

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday, 6 January 2003 at 8.15 pm.

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

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

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)(Designate)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)
Mr S Spencer (Foreman)

Also present: 4 Members of the Public

311/02 **Minutes**

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

312/02 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

313/02 **Public Participation Period**

Mr Moore expressed concern at the delay in providing the figures for the exact cost of the Forest Front Skate Park, which had been requested at the Meeting of the Committee on 18 November 2002 and at the Council Meeting on 9 December 2002 and provided just prior to this meeting. He also requested a copy of the Council's Publication Scheme under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act

The Clerk (Designate) replied that authority to provide the information had been formally given at the Council Meeting on 9 December 2002, the figures had then been collated and analysed, and this co-incided with the Christmas period. With regard to the Publication Scheme, a copy had been submitted to the Information Commission and would be publicly available when it had been approved.

314/02 **Dog Warden Patrol Report for November 2002**

Members considered the Dog Warden Patrol Report for November 2002, discussed the possibility of applying enforcement action on recreation areas and extending the patrol to other areas.

It was agreed that the majority of dog owners were now taking responsibility for clearing up after their animals. The Dog Warden Patrols had been instrumental in this, and should, therefore, be continued and extended at the earliest opportunity to ensure that this situation continues.

RESOLVED

- (a) That authority is given to commence enforcement action with effect from 1 March 2003 with the appropriate notices being displayed.
- (b) That the Scheme be reviewed after one year with a view to extending the areas covered.

315/02 Report of Play Equipment Working Party – Noads Way Recreation Area

The Clerk (Designate) gave a presentation giving the feedback and proposals received following a joint consultation between local residents, representatives from New Forest District Council, the Police and the Play Equipment Working Party on ways of providing new play equipment at Noads Way Recreation Area in order to make it a family orientated area.

Congratulations were given to the Foreman and the Working Party the amount of thought and work put in to make these plans acceptable to as much of the community as possible.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the new play equipment be provided with 2.4 metre security fencing at an estimated cost of £37,715.00.
- (b) That the proposed timescale be agreed.
- (c) That further options be investigated for the relocation of the basketball facility.
- (d) That no action be taken on the provision of a footpath until the results of the Safe Route to School Scheme application are known.

316/02 Young Sportsperson of the Year Award

Members considered the appointment of a Working Party to consider the nominations for the Young Sportsperson of the Year Award.

RESOLVED

That Mrs McLean, Mr Harrison and Mr Parkes be appointed.

317/02 Hythe in Bloom Competition

Consideration was given to the immediate future of the Hythe in Bloom Competition, due to the lack of entrants last year despite repeated advertising.

It was reported that Waterside Arts would be interested in organising part of the event, possibly the formal Presentations during its Festival. This would leave the promotion of the competition and it was felt that this could be overcome by a sub-panel of judges recommending entrants to the judges rather than a formal entrance procedure.

RESOLVED

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

318/02 Former Baptist Church – Challenger Way

It was reported that the derelict building at the Dibden Local Centre site had been removed, but concern was expressed that the site needed some form of security to prevent trespass.

RESOLVED

That the District Council be asked to secure the site as soon as possible.

319/02 National Park Status

Mr S Wade advised the Committee that he would be attending a meeting concerning the possible National Park Status for the New Forest and asked for guidance on how the Parish Council wished him to represent them.

RESOLVED

That this Council supports National Park Status for the New Forest.

320/02 **Hythe Skate Park**

A Member expressed concern that some damage had been caused to a ramp at the Hythe Skate Park and asked what action could be taken.

Mr Dash thanked the Member for drawing it to his attention and advised that applications had been submitted for further investment and renovation of the Park and assured Members that the matter would be dealt with.

The Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Chairman

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