

**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 Wednesday 8 August 2012 at 8 pm

Members: \*Mrs M Robinson (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Binns	*Mr M Short
*Mr B Dash	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr R Guy	*Mr D Smith
Mr C Harrison	*Mr A Wade
oMrs M McLean	*Mr M Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr S Wade

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)  
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)  
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)  
Mr M Kendall (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

**86/12 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**87/12 Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11 July 2012.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11 July 2012 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

**88/12 Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

The Police sent apologies and a written report which was circulated.

**89/12 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman advised members that both she and the Vice Chairman had been invited to an Open Day and Fete at Naomi House Hospice on 15 September 2012 between 11am and 4pm but she would be unable to attend. She asked if another member would be able to attend in her place.

The Chairman read a letter she had received from Mrs Ann Smith to the meeting in which Mrs Smith asked for her thanks and congratulations to be passed to the maintenance staff for the outstanding floral displays provided around the parish and the care, attention and hard work which goes into making Hythe and Dibden a lovely place to live in.

Mrs Smith went on to ask whether members were aware of the Driver Awareness Courses for older people which she felt were of benefit to people who passed their test many years previously.

Mrs Smith asked whether it would be possible for cycling proficiency and possibly mobility scooter proficiency courses to be run by suitable volunteers.

The Clerk advised members that a meeting concerning the changes to Council Tax Benefits will be held at New Forest District Council on 23 August 2012. He asked if any members who were able to attend could contact him.

90/12 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Mr Dash advised the meeting that the first report to the Select Committee since the changes to the running of the Children's Centres had implied that everything is satisfactory despite the fact that he has evidence to disprove this.

In some areas sessions are being cancelled and the Forest First Children's Centre in Heather Road has had the locks changed by the leasees, Totton College, as the rent has not been paid by Action For Children.

91/12 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

*MR*  
*Stat*  
Mr <sup>A Wade</sup> Binns advised members that he had spent the day with the District Council Housing Department in order to get a better understanding of how the system works.

Half of tenants are in receipt of housing benefit and of those 50% are in receipt of full benefit.

Currently the District Council's housing stock consists of 5500 homes and there are 6000 on the waiting list with around 200 homes coming available annually. There are plans to buy more homes to add to the stock, particularly in the Waterside, with a target of around 200 new homes most of which it is hoped will be homes previously owned by the District Council.

The annual meeting to discuss car parking arrangements will be held in September and there are several local places on the Agenda.

92/12 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies.

93/12 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr Dash asked Mrs Robinson whether it would be possible to add to the £6 million available from the recent loan to be spent on housing by taking out further cheap loans which are available for this purpose.

Mrs Robinson replied that the main problem is still the price of land and the lack of availability.

Mrs Robinson expressed concern that Children's Centres are not open in areas where there is greatest need and asked Mr Dash where the money is going if rent is not being paid.

Mr Dash replied that he is not sure what is happening.

Mrs Robinson asked whether it would be worth tabling a motion at the AGM of HAPTC in respect of the running of the Children's Centres as it is an issue which affects many local parishes.

It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the matter.

94/12 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

*MR*  
*MR*  
Mr <sup>A Wade</sup> Binns asked whether the Chairman was aware that another shop, Julian Graves, had closed in Hythe and whether any replacement was planned.

The Chairman replied that she <sup>was</sup> ~~had not been~~ aware of this fact and it was pointed out that the company had gone into administration.

Mrs Smith asked the Chairman whether she agreed that the reforms to Council Tax Benefit would have a significant effect on residents in the Parish and whether the Clerk should liaise with other Parishes before the AGM of HAPTC in order to table a motion in respect of this.

The Clerk advised members that he had already been in contact with other Parishes regarding the matter and suggested that the outcome of the District Council meeting on 23rd August

would give a better indication of any course of action needed. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman of the Council be given authority to take action if required before the next meeting of the Council.

95/12 **Reports of Committees**

**Planning Committee – 11 July 2012**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 July 2012.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 July 2012 be received and adopted.

96/12 **Financial Monitoring – Period ending 30 June 2012**

The Clerk presented the financial monitoring for the period ending 30 June 2012.

He advised members that income was down slightly as allotment charges have not yet been made, bookings are slightly down at the Parish Hall although some long term bookings are under discussion and there are 2 rooms vacant at The Grove.

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring for the period 30 June 2012 be accepted and approved.

97/12 **Update on providing a Youth Club at Netley View**

Consideration was given to the update on providing a Youth Club at Netley View.

Members still felt that it will be a vital facility and a permanent structure will be the best option. However, this will obviously be very expensive and if it is possible to obtain a temporary building it is thought that this should be installed with the correct infrastructure for a permanent structure in mind.

It was agreed to keep working on the matter.

RESOLVED

That the update on providing a Youth Club at Netley View be noted.

98/12 **Proposed New Policies for Adoption –**

- i) **Anti Bribery**
- ii) **The Control of Hand Arm Vibration at Work**

Consideration was given to the proposed new policies for adoption.

RESOLVED

That the proposed new policies for Anti Bribery and the control of Hand Arm Vibration at Work be adopted.

99/12 **Pedestrian Crossing – Langdown Lawn**

Consideration was given to the feasibility report carried out by the County Council into the provision of a crossing at Langdown Lawn.

Members felt that any crossing without an island refuge would need lights to control the traffic although it was realised that this would be expensive. A suggestion was made that investigations be made into operating a belisha beacon through solar power.

RESOLVED

