

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 12 July 2010 at 8 pm

Members: *Mr D Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Bennett	*Mrs M Robinson
*Mr W Binns	*Mr M Short
oMr R Guy	*Mr B Uglow
*Mr G Jones	oMr P Vickers
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr A Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr M 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)

Also present: *Mr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor
oMrs A McEvoy - Hampshire County Councillor
oMrs B Smith – New Forest District Councillor
4 Members of the Public

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

54/10 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Parkes disclosed a personal interest in Minute 65/10 as he is Chairman of Waterside Heritage which had submitted an application. He considered his interest to be prejudicial and, having left the meeting, took no part in the discussion or vote.

55/10 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 June 2010.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 14 June 2010 be signed by the
Chairman as correct.

56/10 **Public Forum**

Car Parking at Shore Road

Mary Heath asked whether any progress had been made on preventing large numbers of cars from parking on the amenity area at Shore Road.

Mrs Robinson advised the meeting that, following a large number of complaints from members of the public, the matter had been investigated. It appears that some employees from Hythe Marina Park have been asked to park away from the Marina Park whilst some short term contracts are being fulfilled and have chosen to park at Shore Road. The situation should soon revert to normal but questions remain over whether it could occur again in the future.

The owner of the land, New Forest District Council, has indicated that it will charge for parking if the area is made into a formal car park. It has been suggested that car parks at the Sailing Club and Sea Scouts may be available for use during the day although the current leases may prohibit this. Negotiations are currently being held with the District Council.

Further suggestions were made that it was not necessary to make a formal car park, just to enforce some sort of regulation to prevent parking for longer than a specified time.

57/10 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman welcomed back Mrs McLean and Mr Binns after their respective stays in hospital.

The Chairman stated that he would be unable to attend a meeting on bus concessions the following week and asked whether anyone could attend in his place. Mr Binns offered to attend if it fitted in with other arrangements.

58/10 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

The lack of a paediatric rheumatology service in Hampshire has been discussed by the County Council's Health Select Committee. Serious consideration is now being given to the provision of a permanent part time service to meet the needs of local people.

Reconciliation of accounts has revealed an underspend of £6.5 million. A proportion of this will be spent on the road network.

A report on NEETS (young people not in education, employment or training) reveals that there are 5% in the New Forest area.

59/10 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

Mrs Robinson advised the meeting that complaints had been received from residents living close to Hythe Marine Park of excessive early morning noise. Negotiations had been held with the Environmental Health Department and it is hoped that the matter has been satisfactorily settled.

A meeting of the Crime and Disorder Review Panel discussed the effectiveness of the Accredited Community Support Officers. Some District Councillors felt that their effectiveness could only be judged on the number of fixed term penalty notices that the ACSOs issued whilst others felt that the prevention of crimes and anti social behaviour through engaging with the community was a better indicator. Mr M Wade felt that the fact that Hythe and Dibden had gone from having one of the highest crime figures in the New Forest to the lowest was an indicator of the effectiveness of engaging with the community through the ACSOs and the HANDY Trust.

The formation of a new strategic housing team has saved £50,000 per annum and seen the disabled waiting list reduced by 27 in the last 7 weeks. 45 have now been waiting 6 months as opposed to 139 waiting up to 18 months previously.

Restructuring of the sheltered housing scheme will take place in April 2012. All sheltered housing complexes have now been visited and discussions held with residents over the potential mix of ages and other concerns. The District Council is now considering the results.

It has been agreed to grant licences for the provision of car washing services in council car parks. The matter will go out to tender with an assurance that occasional car washes provided by local charities will be protected.

There have been complaints over the last 2 years that charity shops have been selling a larger proportion of new goods than permitted. The matter is being monitored.

According to the Development Plan Document there are 2 new housing sites designated in the New Forest but neither is in the Hythe and Dibden area. Opportunity Housing provides 70% of affordable housing and after 3 informal meetings over 400 potential sites have been put forward in the area. The matter will go to public consultation once the sites have been reduced to a suitable number.

60/10 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Mrs McLean attended a Hythe Hospital Stakeholders meeting on 5 July 2010.

The petition presented following the last meeting of the Council has been received and responded to.

The beds were closed at Hythe Hospital on 14 May 2010 and guarantees have been provided that they will reopen on 3 August 2010.

More patients have to go to Lymington rather than Southampton for assessment.

Since the beds closed 50 people have been sent to Lymington to recuperate which has worked well with 24 hour cover overseen by the sister in charge who has moved over from Hythe.

There are still problems with the sluice at Hythe Hospital and it may be necessary to build another to solve this. If this happens the number of beds will need to be reduced from 16 to 11.

Any equipment which was moved from Hythe to Lymington will have been tagged and will come back when the hospital reopens. Staffing levels are also being looked at.

Clinics are still being used in the building with 13000 people using consultant led clinics last year and 16000 using physiotherapist services. A feasibility study is being carried out to consider whether more clinics are needed.

61/10 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr M Wade asked Mrs McLean whether the Primary Care Trust had given any indication of what it felt may be needed for the future of Hythe Hospital.

Mrs McLean replied that the Stakeholders meeting involved everyone having an input and opportunity to discuss matters.

Mrs Robinson asked Mr Dash whether the proposed government cutbacks would have an impact on the Building Schools for the Future project in this area.

Mr Dash responded that he did not think that any schools in this area would be receiving any funds.

Mrs Robinson asked Mr Dash whether the funding for ACSOs, which she believed originally came from the second homes council tax windfall, was ring-fenced.

Mr Dash replied that the current cuts would not affect police numbers in Hampshire as cuts had already been anticipated. In relation to the ACSOs Service it was his opinion that if further cuts are necessary there would be a reluctance to cut ACSO provision.

62/10 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

There were no questions under standing orders 25 and 26.

63/10 **Reports of Committees**

Planning Committee – 14 June 2010

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14 June 2010.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14 June 2010 be received and adopted.

64/10 **Acceptance of Tender – Vehicle Purchase**

Consideration was given to the tenders received for the purchase of a new vehicle. Despite the fact that one tender was not received according to the requirements specified, in that the envelope was not clearly identified as a tender document, members were unanimous in the belief that, in the present economic climate, the lowest tender should be accepted.

RESOLVED

(a) To suspend Standing Order 74.1

- (b) That the tender of £13935 inc VAT from Richmond Hyundai Southampton be accepted.

65/10 **Grant Application 2010/11**

Consideration was given to the allocation of Grant Aid, in conjunction with the recommendations of the Grant Working Party.

It was agreed that further information should be sought from Waterside Bowling Club before a decision could be made on their application.

RESOLVED

That grants be made to the following organisations for the amounts stated from the 2010/11 Grant Aid budget:-

CAB	£1623
Community First Direct	£1203
Friends of Forest Front N R	£ 454
Waterside Heritage	£ 294
Waterside Cancer Support Unit	£ 750

66/10 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 6021-6085 inclusive, totalling £46,223.61, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman

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