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To:

Members of the Amenities Committee
and remainder of the Council for information

AGAME102

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Dear Sir/Madam

A Meeting of the **AMENITIES COMMITTEE** will be held at **The Grove, 25 St John's Street, Hythe on Monday next, 6 June 2005**, at 8.00 pm, when your attendance is requested.

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 April 2005.
3. To note any declaration of interest made by Members in connection with an Agenda item. The nature of the interest must be specified.
4. Public Participation Period.
5. Vandalism Report attached.
6. Public Open Space – Renewal of Lease - Noads Way, Dibden Purlieu.
7. Amenity Green – Heatherstone Avenue.
8. Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Academy – Lease for Storage Container at Shore Road Playing Field (Minute 133/04).
9. Service Level Agreement – The HANDY Trust.
10. Roundabouts – Update (Minute 197/03).



11. Tree work request – land at rear of 77 Elm Crescent.
12. Provision of dog waste bin at Oaklands Way.
13. Dibden Local Centre – Challenger Way – Public Open Space.
14. Dibden Purlieu Environmental Improvements (Minute No. 516/04).
15. Any other urgent business concerning the committee.

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

AGENDA NOTES

AMENITIES COMMITTEE – 6 June 2005

Item 5 Vandalism Report 2005 26 March – 20 May 2005

The following is a list of vandalism suffered by the Parish Council for the period shown.

Jones Lane Allotments

A padlock and chain, which was used to secure the pedestrian gate, was taken. Both items have since been replaced.

Cost to the Council £ 50.00

Oaklands Way Pond

A litter bin was burnt and a replacement was fitted.

Cost to the Council £55.00

Forest Front

The fence surrounding the skate park was damaged. This has since been repaired.

Cost to the Council £ 15.00

Current financial year running total of vandalism costs is £ 120.00

Item 6 Public Open Space – Renewal of Lease – Noads Way, Dibden Purlieu

The lease for the Noads Way Play Area is due for renewal. The terms for the renewal are for a 999-year term for a peppercorn rent.

Members are asked to give consideration to renewing the lease.

Item 7 Amenity Green – Heatherstone Avenue – letter attached.

Investigations have been made about the cost of installing dragon's teeth around the green in Heatherstone Avenue and about a transfer of ownership.

The attached letter gives the response from Hampshire County Council and Members are asked to note the information and give consideration to: -

- a) What further action, if any, to take.
- b) The purpose and desired outcome of any pursued action.

Item 8 Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Academy – Lease for storage container at Shore Road Playing Field (Minute 133/04)

At the meeting of the Amenities Committee on 19 July 2004, Members agreed that, subject to planning consent being granted to the Academy to put a storage container at Shore Road Playing Field, a lease agreement would be entered into.

Planning consent has been granted and the Academy would like to proceed with the project and lease. The Academy has agreed to meet the cost of the project, including the legal costs for the lease.

Members are asked for approval to proceed with the project and lease and to set the cost of the lease.

Item 9 Service Level Agreement – The HANDY Trust

During 2001 the decision was taken to set up the HANDY Trust as a registered charity to take on the existing Council's Youth Worker and to provide a youth service to the parish. At the same time the HANDY Trust Advisory Group was set up which comprised representatives of Hampshire County Youth Service, the Parish Council, police and local churches. This group helped set up the Trust and advised the Trust on youth matters relating to the parish.

At the time of setup there was only one youth worker and the turnover of the Trust was around £22,000.

Over the last twelve months the Trust has expanded and has employed an additional part time youth worker dedicated to the Netley View area and a further part time youth worker has been employed to provide a youth service to the parish of Marchwood (this post is financially supported by Marchwood Parish Council and Dibden Allotments Charity). In the current year the turnover of the Trust is likely to be in the region of £40,000.

As the HANDY Trust is a separate stand-alone organisation the effect of the advisory group is limited. It is proposed that instead of having the advisory group, the Parish Council enters into a service level agreement (SLA) with the Trust, which would set the level of youth service to be provided within the parish. The SLA would also provide for two members of the Council to become Trustees of the HANDY Trust for three-year terms.

Members are asked to consider the draft SLA attached.

Item 10 Roundabouts (Minute 197/03)

Members will recall that it was hoped to obtain sponsorship from local businesses in order to improve the local roundabouts. There was no response from local businesses and Members are asked to discuss whether they wish to proceed with this project and if so to identify the way forward.

Item 11 Tree Work Request – on land at rear of 77 Elm Crescent

A member of the public has made a request to have one of the Parish Council's trees thinned out at the Council's expense. The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor will give a verbal report.

Members are asked to give consideration to the request. A copy of the Council's Policy Statement relating to Arboriculture is attached.

Item 12 Provision of dog waste bin – Oaklands Way

The Maintenance Team have requested that a dog waste bin be placed beside the lake at Oaklands Way. This is due to the large number of dog waste bags being placed in the litterbin.

The cost of a dog bin is £220.00.

The Committee is asked to approve the request.

Item 13 Dibden Local Centre – Challenger Way – Public Open Space

The New Forest District Council has approached us with a view to transferring by lease a temporary open space provision on the local centre site at Challenger Way.

Provisionally it is expected the site to provide three uses. Firstly and foremost a Day Care Centre for the elderly run by Hampshire County Council, subject to New Forest District Council's approval, an element for low cost and affordable housing and finally a

general needs community building principally aimed at the moment at early years and pre-school users.

It was hoped that the general needs provision would be run and managed by a consortium of local churches however, earlier this month the Church Group withdrew and at the moment there is no commitment for this provision in place. It is hoped that the housing element will receive Housing Corporation Funding for the next financial year and bids are expected to be submitted in July with a planning consent hopefully obtained around September. It is understood that the County provision of the Day Care Centre is committed for this year and next financial year as funding is already reserved. No general provider for the other community use has been identified and New Forest District Council is hoping to temporarily landscape the area reserved for that use and envisage that this could be amalgamated with the play provision that we have identified on Cosworth Drive.

New Forest District Council is hopeful that Hythe and Dibden Parish Council will agree to leasing this land from New Forest District on a temporary basis until such time as a development can take place for the general needs community allocation. It will obviously be necessary to consider carefully how the landscape treatment on this area is dealt with in order to avoid it becoming an area of nuisance. The area is approximately 3,500m² as identified on the concept plan attached. However, the draft design statement for the local centre site is still being discussed by the Planning Team and the County Architects and representatives for the Housing Association and the exact layout is still fluid at this time but the plan gives you some indication of the area of interest.

Member's views are requested.

Item 14 Dibden Purlieu Environmental Improvements (Minute No. 516/04)

Further to this Council's decision not to accept responsibility for the trees in the Dibden Purlieu Improvement Scheme the attached letter has been received from New Forest District Council's Capital Projects Manager.

Standing Orders prevent any decision being taken for 6 months following the resolution, which was made on 4 April 2005.

Member are asked to note the contents of the letter and to decide whether to discuss the matter further in 6 months time.