

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday, 18 February 2002 at 8.10 pm.

Members: *Mrs M McLean (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr B Dash	*Mr J Ramsbottom
*Mr G Dawson	*Mr M Short
*Mr C Harrison	*Mrs K Wade
*Mr R Leavey	*Mr M Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr S Wade

* Indicates attendance
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In attendance: Mr B H Beaven (Clerk to the Council)
 Mr D J Shimpe (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
 Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: Mrs C Gradidge
 Mr D Smith
 2 Members of the Public
 1 Member of the Press

354/01 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 7 January 2002, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

355/01 **Public Participation Period**

1) Dibden Purlieu Bus Shelter

Mr Wheeler sought clarification over the present position regarding the provision of a Bus Shelter close to the shops at Dibden Purlieu.

The Clerk advised that the site had been taken out of the scheme by the District Council following objections by some traders and at the request of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED

That the matter be investigated.

2) Police Liaison Committee

Mr Horrill, erstwhile Chairman of the Police Liaison Committee, advised that the Group had been disbanded without any prior consultation and expressed disappointment at the decision and the way in which it had been implemented

Mrs McLean, from the Chair, thanked Mr Horrill for all his hard work, congratulating him for the way in which he stewarded the Group and agreed with his comments over the way in which the Group had been treated.

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to the Chief Constable deploring the way the decision was taken without consultation – with a copy to the Chairman of the Police Authority.

356/01 **Land adjoining Depedene, Southampton Road** (min 296/01)

Further to a site visit on 12 February 2002, Members reconsidered the request to dispose of the land adjoining Depedene, Southampton Road to the present lessee.

RESOLVED

1. That the lessee be advised that the Council is not prepared to sell this land at the present time.
2. That the lessee be advised that he may continue to lease the land while assessments are made.
3. That a survey be conducted of the future use of the land and the results brought before the Committee within 6 months.
4. That the land be valued by the District Valuer.

357/01 **Land adjoining 9 Belmont Close** (min 151/01)

Members were advised that a letter had been received from the owner of 9 Belmont Close, further to the decision not to sell him the land adjoining his property, asking for his request to be reconsidered.

RESOLVED

1. That the decision not to sell be upheld.
2. That a 7 year licence for both parcels of land be offered.
3. That the Waterside Community Woodland Project and Windmill Copse & Sandford Park Residents Association be contacted for their views on future conservation of this land.

358/01 **Forest Front New Play Facilities**

Members were advised that the sale of Ash Close Play Area had been completed on 6 February 2002 and tenders were being sought for the provision of the play facilities with a closing date of 12 March 2002.

Members were also advised of a recent judgement made against a Wiltshire Town Council following a legal case brought by the owners of houses within 35 metres of a skate park with regard to noise nuisance. The Clerk reported that he would distribute additional information when it was received.

RESOLVED

The report was noted.

359/01 **Dibden Bay – The Bund Amenity Area**

Members heard that the Dibden Terminal Inquiry Secretariat had raised a question regarding proposals concerning the Bund and replacement land and studied an alternative suggestion made by Hythe Marina Village.

Concern was expressed at the likely instability for many years of any newly constructed bund and the major erosion potential. It was felt that, although the principle of the proposal was supported for mitigation purposes, the current scheme had many flaws and no concrete proposals have been made to prevent erosion.

RESOLVED

1. That the Inspector be thanked for seeking the views of this Council.
2. That this Council support the views of Hythe Marina Village.

3. That Associated British Ports should take responsibility for producing evidence as to whether or not the proposal would work.

360/01 **Rent Review – Ewart Recreation Ground (min 259/01)**

The Clerk reported that, further to discussions with Hythe and Dibden Sports Club, it had been proposed to increase rental of Ewart Recreation Ground from £565.00 p.a. to £800.00 p.a. with effect from 1 April 2001. This would require the Ewart Recreation Ground Charity to make an annual grant of £2700.00 to the Club.

It was also proposed that this Council increase its caretaking contribution to the Club from £365.00 p.a. to £400.00 p.a. with effect from 1 April 2002.

RESOLVED

That the proposals be agreed.

361/01 **Hampshire Wildlife Trust**

Members were brought up to date on the progress made by the Hampshire Wildlife Trust with regard to the potential uses for various sites with regard to their importance to wildlife and any improvements which could be made to make them more appealing. Due to the dormant time of year a suggestion had been made that the sites be visited regularly over the next six to nine months and a final assessment made after that time, with a Report being made to the Committee.

RESOLVED

That a Report be made to the Committee when all the relevant information has been gathered.

(Mr Dash declared an interest in this item and left the Meeting during consideration thereof.)

362/01 **Clayfields Sports Centre**

The Committee was advised of a proposal to construct a small skateboarding ramp in Clayfields Sports Centre Car Park at a cost of £1,755.00, which would be met by the District Council subject to this Council being responsible for the work.

RESOLVED

That the proposal be progressed.

363/01 **The Seagull – Public Entertainments Licence Renewal**

The Clerk advised Members that an application had been received from The Seagull to renew its Public Entertainments Licence.

A Member reported that he had received complaints regarding the public nuisance caused by some customers leaving The Seagull at 1.30 am. on many occasions.

Members agreed that whilst the principle of providing late night entertainment in the Parish was to be commended, perhaps measures could be taken to control the behaviour of a minority of customers.

RESOLVED

1. That the Police be contacted and asked whether any other complaints had been received and whether they felt the proposed times could be adequately policed.
2. that the Police be asked for their views on the times of last entry into the venue.

3. That further consideration be given when the above information is available..

364/01 **Parish Hall – Over 50's Dance Club.**

The Clerk advised Members that a situation had arisen on the evening of Saturday 16 February 2002, in which the Over 50's Dance Club had arrived at the Parish Hall in expectation of it being open for their dance to take place.

The Hall had not been booked for that evening, but the following week. Nevertheless it was opened by a member of staff which incurred a call out charge. Members discussed who should bear the call out charge.

RESOLVED

That the Over 50's Dance Club be invoiced for the call out charge.

(Mrs K Wade and Mr S Wade declared an interest in this item and took no part in the discussion.)

The Meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Chairman

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