

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday, 15 April 2002 at 7.58 pm.

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

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

* Indicates attendance
oIndicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: Mrs C Gradidge
Mr D Smith

410/01 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18 February 2002, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

411/01 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

412/01 **The Heart of the Forest**

Members discussed the Consultation Document, "The Heart of the Forest" and considered the views they wished to express.

RESOLVED

That a reply be sent to New Forest District Council making the following points:

- (a) Partnership: That the District Council's understanding of partnership does not always coincide with this Council's. This Parish wishes to develop a close working relationship with the District Council and would welcome its input as, is hoped, it would welcome this Council's;
- (b) Leisure, Arts and Culture: That the budget should be sufficient to support leisure and the arts. More consultation should be carried out with Parishes before plans are produced to ensure facts are correct;
- (c) Crime and Disorder: That the District Council clarify ways in which it hopes to "seek stronger community engagement in delivering real outcomes";
- (d) Environmental Well-being: That the District Council be asked to review its policy of charging for dog-waste bags and extra recycling bags in order to encourage their use;
- (e) Older People: That the District Council be asked to review its policy on transport and taxi fares in light of the vulnerability of older people;

- (f) That a suggestion be put that the District Council Members could split into local Area Committees in order to work more closely with local Councillors and the public;
- (g) That people with disabilities be made a priority;
- (h) That the new District Council logo should be used on the revised document.

413/01 **Rent Review – Ewart Recreation Ground**

Members were advised that negotiations had now been held with Hythe Youth Club regarding the rent increase for the use of Ewart Recreation Ground. The following rents had been agreed:

With effect from 1 April 2001, the ground rent would increase to £2100.00 p.a. For the period 1 April 2001 to 31 March 2002, a grant will be made by the Ewart Recreation Ground Charity of £1780.00, leaving the balance of £320.00 to be paid by the Youth Club. With effect from 1 April 2002, the grant paid by the Charity will reduce to £1700.00, leaving the balance of £400.00 to be paid by the Youth Club.

RESOLVED

That the Report be noted.

414/01 **Taxi Rank – Drummond Arms**

The Committee was advised that a complaint had been received regarding the number of taxis using the rank outside the Drummond Arms, which was only licensed for the parking of two vehicles.

The Taxi Licensing Officer had been asked to ensure that Taxi Drivers were aware of the fact that only two spaces were available and it was understood that the road lines were to be repainted soon.

RESOLVED

That the Report be noted.

415/01 **Cycleway – Pylewell Road**

Members were advised that the recently opened cycleway along Pylewell Road had been closed temporarily whilst amendments were made.

A Member stated that a previous Report in which he had been involved had recommended that the one-way system be reversed which would have alleviated many of the problems currently being experienced with the cycleway. Clarification was sought over the District Council's response to this suggestion.

RESOLVED

That the matter be investigated.

416/01 **Roundabouts**

A Member raised the possibility of sponsorship of Roundabouts in order to make them more appealing.

RESOLVED

That the matter be included on a future Agenda.

417/01 **Flagpole**

Concern was expressed at the lack of a flagpole in the environs of The Grove.

RESOLVED

That the matter be included on a future Agenda.

418/01 **Buses**

A Member advised of local concern that Bus Drivers had stated their unwillingness to drive through The Marsh until the recently completed Environmental Improvement scheme had been altered to make the road wider.

RESOLVED

That Solent Blue Line be asked to clarify the situation.

419/01 **Christmas Lights**

A Member felt that the Christmas Lights in Hythe Centre needed some improvements.

RESOLVED

That the matter be referred to the next Meeting of Hythe Centre Advisory Group.

420/01 **Play Areas – Security Guards**

Information was requested over any additional problems that may be facing the Security Guards at the Play Areas now that the evenings are lighter.

RESOLVED

That the matter be investigated.

421/01 **Dibden Purlieu Community Sign**

A Member enquired as to why the Dibden Purlieu Community Sign that was situated at the junction of Roman Road and Beaulieu Road and had been damaged in a road accident several months ago had not yet been replaced.

RESOLVED

That the matter be investigated.

422/01 **Floodlight – Clayfields**

The Deputy Clerk advised Members that a floodlight at Clayfields needed rewiring at a cost of £1200.00

RESOLVED

That the work be authorised, but an investigation be made into whether the correct procedures have been followed in the overseeing of the original contract in order that a decision can be made on whether an approach can be made to the District Council for a contribution towards the cost.

The Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Chairman

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