centre of the A326 in the next boundary review.

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

High Street Signs

An enquiry was made as to whether any signs have been erected in the High Street forbidding the use of bicycles and skateboards.

The Clerk replied that the signs are on order with the District Council.

Sign cleaning

The Council were thanked for cleaning the sign into Forest Front and asked whether it would now be possible to clean the one for Forest Meadow and the turning circle.

It was agreed to investigate the matter.

Road Improvements

Mr Uglow suggested that the southern section of Roman Road needs a pavement and the exit onto the roundabout is too narrow as it can cause dangerous situations. It should also be renamed Roman Road – South to avoid confusion. He suggested that developers' contributions may be a good way of funding these changes.

He further suggested that the junction of Shore Road, South Street and St John's Street would benefit from a roundabout. The Waitrose car park may also need some alterations for safety reasons.

The Chairman agreed to pass all these ideas to the appropriate authorities, and informed Mr Uglow that developers' contributions can only be used for specific purposes.

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The Council Meeting then resumed.

257/05 **Reports of Committees**

(a) Planning Committee – 3 October 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 3 October 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 3 October 2005 be received and adopted.

(b) Planning Committee – 10 October 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 October 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 October 2005 be received and adopted.

(c) Amenities Committee – 10 October 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 10 October 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 10 October 2005 be received and adopted.

(d) Planning Committee – 17 October 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17 October 2005

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 17 October 2005 be received and adopted.

(e) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 17 October 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 17 October 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 17 October 2005 be received and adopted.

258/05 **Accounts for Payment**

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

(a) Voucher 1743

Regret was expressed at the amount that had to be spent on the removal of fly tipping. It was disappointing to have to spend the money in this way instead of providing something for the community.

It was agreed that residents should be advised of the money spent on this problem to encourage them to report it. It was further agreed to ask for the District and County Councils' help in asking the Police to stamp out the problem.

(b) General

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 1699 - 1751 inclusive, totalling £30,237.50, be approved and paid.

259/05 **Signing of Documents – Licence for football pitch at Ewart Recreation Ground**

RESOLVED

That two members of the Council be authorised to sign the above document.

260/05 **Outstanding Issues with Hampshire County Council**

Consideration was given to how to progress the outstanding issues with Hampshire County Council.

RESOLVED

That the matter be deferred until the County Councillor has discussed the issues with the County Council.

The Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairman

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