

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 8 May 2006 at 8.00 pm

Members: *Mr M Short (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Bennett	oMr R Podesta
*Mr G Dawson	*Mrs M J Robinson
*Mr R Guy	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr D 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)
Ms S A Maitland (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: 7 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

1/06 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2/06 **Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED

That Mrs B Smith be elected as Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming Council year.

Mrs Smith signed her declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

Mrs Smith expressed the honour she felt that the Council had shown faith in appointing her as Chairman once more and pledged to do her best to promote the parish and its activities. This should be made easier due to the wonderful residents, staff and facilities.

Mrs Smith thanked Mr Short for his term of office.

3/06 **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

RESOLVED

That Mr Podesta be elected Vice Chairman for the forthcoming Council year.

4/06 **Appointment of Committees**

RESOLVED

That the following Committees be appointed for the coming Council year:-

Amenities Committee

Mr J Bennett	Mr R Podesta	(ex officio)
Mr R Guy	Mrs B Smith	(ex Officio)
Mr C Harrison	Mr M S Wade	
Mrs M McLean	Mr S S Wade	
Mr G Parkes		

General Purposes and Finance Committee

Mr G Dawson	Mrs B Smith	(ex officio)
Mr C Harrison	Mr D Smith	
Mr R Podesta (ex officio)	Mr M Wade	
Mrs M Robinson	Mr S Wade	
Mr M Short		

Planning Committee

Mr J Bennett	Mrs B Smith	(ex officio)
Mr R Guy	Mr D Smith	
Mr G Parkes	Mr M S Wade	
Mr R Podesta (ex officio)	Mr S S Wade	
Mr M Short		

Accommodation Committee

Mr R Guy	Mr M Short	
Mr C Harrison	Mrs B Smith	(ex officio)
Mr G Parkes	Mr D Smith	
Mr R Podesta (ex officio)	Mr M S Wade	
Mrs M Robinson		

The Chairman thanked Mr Dawson, who stood down from the Planning Committee, for his long service and the wisdom and common sense shown for the benefit of the community.

5/06 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 March 2006.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 March 2006 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

6/06 **Chairman's announcements**

There will be a Public Exhibition of the proposed improvements to St John's Street Car Park and the pedestrian arrangements on Thursday 11 May from 2 – 7 pm at The Grove.

7/06 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

The New Forest Transportation Strategy has been disbanded as the New Forest has now been combined with Test Valley. The current move is towards Hampshire Action Teams which comprise groups of County Councillors working towards local objectives with the assistance of District and Parish Councillors and local representatives as necessary.

For the Change for Children Agenda, the County Council is a lead authority for the implementation of the Children's Act. There will be a standing conference of the Children and Young People's Partnership to assess resources and the impact on Hampshire children of the implementation of the Children's Act.

8/06 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

The National Park Planning Authority has now taken over planning matters for the area of the parish which is under its jurisdiction.

There will be an exhibition of the application for the proposed Catholic Church on Friday 12 May and Saturday 13 May 2006.

Further to the announcement that the American Army Base at RAF Hythe will be closing at the end of September 2006, there has been no announcement as yet on whether the site will be used for housing. The Council agreed to support its continuation as an employment area.

District Councillors were disappointed in the report from the Economic Development Strategy as it did not seem to have moved forward since the last one. It was agreed to discuss the matter on a future General Purposes and Finance Committee Agenda.

Housing Associations in the New Forest are to receive £8.1 million from the government to build 191 affordable homes in the area.

The Fear of Crime Working Party met to analyse data which had been collected but need to collect more data to complete the project.

The Community Safety Group are disappointed to be losing both Inspector Buckle and Inspector Winchester to relocation and promotion respectively.

Further to problems with young people in North Road, the Community Safety Group have given £1500 towards courses to be run in June and September asking groups of around 20 young people what it's like to be a young person in 2006.

The Summer Sports scheme run by the Handy Trust in 2005 had 374 registered with the scheme over the 5 weeks with 1078 attendances.

The Life Project which aimed to reduce arson and anti social behaviour appears to have been successful with the bonus of improved offender rehabilitation and life skills.

1000 parental awareness packs have been printed and are being given out to parents and carers. They describe potential problems and advise where help can be obtained.

The Community Safety Group are contributing £10,000 towards the cost of a Parent Support Co-ordinator who will be mentored by Mrs McLean.

The Community Project has contributed £6400 towards the Hythe Skate Park fund.

Mr S Wade has been appointed to the Planning Committee of the National Park Authority.

There will be an Open Day on Tuesday 9 May 2006 at St Andrew's Church Hall from 10 – 3 pm for Project Integra to promote its Small Changes, Big Differences Scheme. This is part of a pilot project to encourage people to make small changes in the home.

9/06 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Age Concern are disappointed at the slow progress being made on the new Day Centre.

Mr Dash advised Members that additional funding is needed and the situation is ongoing. He stressed the need for patience.

It was agreed to continue to pursue the District Council for clarification over the future of the present site.

The Butts Ash Community Association has a new Chairman, Bill Golding, who has taken over from Fred Knowles who will remain on the committee.

It was agreed to write to Mr Knowles to thank him for his work as Chairman.

Jean McCormac is retiring as Chairman of the Waterside Woodland Group. Volunteers from the community are requested to become involved.

There will be a Public Meeting of the Ferry Users Group in the Community Centre at 7.45 pm on Wednesday 9 May 2006.

10/06 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr M Wade asked Mrs McLean how the participants in the courses for young people were chosen.

Mrs McLean advised that the funds had been given to It's Your Choice and most of the participants were from the Dibden Purlieu area. The course in June would be held in North Road and the course in September may be held elsewhere.

Mr Dawson asked Mr Parkes what measures had been taken to let the workforce and owners of RAF Hythe know how this Council appreciates how hard they have worked to make the site successful and how valuable they are to the community.

The local Member of Parliament and the County Councillor have already written to representatives in this country and the USA and it was agreed to write to reinforce these views.

11/06 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Mr Smith asked whether the Chairman was aware that a vehicle is parked on Southampton Road and at Dibden roundabout advertising a local garage. Members stated that there is also a vehicle parked on the A326 and strawberry sellers and signs blocking laybys on the A326 to commercial drivers who use them regularly.

It was agreed to write to the District Council and National Park Authority's Planning Enforcement Officers in a bid to resolve the matter.

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

RAF Hythe

Mr Uglow advised Members that the local Member of Parliament had held meetings with the American Embassy and with associates in Washington concerning the closure of RAF Hythe. He also enquired whether one of the buildings there had listed status.

He was informed that although the building does not have listed status it is felt that it should have, although this is considered unusual on government owned buildings.

Members agreed that listed status should be sought for the building although the main focus for retaining the site should highlight its continued employment use.

Forest Front

Mr Uglow advised Members that there are still problems on Forest Front with fires, golf and motor cycling and asked what measures are being taken to supervise residential areas.

He was advised that the Police, ACSOs and the Handy Trust are all working hard to prevent these problems but the nature of the area means it is difficult to catch offenders as there are many escape routes.

Cussens Day Centre

Mr Emis sought clarification on the position regarding what will happen to the land on which the Cussens Day Centre presently stands when it is vacated.

It was agreed to pursue the matter with the District Council.

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The Council Meeting then resumed.

12/06 **Reports of Committees****(a) Planning Committee – 13 March 2006**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13 March 2006.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13 March 2006 be received and adopted.

(b) Planning Committee – 3 April 2006

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 3 April 2006.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 3 April 2006 be received and adopted.

(c) Amenities Committee – 3 April 2006

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 3 April 2006.

(i) Minute 454/05

Mr S Wade advised members that he had asked the Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor to investigate an area where he believes there are drainage problems.

(ii) Minute 457/05

The Clerk advised members that the surfacing of the Promenade is due to take place on 23 May 2006 subject to weather conditions.

(iii) General

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 3 April 2006 be received and adopted.

(d) Planning Committee – 10 April 2006

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 April 2006.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 April 2006 be received and adopted.

(e) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 10 April 2006

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 10 April 2006.

(i) Minute 478/05

Mrs Robinson advised members that Mr Mascall had responded to her query regarding chewing gum disposal bins on the Promenade by saying that it was felt that sufficient waste bins had been provided at the design stage and it was considered that these could be utilised for chewing gum waste.

(ii) General

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 10 April 2006 be received and adopted.

13/06 **Code of Conduct – Prejudicial Interests**

Consideration was given to the response from New Forest District Council's Monitoring Officer regarding prejudicial interests.

RESOLVED

That the response be noted

14/06 **Internal Audit – Acceptance of Quotation**

Consideration was given to the quotations obtained for the provision of a new internal audit service.

RESOLVED

That the quotation of £1000 from Fair Account be accepted.

15/06 **Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 – Implications for Parish Councils**

Consideration was given to the implications of the above Act.

It was felt that it would be necessary to work closely with the District Council to obtain the maximum benefit from the powers, particularly in relation to dogs, and suggested that the Parish Council ask to be included in any seminar which the District Council may hold on the matter.

RESOLVED

That the existing powers are used by the ACSOs and the matter is reviewed as necessary.

16/06 **Appointment of representatives to serve on Outside Bodies**

Consideration was given to the appointment of representatives to serve on Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED

That the following representatives on Outside Bodies be appointed for the following year:-

1. **Age Concern (New Forest East)**
Mr S S Wade
2. **Butts Ash Community Association**
Mr D Smith
3. **Friends of Forest Front**
Mr J Bennett
4. **Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils**
Chairman or Vice Chairman of Council or nominated substitute
5. **Hythe and Dibden Twinning Association**
Vice Chairman of Council
Mrs B Smith
Or nominated substitute
6. **Hythe and Dibden Woodland and Waterside Group**

Mr D. Smith

7. Hythe Centre Advisory Group

Chairman of Council
Mrs M McLean
Mr G Parkes
Mr R Podesta
Mrs M Robinson
Mr M Short
Mr S S Wade
Plus Representatives from Hythe Business Partnership
Hampshire County Councillor

8 Hythe Youth Club Management Committee

Mrs M McLean

9. Local Representatives for Transport Liaison/Hythe Ferry User Group

Mr R Guy
Mr D Smith

10. New Forest (East) Sports Council

Interested non Parish Council Member

11. New Forest Consultative Panel

Mr S S Wade

12. New Forest District Association of Local Councils

Mr S S Wade
Chairman or Vice Chairman of Council or nominee – Mr C Harrison

13. New Forest District Council Environmental Protection Liaison Committee

Mr J Bennett
Mr S S Wade

14. New Forest Road Safety Council

Mr S S Wade

15. Community First New Forest

Mrs. B. Smith

16. St Andrew's Centre Management Committee

Mr R Guy

17. St. John's Hall Management Committee

Mr G Parkes

18. The HANDY Trust

Mr. M. S. Wade 3 year appointment ends 30 November 2008
Mrs M. McLean 3 year appointment ends 30 November 2008

19. Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee

Mr R Guy
Mr. M. Short

20. Waterside Heritage Trust

Mr J Bennett

21. Waterside Joint Councils Group

Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council
Chairman of the Planning Committee

22. Waterside Youth Steering Group

Mr. C. Harrison
Mrs M McLean
Mrs M Robinson
Mr M S Wade

23. Woodland Management Working Party

Mr G Dawson
Mr J Bennett
Mr S S Wade
Deputy Clerk to the Council
Mrs J McCormac (Tree Warden)

It was agreed to nominate Mrs J Oakey as the Parish Council representative on the Hythe and Dibden Twinning Association.

17/06 **Signing of Documents**

RESOLVED

That authority be given to sign documents as required by the Clerk to the Council.

18/06 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed on the accounts for payment and supplementary list, totalling £37687.12, be approved and paid.

The Meeting closed at 9.12 pm.

Chairman

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