

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe
on Monday, 10 June 2002 at 9.26 pm

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

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

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance Mr D. J. Shimpe (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Foreman)

Also present: Mrs B Smith
4 members of the public

39/02 Minutes

The minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 15 April 2002, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman

40/02 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest

41/02 Public Participation Period

There were no questions from members of the public

42/02 Use of Council Owned Land

Members considered a Report outlining the proposed arrangements for allowing organisations/groups to use Council owned land.

RESOLVED THAT

- (1) the event documentation be approved but to include a letter offering assistance in the completion of the form.
- (2) the Clerk to the Council be delegated to determine applications to use Council owned land
- (3) event documentation be sent out to organisations who have previously applied to use Council owned land
- (4) the arrangements be applied to areas run by Charities where the Council is sole trustee.

43/02 Forest Front Open Space**(a) New Play Facilities**

It was reported that the ground work was on schedule but there had been some slippage on the delivery of equipment although this is not crucial at this time.

Members also considered variations to the work which increased the costs by £6893. It was also reported that most of these additional costs can be met from the interest currently accumulating on the project funds.

RESOLVED

That the additional works identified be approved subject to the costs being validated by the Chairman of the Council.

(b) Graffiti Artwork

It had been suggested that the young people in the area be allowed to decorate some parts of the Skate park in order to help them with their ownership of the area. The painting will be carried out under the supervision of the Handy Trust's Youth Worker. It has also been suggested that the Council should fund the provision of the paint. Estimates of costs are being obtained.

RESOLVED THAT

- (a) the young people be allowed to decorate parts of the Skate park
- (b) the estimate of paint costs be reported to the next Council meeting

(c) Official Opening

Members considered date and arrangements for the opening of the play facilities. In order to allow for possible overrun on the contract it was proposed to hold the official opening on the 17th August 2002. The local Resident Association propose to hold their "fun day" on the same day.

RESOLVED THAT

- (a) The official opening of the play facilities be held on the 17th August 2002 at 11.00 am.
- (b) the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of Amenities Committee carry out the opening ceremony

44/02 Report of The Play Equipment Working Party

The members received a Report from the working party setting out progress to date and making recommendations on the way forward

RESOLVED THAT

- (a) the Report be noted
- (b) the negotiations on provision of the new play area be pursued based on the equipment proposed at an approximate cost of £25,000
- (c) where the swings identified in paragraph 6 were in a play area which was not to be updated in the next 2 years the swings to be replaced. Where the play areas were due to be updated in the next two years then the swings be removed and not replaced.

?45/02 Parish Hall Hiring

The Chairman had received a letter from the "Over 50's Dance Club" requesting either a lowering of the fees for hiring the hall on a Saturday night or for a grant for the club as most of their members are senior citizens.

RESOLVED

That the request be treated as a grant application and be dealt with in accordance with the grant application procedure.

46/02 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

47/02 **Land Adjoining Deepdene, Southampton Road**

Members noted the District Valuer's valuation of the land adjoining Deepdene, Southampton. Further consideration of the matter will be given later in the year.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Chairman

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