

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 11 February 2015 at 8.00 pm

Members: *Mrs B Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair

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

In attendance: Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk)
Mrs J Bevis (Administration Assistant)
Mrs S Bennett (Clerk to the Council Designate)

Also present: oMr P Fawkes (Hampshire County Councillor)

2 Members of the Public

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

The Chairman and the Council would like their best wishes and concerns conveyed to the caretaker, whose wife is in hospital. They would also like to express their thanks to Marcus Kendall for stepping in at the last minute to cover the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs S Bennett who will take up the post of Clerk to the Council next month.

248/14 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations made.

249/14 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 26 January 2015.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 26 January 2015 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

250/14 **Public Forum**

Mr Bovey expressed concern with regard to the speed limit on Fawley Road and the pedestrian crossing being on a blind bend. It was suggested that vehicles regularly exceeded the speed limit which posed a risk to pedestrians crossing the road. The Chairman indicated that a request for SID be made for this particular area. Malcolm Wade informed the meeting that he was currently in discussions with Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council to see whether improvements could be made to the crossing and whether traffic calming could be introduced. Councillor Fawkes was also adding his support.

251/14 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

252/14 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

Malcolm Wade reported on the Hampshire County Council Budget which had a gross expenditure for 2014/15 of £1.9bn with 39% £732m on Schools, 23% £442m on Adult Services, 15% on Children's Services with the rest spread over Highways, waste management, culture, communities, capital and other costs making up the rest. Hampshire has the third lowest council tax level in 2014/15.

Mr Wade reported on Children's Services which had an excellent Ofsted report in 2014, good with some outstanding areas. One high point is the decision to retain funding for the short breaks for disabled children for another year by a one payment from corporate funding.

Mr Wade reported on the Hythe Interchange Accessibility Improvement Scheme which would make the whole area more accessible for all and it will also create a nicer environment for visitors to Hythe and minimise the cost of highway maintenance work to the County Council.

253/14 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

James Binns reported that the appeal by McCarthy and Stone for the new development at Dibden Purlieu has been successful, despite all the public meetings and promises that they would listen to the public opinion.

Mr Binns also reported that all new tenancies with housing were on a one year probation, which was proving to be successful.

Maureen McLean reported on the Child Poverty Task and Finish Group made up of many different groups and organisations. The Panel is working towards various goals - consisting of parenting skills, provision of mentoring/counselling mental health services and reducing fuel and food costs for low income families.

Stan Wade informed Members that two industries in the Waterside area were in the planning stage. – one at the refinery and the other in Marchwood.

Malcolm Wade attended the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel and reported on a Project Integra presentation on their current performance.

Chris Harrison reported on the Parish Council's successful application for section 106 monies to be made available from New Forest District Council.

Maureen Robinson advised that New Forest District Council would not be increasing the Council tax for 2015/16.

254/14 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

David Smith reported on the new chairman of Butts Ash Residents Association. He was full of drive and enthusiasm with a 5 year business plan and is currently applying for various grants. New members on the committee were Ann McDonald, Brian Uglow and the new vicar of St. John's Church.

255/14 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports

Brenda Smith asked Malcolm Wade whether there were any plans for encouraging residents to produce less waste. Mr Wade responded that he would raise the matter with New Forest District Council.

Brenda Smith to Chris Harrison - referred to the low number of Parish applications that went to the Planning Committee. To thank the staff for their hard work in making a case for Section 106 monies.

Maureen Robinson asked Malcolm Wade if the Hampshire County Council Adult Services were ready for the new legislation for the Carers Act. Mr Wade replied that he would investigate and report back.

Alex Wade asked Malcolm Wade if he had received any feedback from the traders at Fairview Parade. Mr Malcolm Wade responded that a new Manager at One Stop had introduced changes to the dynamics of the store which had resulted in a reduction of the shoplifting and ASB issues.

256/14 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26

Maureen Robinson had been contacted by residents to ask if the cycleway signs at Applemore could be replaced by larger signs to advise that the pathway is for cyclists and pedestrians.

It was suggested that Hampshire Highways be contacted and advised of the situation.

Maureen Robinson also inquired if there could be a dog bin reinstated by the bus stop at the entrance to Cabot Drive and if some signage could be erected about dog fouling possibly from Cathay Gardens, Cumberland Way to Tesco bus-stop.

It was confirmed that NFDC will be contacted to request anti dog fouling signs be located in the vicinity and to see if there were any plans to install a new dog bin.

Chris Harrison stated that cyclists still used the road instead of the cycle way which would indicate that the signage is not large enough.

257/14 Reports of Committees**Planning Committee – 10 December 2014**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14 January 2015.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14 January 2015 be received and adopted.

258/14 The Local Government (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2015

Members discussed the above document. It was welcomed by some Members but a few had their reservations when large documents would be attached to the agendas.

RESOLVED

That the matter be discussed and reviewed with the new elected Council in May.

259/14 Review of Direct Debits

A report detailing the list of companies receiving direct debit and standing order payments from the Council was submitted for Members consideration.

RESOLVED

Members approved the direct debit and standing order payees detailed in the report.

260/14 Bank Reconciliation December 2014

RESOLVED

The Bank Reconciliation be approved.

261/14 Provision of public access Defibrillators (Minute No. 206/14 refers)

Members were delighted that the defibrillators had been sited at the two churches. They asked that the Deputy Clerk write thanking them for their contribution and for allowing the defibrillators to be housed on their premises. It was also asked that appropriate publicity be made.

262/14 Adoption of Tree Policy

Members commented on the hard work in preparing the document and to thank Marcus Kendall for his efforts.

RESOLVED

That the Tree Policy be adopted with immediate effect.

263/14 **Accounts for payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed totalling £38,202.30 be approved and paid.

264/14 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

It was agreed that Mrs Bennett should remain in the meeting as she would be involved with the following item when she takes her post as Clerk to the Council.

265/14 **Financial Year End Arrangements**

Members agreed the appointment of David Shimpe as a Consultant to prepare the Annual Accounts and to supply the appropriate reports to the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Chairman

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