

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 30 January 2013 at 8 p.m.

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

*Mr J Binns	oMr M Short
*Mr B Dash	*Mrs B Smith
oMr R Guy	*Mr D Smith
*Mr C Harrison	oMr A Wade
*Mrs M McLean	oMr 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)
Mrs B Edwards (Administration Assistant)
Mr D Melsome (Assistant Clerk to the Council)

Also present: 1 Member of the Public

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

233/12 Declarations of Interest

Mr B Dash disclosed a personal interest in Minute 239/12 as he is a committee member of the Butts Ash Community Association . He did not consider his interest to be prejudicial and remained in the meeting for the discussion.

All members of the Council, who are householders within the Parish, were granted Dispensation under Section 33 – Localism Act 2011 to participate in the discussion and vote on Minute 243/12.

234/12 Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 January 2013.

Minute 215/12

The Chairman advised members that the meeting with the Hythe Business Partnership has been confirmed for 12 March 2013. She requested that those members who had not previously done so should contact the Parish Development Officer to confirm their attendance.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 January 2013
be signed by the Chairman as correct.

235/12 Public Forum

There were no questions from members of the public.

236/12 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman advised members that Charlotte Patterson, the Minute Clerk was taking up a new position with the Dibden Allotments Fund. The Chairman thanked her for more than 12 years' loyal service and wished her luck in her new role. The Chairman advised that the role of Minute Clerk would be taken on by Beverley Edwards.

The Chairman advised members that the business case for the Hythe Hospital Redevelopment has been approved by the Strategic Health Authority.

237/12 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

Progress is on-going with the development of the Hythe Transport Interchange. Funds are available subject to the agreement of interested parties.

Disappointment was felt at the level of cuts made within Children's Services even though an under-spend of £4.9 million was reported for this financial year.

Hampshire County Council has announced a ban on the construction of wind farms on county owned land.

238/12 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

A meeting of the Community Overview Scrutiny Panel were told that approximately 500 people per year within the District were the victims of domestic violence with six per-cent involved being children. The peak age for involvement in incidents of domestic violence is between 18 – 27 years. Domestic violence accounts for 21% of crimes reported in Hampshire.

It is hoped that Simon Hayes, the newly elected Police and Crime Commissioner will speak at the District Council meeting on 25 February 2013.

The District Council's plan to buy back 35 houses is proceeding although one seller has withdrawn from the scheme.

The District Council is liaising with a developer to construct 4 units in New Milton at a cost of £170,000 per unit. There is a further plan to demolish a hostel in Totton so that 4 units can be built in 2014. There are additional plans for further developments in Ringwood and Fordingbridge at a cost of £100,000 per unit.

The Chairman advised members that she had attended a meeting concerning the role of the District Council in the collection and distribution of the tax base. The number of changes means that the system has become more complicated.

Complications mean that the proposed scheme for the provision of a cycle lane serving the cycle racks at the front of the Waitrose store is no longer viable. An alternative scheme to move the cycle racks to the side of the store is now being considered.

239/12 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

Mr Smith advised members that he had recently attended a meeting of the Butts Ash Community Association. Plans are in hand for a drop-in centre at St. Anne's Church and preliminary discussions are taking place for the potential provision of a food bank.

240/12 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports

Mr Parkes asked Mrs Robinson whether the cycle racks at the other end of the High Street were included in the scheme. Mrs Robinson advised that this would not be necessary due to their positioning.

Mr Parkes sought clarification from Mrs McLean regarding the unit cost of the new housing units proposed by the District Council. Mrs McLean believed it referred to construction costs only.

Further to complaints from local residents, Mr Dash asked the Chairman if the Council could write a letter to the Police regarding cars and lorries obstructing the pavements within the Parish, particularly South Street and New Road. It was agreed that the Police be advised and suggested that residents take photographs in such instances.

241/12 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26

There were no questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26.

242/12 Reports of Committees**Planning Committee – 9 January 2013**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 January 2013

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 January 2013 be received and adopted.

243/12 To agree the budget, fees and Parish precept for 2013/14

Members considered the proposed budget, fees and resultant parish precept for 2013/14.

Having discussed the impact of the changes to the Council Tax benefit scheme on the precept for next year, and the possible use of the General balances, members adopted the proposed budget, which would maintain existing services, facilities, the community safety service, increase the contribution to youth provision and create an apprentice vacancy. The budget would result in a 3.9 pence per week increase in a Band D property, an increase of 0.14% in the overall Council Tax bill.

RESOLVED that

1. the proposed budgets be adopted.
2. the fees and charges for 2013/14 as set out be adopted.
3. the Council precept upon New Forest District Council for the year beginning 1 April 2013 be £583522 subject to the New Forest District Council confirming the identifiable grant of £47521 and transitional grant of £1376 at their meeting on the 25 February 2013.
4. if the grants are not confirmed, a Council meeting is held on 27 February 2013 to consider the precept required.

244/12 Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 8343 to 8382 inclusive, totalling £69,103.15, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Chairman

Date

13th February 2013 mncou163