

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Hythe and Dibden Parish Council
held at Clayfields Sports Centre, Claypits Lane, Dibden
On Wednesday 13 July 2011 at 8 pm

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

*Mr J Binns	*Mr M Short
*Mr B Dash	oMrs B Smith
*Mr R Guy	*Mr D Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr A Wade
*Mrs 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)

Also present: oMrs A McEvoy - Hampshire County Councillor
*Mr M Harris – New Forest District Councillor
2 Members of the Public

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

64/11 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Robinson disclosed a personal interest in Minute 84/11 as her husband is a trustee of Waterside Arts who were beneficiaries of a grant payment. She did not consider this interest to be prejudicial and remained in the meeting for the discussion.

65/11 **Discussion with Inspector Reading, Hythe Police Station**

Inspector Reading addressed the meeting and advised members that a top to bottom review of the Police Force is being conducted. This will mean that Police Stations at Lyndhurst, New Milton and Fordingbridge will be relocated within the next 6 years.

The Hampshire Force is split into 3 large areas – Hythe being in New Forest East. Inspector Reading does not believe that there will be a negative effect from the budget reorganisation and hopes that it will be positive.

The PCSOs will remain, as will the structure of Beat Officers – both of which have been successful. Response Officers already have mobile data terminals in cars which act as a mobile office and mean that it is not necessary for officers to return to their desk after an incident. Beat Officers have a Blackberry which gives access to the Police National Database.

Schemes which work well such as the Handy Trust in Hythe and the junior PCSO team in Totton will be looked at with a view to extending them across the area and Inspector Reading would like to attend and update community meetings regularly and possibly set up quarterly focus groups.

Members expressed concern that the front office at Hythe Police Station is not open often enough but it was suggested that alternative ways of advising people how to contact the Police need to be sought.

After questioning by members Inspector Reading confirmed that morale is low in some areas of the Force. Dedicated funding for a PCSO in Fawley has been stopped although one is still employed there. Officers still go into local schools to give advice on such matters as knives, guns, and adult themes – often with the assistance of youth workers.

Due to all the measures taken, Hythe is still a safe place to live and work but this requires continued efforts from the Police and local organisations. Inspector Reading assured members that he would keep in contact to ensure that this remains the case.

66/11 Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8 June 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8 June 2011 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

67/11 Public Forum

Mr Binns advised the meeting that Wilts and Dorset Bus Company had just announced that 50% of its bus services across the New Forest are to be withdrawn.

Of greatest concern are the 112 service which goes to Lymington Hospital being reduced to 3 times a day and the 6 service from Lymington to Southampton being reduced from every 30 minutes to every 60 minutes. Mr Binns felt that local communities are suffering most from cutbacks with the elderly and non drivers becoming isolated.

Mr Smith pointed out that the 112 service is subsidised by the County Council so no changes can be made without consultation with them.

Mr Guy advised members that he had attended a Transportation Meeting earlier in the day where he learned that £6.7 million had been granted in subsidies last year but £1.2 million less has been allocated for this year. Bus companies have been approached and asked what services can be provided with the funds available. It is thought that more Cargo and taxi services will be provided in the New Forest.

It was agreed that the matter would be put on a future agenda when more details are available.

68/11 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

69/11 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

Mr Dash advised members that government led reductions in the budget of 8% p.a. are continuing and the 4 year aim should be achieved in 2 years. The saving this year will be £55 million.

Mr Dash confirmed that he will investigate the subsidy of the 112 bus service with the County Council.

The contract for running Children's Centres is going out to tender.

Cuts in other services such as the mobile library service continue to be made.

The objections to Forest Lodge Farm being included in the Minerals and Waste Consultation Plan have been noted but the site has not been removed.

There are over 1100 children in care in Hampshire. An Ofsted Inspection has been completed and the final report is awaited.

70/11 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

Mr Binns advised that he had attended the first meeting of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel. There are requests for members to discuss the Dibden Golf Course.

Solar Photo voltaic panels are to be introduced at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst and Lymington Town Hall. £150,000 will be set aside this year for further installations. It is anticipated that a member from housing and from the residents/tenants association will be put onto the project panel.

Consideration is being given to charging for car parking in previously free areas such as Oak Road.

Recycling sites are to be reviewed for location and the materials collected.

Mr Harrison is on the Task and Finish Group for the Dibden Golf Centre. Cabinet currently feel that the best option will be for a medium term lease to an outside body.

A golfing consultant is currently looking at the situation and it has been agreed that a club member will join the panel at the appropriate time.

71/11 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Mr Guy attended a Transport Seminar which discussed the Community Rail Partnership. The Waterside Rail Report is being held back so that figures can be checked after disagreement between Network Rail and the consultants.

Mr Smith attended a meeting of the Butts Ash Community Association. Chris Lund of St John's Youth has been made a temporary member of the committee and is overseeing the regeneration of St Anne's Centre. Members of St John's Youth will spend October half term working on the lighting, decoration etc in order to improve it.

72/11 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr Dash asked Mr Harrison how another party could make a profit from the golf course under a lease when the District Council is unable to.

Mr Harrison responded that the District Council does not use specialist management.

Mr A Wade asked Mr Harrison to ensure that Dibden Golf Centre remains a relatively cheap place to play golf, especially for young people.

Mr Guy asked Mrs McLean whether she was aware that the Oak Road parking area had been bequeathed to the local authority by the Church and whether this would preclude them from being charged to use the ground.

Mrs McLean agreed to investigate the matter.

73/11 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Mr Guy asked the Chairman whether she was aware that not only had the Children's Centre received an "outstanding" report from Ofsted, but the Waterside School had moved up to "good".

The Chairman replied that she had not been aware of this fact but was delighted to hear it.

74/11 **Reports of Committees**

(a) **Planning Committee – 8 June 2011**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8 June 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 8 June 2011 be received and adopted.

(b) **Planning Committee – 28 June 2011**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28 June 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28 June 2011 be received and adopted.

75/11 **Community Safety Update**

Consideration was given to the Community Safety Update.

It was agreed that the number of local residents responding to the survey on the implementation of a Community Speedwatch scheme was too small to be representative, therefore it was agreed no further action be taken.

Alternative methods of traffic calming could be discussed by the Clerk and Inspector Reading.

RESOLVED

That the Community Safety update be noted.

76/11 Financial Monitoring – Period ending 30 June 2011

The Clerk presented the financial monitoring for the period ending 30 June 2011.

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring for the period ending 30 June 2011 be accepted and approved.

77/11 Play Areas – Results of Annual RoSPA Inspections

Consideration was given to the results of the annual RoSPA inspections of the play areas.

RESOLVED

That the results of the annual RoSPA inspections of the play areas be noted.

78/11 Installation of Height Barrier – Clayfields Sports Centre

Consideration was given to the installation of a height restriction barrier across the entrance to Clayfields Sports Centre to give additional protection against unauthorised visitors.

RESOLVED

That a height restriction barrier be installed at Clayfields Sports Centre.

79/11 Councillors' Notification under the Data Protection Act 1998

Consideration was given to a circular from NALC concerning individual councillors registering with the Information Commissioner's Office on an annual basis.

Members were advised that it is hoped that the law will soon be changed to make the matter easier. The Chairman stated that she would investigate an email she had received from Rosemary Rutins at the District Council on the subject.

It was agreed that individual members should decide whether to register with the Information Commissioner's Office on an annual basis.

80/11 Nomination for Trustee for Dibden Allotment Fund

Consideration was given to the nomination of a trustee for Dibden Allotment Fund for the next four years.

RESOLVED

That Mrs McLean be nominated as a trustee for Dibden Allotment Fund.

81/11 The Design and Implementation of Transport Proposals using Developers' Contributions

Consideration was given to a request for views from the District Council on the above report.

Members were happy with the inclusion of a cycle route between Roman Road North and Roman Road South but needed more details on other routes mentioned.

It was suggested that a plan looking at a secondary series of proposals should be included on a future agenda.

RESOLVED

That New Forest District Council be advised that this Council accepts the inclusion of a cycle route from Roman Road North to Roman Road South including parts of Beaulieu Road but clarification be sought over the other routes mentioned in the report.

82/11 Request to lease Parish Council land at the rear of 67 Highlands Way, Dibden Purlieu

Consideration was given to a request from a resident to lease land at the rear of 67 Highlands Way, Dibden Purlieu.

Members felt that the land had been given to the whole community and leasing small areas would make it more difficult to maintain and less visually enjoyable.

RESOLVED

That the request to lease Parish Council land at the rear of 67 Highlands Way, Dibden Purlieu be refused and officers given authority to refuse any further requests in the area.

83/11 Hythe Transport Interchange

Members were updated on the current situation at the Hythe Transport Interchange.

It appears that no progress has yet been made with the movement of taxis or the bus stop as the appropriate kerbstone has still not been acquired.

It was suggested that parking for seven taxis is not required in that area and the matter should be investigated with the District Council.

84/11 Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 6913 - 6998 inclusive, totalling £72,703.44, be approved and paid.

85/11 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

86/11 Provision of Insurance Services

Consideration was given to the provision of insurance services when the current agreement with Zurich Municipal ends.

RESOLVED

That a 3 year insurance agreement with Zurich Municipal from July 2012 be accepted.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

Chairman
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