

**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 4 October 2004 at 8 pm

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

*Mr J Bennett	oMr R Podesta
oMr G Dawson	*Mrs M J Robinson
*Mr R Guy	*Mr M Short
*Mr C Harrison	*Mrs B Smith
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr M S Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr S S Wade

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor  
Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)  
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: 6 Members of the Public  
2 Members of the Press  
Mr F Callaghan (Principal – Applemore Technology College)  
Mr C McIlroy (Vice Principal – Applemore Technology College)

227/04 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Harrison declared an interest in Minute 228/04 as he is a Governor at Applemore Technology College.

228/04 **Presentation by Mr F Callaghan on the possibility of Applemore Technology College becoming a Church School**

Mr F Callaghan and Mr C McIlroy, Principal and Vice Principal of Applemore Technology College gave a presentation on the progress Applemore Technology College have made during the first round consultation process on the proposal to become a Church School.

Members were advised that the Board of Governors will meet on 14 October 2004 to discuss the proposal and if it is decided to proceed with the matter. Formal consultation will be undertaken by the School's organisation.

(Mr Harrison declared an interest in this item but remained in the Meeting)

229/04 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 August 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 August 2004, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as correct.

230/04 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman attended the recent coalition of the new Vicar of Hythe, Jean Wetherall. He suggested that a letter of welcome be sent on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman advised Members that the new hearing loop system had been installed and hoped that it made it easier to hear the proceedings.

Members were advised that Fawley Refinery would be testing their alarm system on Tuesday 5 October at 2.30 pm and 7 pm.

231/04 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

57% of responses to the Community Safety Strategy Group Crime Audit were from females, with domestic burglaries and anti-social behaviour top of the list of problems. Although the New Forest is the third safest area to live nationally, alcohol incidents rose by 621% and 30-40% of deaths were alcohol related.

Mrs McLean advised Members that the Gold Service Award Scheme introduced by the Housing, Health and Social Inclusion Panel will provide community benefits for good tenants such as bonus bonds, weekend repairs and lower energy costs.

The Police advised a recent Anti-Social Behaviour Briefing that the Public must always report anti-social behaviour, even if the perception is that the Police do not often attend, as patterns may emerge so that the Police are able to divert resources to deal with the problem.

The Business Plan for the New Forest District Council Community Warden Pilot Scheme has been completed ready for presentation to the Crime and Disorder Review Panel.

The County Council will place 8 CSO's and a team leader into the New Forest area for a 6 month trial. These will have low level enforcement powers. The Police will have 2 CSO's who will have similar powers but will also have holding powers for 30 minutes.

The District Council will soon advise residents that waste electrical and electronic equipment cannot be included with domestic waste.

Mrs Smith had been appointed to scrutinise the Health and Safety Business Plan for the commercial side of the Environmental Services Department.

Mrs Robinson attended the District Council Youth Festival along with 2000 young people at Appletree Court. The feedback was excellent and it is hoped to hold more in the future.

Mrs Robinson is due to attend the relaunch of Hythe Birthing Centre on Thursday 7 October as the consort of the Chairman to the District Council.

It is hoped to use the District Council Planning Development Grant to appoint a dedicated Liaison Officer for 2 years to assist Parish Councils deliver Market Town Healthchecks. There is also approximately £10,000 to assist smaller Parish Councils.

The District Council appears to be underspending on previous years plan, but anticipated income from some leisure centres and the parking clock scheme may not materialise.

The Hythe Promenade Scheme is at risk through lack of finance. The District Council is being lobbied to make capital available.

232/04 **Report of the County Councillor in County Council matters concerning the Parish**

The budget for the Hythe Promenade Scheme is insufficient to meet tenders. Although the District and Parish Councils are trying to find more funds is uncertain whether this will be sufficient. Another option is to review the design in the hope of making it cheaper. For example, the paved area could be grassed and then paved at a later date.

The traffic count in Jones Lane for a potential crossing did not meet Department of Transport criteria.

The County Council expect an increase of 3-5% in Council Tax. There has been a 5.5% cash increase from the Government.

The South East England Regional Assembly Sub Regional Strategy has included the Waterside in the Solent Planning Area.

233/04 **Questions to District and County Councillors arising from their reports**

Clarification was sought over the changes being made to the Hythe Promenade Scheme, as the design was agreed after public consultation.

Mr Dash advised that at this stage it was just a question of trying to rescue the project.

Mr Parkes asked whether there was any timescale on repairing the gateway to Hythe close to St John's Church which keeps collapsing.

Mr Dash responded that it had been installed by the District Council, but agreed to pursue the matter.

234/04 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

There were no Reports.

235/04 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Mr S Wade advised Members of an epidemic of wood pigeons which are defecating around The Mount and asked for suggestions on how to deal with the problem.

Mr Harrison advised Members of cars which are being advertised for sale on the verge adjacent to Hartwells Garage.

He was advised of the decision to investigate the matter made at the earlier Planning Committee Meeting.

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At this point the Meeting was adjourned to allow the Public Forum to be held.

**Forest Front Orchids**

Mr Uglow asked that the grass be re-cut at Forest Front as the orchids would struggle to survive otherwise.

The Chairman agreed to ask the Amenities Committee to investigate the matter.

**Local Shops**

Mr Uglow asked that illegal signs to the local shops be removed and adopted ones put up in their place.

The Chairman responded that the local shops are already signed from various points.

**Loud Music**

Mr Uglow complained that music is played loudly locally at night, but there is no-one able to deal with the matter.

**Litter**

Mr Uglow complained that Shore Road was strewn with litter recently and asked how often it was cleared.

It was pointed out that the District Council cleared the litter on the day that it was noticed.

**Flagpoles**

Mr Uglow asked whether the flagpoles outside The Grove would be installed in time for the Anniversary of Agincourt on 21 October.

The Chairman advised that the matter was ongoing but would not be ready in time for the Anniversary.

**Southampton Refuse Collection**

Concern was expressed that the proposed 2 bin collection in Southampton would mean less recyclable refuse and more domestic refuse to be brought onto the Waterside.

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The Council Meeting then resumed.

236/04 **Reports of Committee**

**(a) Planning Committee – 2 August 2004**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2 August 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2 August 2004 be received and adopted.

**(b) Planning Committee – 6 September 2004**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6 September 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6 September 2004 be received and adopted.

**(c) Amenities Committee – 6 September 2004**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 6 September 2004.

(i) Bunting – Hythe Village Centre (Min 199/04)

A Member asked whether any response had been received regarding this problem.

The Clerk replied that no response had been received to date.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 6 September 2004 be received and adopted.

**(d) Planning Committee – 20 September 2004**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20 September 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20 September 2004 be received and adopted.

**(e) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 20 September 2004**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 20 September 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 20 September 2004 be received and adopted.

237/04 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That the accounts detailed in Vouchers 910 – 965 inclusive, totalling £36325.87 be approved and paid.

238/04 **Adoption of Footpath and Street Light – Cheviot Drive, Dibden by Hampshire County Council**

Consideration was given to the authorisation of the adoption of the footpath and street light at Cheviot Drive by Hampshire County Council.

RESOLVED

That the adoption be authorised subject to clarification of ownership of the “ransom” strip indicated on the plan.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman

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