

**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 1 August 2005 at 8 pm

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr R Podesta
oMr G Dawson	*Mrs M J Robinson
*Mr R Guy	oMr M Short
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr D Smith
*Mrs M McLean	oMr 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 L Dunsdon (Hampshire County Council)  
Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)  
Ms S A Maitland (Deputy Clerk to the Council)

Also present: 11 Members of the Public  
Inspector Kenna

The Chairman welcomed Inspector Kenna from Hythe Police Station.

The Chairman acknowledged that there were members of the public who wished to address the Council and therefore proposed to suspend Standing Order 15 in order to allow the Public Forum to be held at the appropriate juncture in the meeting.

RESOLVED

That Standing Order 15 be suspended in order to allow the Public forum to be held.

138/05 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Robinson declared an interest in Minute 139/05 2. as she is the Chair of Hampshire Partnership, NHS Trust.

139/05 **Report of Committee – General Purposes and Finance Committee – 25 July 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 25 July 2005.

**1. Presentation – Crime and Audit Strategy – What S17 means to Parish and Town Councils (Minute 119/05)**

It was noted that during this item it was inferred that the enforcement of Byelaws was the responsibility of the Parish Council. This comment was contrary to that made in the Amenities Committee Minute 96/05 whereby it was stated that the police would enforce byelaws. The Clerk to the Council was asked to investigate this.

**2. Consultation Document on Community Services for Older People in New Forest, Southern Test Valley and Eastleigh (Minute 126/05)**

The Minute should read that the Primary Care Trust could be advised of the points raised so far – not the County Council as stated.

It was also noted that the second sentence of paragraph two of the Minute should commence with the wording... "The Parish Council objects to the closure of beds at Hythe Hospital, however...".

(Mrs Robinson declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting).

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes of Finance Committee held on 25 July 2005 be received and adopted.

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

**1. Hythe Hospital's League of Friends**

Members of Hythe Hospital's League of Friends requested the Parish Council's support in retaining Hythe Hospital. Members were given a history of the building detailing that it was a War Memorial Hospital. The League of Friends were building a strategy to fight against the loss of beds and left details of a petition for circulation.

**2. Yelverton Avenue**

Mr Uglow informed members that there were potholes in Yelverton Avenue and hazardous dips in Lunedale Road approaching its junction with Roman Road.

**3. Force Enquiry Centre – Winchester**

Mr Podesta informed Inspector Kenna of unsatisfactory responses following phone calls to the 08450454545 enquiry centre. Inspector Kenna responded by stating that although he was concerned about the information he felt that concerns should be expressed to the Chief Constable and his staff officers.

**4. Vandalism letter**

Mrs Robinson asked Inspector Kenna if he was in receipt of a letter relating to several incidents of vandalism. Inspector Kenna informed Mrs Robinson that he had received the letter and would investigate the matter further before responding to it.

**5. Accredited Community Safety Officers**

Inspector Kenna was asked whether he had been able to assess the working relationship between the local police and the ACSO's. Inspector Kenna stated that he felt that the ACSO's made a positive contribution to policing and that he was due to meet with his staff soon to discuss this.

Included in the discussion with staff would be the issue of filtering minor incidents from the police to the ACSO's.

**6. The use of mobile phones whilst driving**

Jon Bennett asked Inspector Kenna how drivers using mobile phones could be dealt with. Mr Bennett was informed that prosecution could only happen if there were more than one witness.

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Standing Orders were reinstated and the Council Meeting resumed.

140/05 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27 June 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 27 June 2005 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

141/05 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman informed members of a letter that had been received from the Mayor of Mauves sur Loire who was sending condolences following the recent terror attacks in London. The letter was to be published in The Herald.

The letter had been replied to.

142/05 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

There had been a Planning Development Control briefing on the handing over of planning responsibilities to the National Park Authority.

The Monitoring Officer's annual report on the Standards Committee had noted that the Panel should either be independent or politically balanced.

The Citizens Panel was being contacted by the Crime and Disorder Review Panel for views regarding the fear of crime.

An evening out with the Accredited Community Safety Officers had been enlightening and resulted in alcohol being confiscated from under age drinkers. The alcohol had been poured away. Statistics relating to the work of the ACSO's were distributed to members.

The housing proposals for the land at Challenger Way was to go to Cabinet this week. If approval is received the project would commence at the end of next year. Provision for shared equity and key workers was included in the proposals.

Applemore Recreation has secured funding for gym equipment for the disabled.

It was reported that there is a sub committee to deal with domestic violence but as it is a new committee no statistics were available.

The in house Audit Department is to be reviewed.

It was noted that members on the Licensing Panel cannot participate in issues relating to their own wards or parishes.

143/05 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Mr Dunsdon stated that he was impressed with the links that the Council had with its twinned town of Mauves sur Loire.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue had staged a fire awareness day which had been attended by young people. Statistics have shown that this type of course reduces the number of arson incidents.

The cycle path project for a route between Hardley and Hythe had been put on hold.

The Development Agency has announced the proposed number of houses to be built over the next four years. Details were given to the Clerk.

Expenditure requirement on various categories of transport is being identified with regard to the Local Transport Plan requirements.

The pedestrian crossing on the A326 was being progressed. Part of the survey has been carried out and will be completed soon.

144/05 **Questions to District and County Councillors arising from their Reports**

Mr Dash was asked whether a reduction in crossing points on the A326 could be carried out even though the enquiries were not complete. There was also a need for more signage alerting motorists to the likelihood of pedestrians crossing. Mr Dash informed members that an order had been placed for the hedges to be cut back and this action should give better visibility to motorists.

**145/05 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

The New Forest Association of Parish Councils has provisionally accepted a new constitution despite the Clerks representation that the correct procedures had not been followed. The constitution is to be reviewed again at a later date.

**146/05 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

A member expressed his concern that Parish and Town Councils have no right to comment on local licensing applications although bodies representing persons living in the vicinity were able to make comments. The member thought that this was appalling and asked how to make his views known.

The member was recommended to write to James Purcell.

A member asked if it was illegal for caravanners to stop overnight in the layby by the picnic area.

It was suggested that the legal definition of that piece of ground should be ascertained and that some action should be taken on the grounds of public health.

**147/05 Reports of Committees****(a) Planning Committee – 27 June 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27 June 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27 June 2005 be received and adopted.

**(b) Accommodation Committee – 11 July 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on 11 July 2005.

It was noted that the Chairman was in attendance and that his name should be marked to indicate attendance.

Subject to the above, it was

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on 11 July 2005 be received and adopted.

**(c) Planning Committee – 11 July 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 July 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 July 2005 be received and adopted.

**(d) Amenities Committee – 11 July 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 11 July 2005.

It was noted that there have been an incident of severe vandalism at Fern Hill Play Area and the Clerk was requested to investigate and take action as a matter of urgency.

There was concern expressed about the deteriorating condition of the Hythe Skate and Ride Park and the Clerk was asked to relate this information to the Trustees of Hythe Skate and Ride.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 11 July 2005 be received and adopted.

**(e) Planning Committee – 25 July 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 25 July 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 25 July 2005 be received and adopted.

148/05 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts detailed in vouchers 1510 – 1536 inclusive, totalling £26,508.78 be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Chairman

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