

Minutes of the Meeting of Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

Held at The Grove, 25 St John's Street, Hythe
on Wednesday 27 April 2016 at 7.00 p.m

p Cllr C Harrison (Chairman)
p Cllr M McLean (Vice Chairman)

Councillors:

p P Armstrong
p J Binns
a M Bovey
p E Davey
a J Fowler
p T Johnson

Councillors:

p G Parkes
p D Poole
p M Short
p A Wade
p M Wade

p = present
a = apologies
n = no apologies received

In Attendance

p Cllr B Andrews (NFDC)
p Cllr K Crisell (NFDC)
p Cllr P Fawkes

Officers in attendance

Mrs S Bennett (Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mrs B Edwards (Minute Clerk)

13 Members of the Public

306/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr. Maureen McLean declared an interest in item number 323/15 as she is a Trustee of the Handy Trust. She did not consider the matter to be a disclosable pecuniary interest so remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion but did not take part in the vote.

Cllr. Malcolm Wade declared an interest in item number 323/15 as he is a Trustee of the Handy Trust. He did not consider the matter to be a disclosable pecuniary interest so remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion but did not take part in the vote.

There were no written requests for dispensation made.

307/15 MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 March 2016.

Cllr. Peter Armstrong queried item number 268/15 asking if the letter of thanks had been sent to Glynn Miles. The Clerk to the Council confirmed that a message of thanks had been sent.

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 23 March 2016 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

308/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

During the bedding in of the new IT system agendas will be printed for Members for collection from The Grove or at meetings.

Following a request made by Cllr. Bovey at a previous council meeting, a letter had been sent to NFDC to request free parking after 3 pm at NFDC car parks in Hythe. The response received from portfolio holder Cllr Sophie Beaton was that the suggestion had been discussed and noted, however the charging structure for 2016 had already been agreed.

The Chairman has received an email from Mr D Gowlett praising the Credit Union facility at The Grove and that he hopes councillors themselves will make use of it.

The Chairman has received a letter from June Richens of the Waterside Cancer Support Centre stating that she is delighted to have received an invitation to a garden party at Buckingham Palace and is currently searching for a suitable hat. Her daughter has also received an invitation to accompany June.

309/15 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Malcolm Wade had previously submitted a written report. He updated Members on the provision of a new hospital at Hythe. NHS Property Services has appointed Hampshire Local Improvement Finance Trust to develop the outline business case for the project.

The proposed new hospital would replace the old building, which would be demolished and NHS partners are working with the Royal British Legion to consider how best to retain a war memorial at this site.

Hampshire County Council has been working with their colleagues in other Hampshire CCGs and local authorities to develop a Transforming Care Partnership which requires local health and social care commissioners for

children, young people and adults to come together to meet the needs of people with a learning disability and/or autism.

310/15 **REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. P Armstrong had previously submitted a written report. Cllr. Armstrong updated Members that, through Keep Britain Tidy, he had been invited to Westminster where he was able to meet other litter champions. He has also met with officers from NFDC with regard to a follow up to Clean for the Queen in 2017. Beach Clean is also coming up later in the year.

Cllr. James Binns had previously submitted a written report. Cllr. Binns advised Members that NFDC, in partnership with other Councils, has signed up to a suicide prevention plan. Suicide is prevalent in the New Forest, particularly in young men.

312/15 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr. Eric Davey had previously submitted a written report but added that he wished to recognise the quality of volunteers in the Parish.

Cllr. Graham Parkes attended a meeting of the New Forest Passenger Transport Forum on 19th April where an update was given on current passenger transport initiatives, including information on the government's forthcoming Buses Bill. A representative from Go South Coast gave a brief update on the commercial services which the company operates in the New Forest area. The meeting finished with a presentation on developing a new operating model for commissioning community transport services which outlined the engagement process currently taking place with key stakeholders about proposed changes to the way in which community transport services are commissioned by the County in the future.

Cllr. Maureen McLean attended a workshop at which priority services at the proposed new hospital at Hythe were discussed. Cllr. McLean informed Members that there are 20 pockets of deprivation around Hampshire, 3 of which are in the parish of Hythe and Dibden.

313/15 **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS 25 AND 26**

Cllr. Malcolm Wade asked if the Chairman was aware that the community group responsible for donating the commemorative WWI bench is interested in donating a second bench to commemorate WWII, at a location to be decided by Parish Council officers.

The Chairman responded that he was not aware and that the matter should be an agenda item at the next meeting.

Cllr. Wade further asked if the Chairman was aware that the resident who initiated the petition in support of the ACSO service had received a visit from a Police officer and a PCSO regarding her petition. Cllr. Wade stated that the resident was pursuing a legal activity and expressed concern that

the Parish Council had encouraged the police to investigate the matter. If so, this would bring the Parish Council into disrepute.

The Chairman responded that he was aware of the petition however he was not aware of any influence placed by this Council.

314/15 **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Bob Podesta of The Promenade, Hythe addressed Members on the anti-social behaviour taking place on The Promenade and asked if the Parish Council could request that the CCTV camera located there, which for the most part is facing out to sea, could be turned around.

The Chairman of the Council responded that a request would be made to NFDC and Cllr. James Binns stated that he would also raise the matter with NFDC.

Mrs Barbara Mitchell commented on the mass planting of spring bulbs in Hythe and asked if there were any plans to extend the planting into Dibden Purlieu. The Deputy Clerk responded that the planting is gradually being rolled out and will happen in Dibden Purlieu eventually.

Mrs Mitchell also commented on the amount of litter along the bypass and asked Members if they thought it worthwhile to make the Heath roundabout more attractive. Cllr. Wade responded that responsibility for the highway lies with New Forest District Council and that the roundabout is the responsibility of Hampshire County Council. With regard to the Heath roundabout, Mrs Mitchell was advised that the Parish Council had made several attempts to get sponsorship which had not been successful but a further attempt would be made.

Mrs Linda Bratcher of The Promenade, Hythe informed Members that the area of The Promenade which should be a pedestrian only zone is being used by patrons of the pub as a public car park resulting in lots of noise past midnight. Mrs Bratcher has reported the matter to the Police who say it is not a police matter. Mrs Bratcher requested bigger/ increased signage to indicate that the area is a pedestrian zone or that traffic violation tickets be issued.

The Chairman responded that the ACSO service has patrolled the area previously but are unable to issue tickets. Cllr. Malcolm Wade suggested that a letter be sent to Robert Crozier at NFDC requesting that its parking attendants, who are able to issue tickets, attend at an appropriate time.

315/15 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 9th March 2016 and 13th April 2016 and the Extraordinary Planning Committee meeting held on 6th April 2016.

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 9th March 2016 and 13th April 2016 and the Extraordinary Planning Committee meeting held on 6th April 2016 be agreed.

316/15 **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 12th April 2016.

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the Personnel meeting held on 12th April 2016 be agreed.

317/15 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

Consideration was given to the notes of the working party meeting held on 13th April 2016 and its recommendation.

RESOLVED that

- a) the notes of the working party meeting held on 12th April 2016 be agreed.
- b) the recommendation to earmark up to £1000 of the Christmas lighting budget 2016 – 2017 to be used to assist traders in the provision of Christmas lighting.
- c) The money is to be used as 50/50 match funding on to any money raised by a formal traders group providing Christmas lighting which will enhance the parish.

318/15 **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – VILLAGE CENTRE**

The Clerk updated Members on the work being undertaken by the Council in partnership with the Police.

319/15 **BUSINESS RISKS AND INSURANCE**

Consideration was given to the business risks and insurance plan.

RESOLVED that

The business risks and insurance plan be agreed.

320/15 OUTSIDE BODIES

Consideration was given to adopting Families Matter and Hythe and Waterside Dementia Friendly Group as Outside Bodies and to appointing a councillor representative for each.

RESOLVED that

- a) the adoption of Families Matter and HWDFG as Outside Bodies be agreed.
- b) Cllr. James Binns is appointed as councillor representative to Families Matter and Cllr. Martin Bovey is appointed as councillor representative to Hythe and Waterside Dementia Friendly Group.

321/15 COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Members considered whether to undertake Community Speedwatch in Hythe and Dibden.

RESOLVED that

Community Speedwatch is trialled in the Parish on the proviso that sufficient volunteers are recruited and the required equipment can be borrowed from Minstead Parish Council.

322/15 MARKET BUSES

The Deputy Clerk sought agreement from Members to continue with negotiations to provide a community bus service in the Hythe and Dibden area on Tuesdays to facilitate travel to the Tuesday market in Hythe. Members agreed that negotiations should continue.

323/15 HANDY TRUST SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

Consideration was given to the Clerk's report on the Handy Trust Service Level Agreement (SLA).

RESOLVED that

- a) the renewal of the service level agreement be agreed in principle, following resolution of the risks and issues raised in the report.
- b) a working group is formed to discuss and agree the needs of both parties to the agreement and a revised SLA is produced

for agreement by the Council and the Handy Trust Board.

- c) The Chairman to arrange the membership of the working group to be two Parish Council representatives, 2 Handy Trust Board representatives, supported by the Clerk to the Council and the Handy Trust manager.

324/15 **FINANCE 2015 - 2016**

Consideration was given to the bank reconciliations for February 2016 and March 2016 and the Schedule of Payments for the period 16th March to 31st March 2016.

RESOLVED that

- a) the bank reconciliation for February 2016 be noted.
- b) accounts as detailed totalling £92,316.00 be agreed and paid.

325/15 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that

The press and public be excluded from the Council Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

326/15 **ACSO COVER**

The Clerk to the Council reported on the issues affecting the Council's provision of an ACSO service.

RESOLVED that

The provision of a temporary ACSO for a period of 6 months is investigated further and a sum of £21,000 is allocated from General Reserves.

The meeting closed at 8.59 p.m

Chairman

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