

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Amenities Committee  
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe  
on Monday, 19 July 2004 at 8 pm.

Members:                   \*Mr C Harrison (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr M Short
oMr R Guy	*Mr D Smith
*Mr M McLean	oMr M Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr S Wade

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance:           Ms S A Maitland (Deputy Clerk to the Council)  
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)  
Mr S Spencer (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)

Also present:             3 Members of the Public

Before the Meeting began the Chairman showed Members the new refuse bags which will be issued by the District Council. In future they will be pink, due to the high cost of printing with white ink on black background.

123/04   **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 10 May 2004 and 7 June 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

124/04   **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

125/04   **Public Participation Period**

Sound System

Mr Uglow advised Members that it is not always easy for the Press and Public to hear what is being said at Meetings and asked what steps were being taken to rectify this.

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor advised Members that a National Lottery Grant of £4800 had been obtained to provide hearing loops and a sound system at The Grove and the Parish Hall and it was hoped that it would be installed by the end of the year.

126/04   **Vandalism**

**(a) Report**

The Vandalism Report for 22 May – 8 July 2004 was noted.

**(b) Discussion on communication with young people regarding their responsibilities in respect of vandalism and behaviour in play areas and open spaces (Minute 54/04)**

Consideration was given to ways in which to advise young people of their responsibilities in respect of vandalism and acceptable behaviour in public places.

It was agreed that the Netley View Community Action Group, which is in the process of being formed, will provide a good forum through which to make contact with young people and feedback will be monitored.

Other projects are also in early stages such as a mentoring scheme which is due to start in schools in the autumn, and the imminent appointment of a Youth Worker for Netley View .

A Member also told of a scheme running in the Chichester area which appears to be successful and worth investigation.

The HANDY Trust Youth Worker was involved with many organisations that work with families and young people and Members agreed that the Youth Worker should be invited to a future meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the HANDY Trust Youth Worker be invited to a future meeting of the Committee to give a report on current youth issues and initiatives.

127/04 **Budget Analysis**

Consideration was given to the Budget Analysis – Income and Expenditure up to 30 June 2004.

A query was made as to what was included in the “General” heading. It was explained that this included 8 separate sub headings such as petrol, diesel and skip hire.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

128/04 **Pond Maintenance – Beechwood Way and Oaklands Way (Minute 65/04)**

Consideration was given to the Report on Pond Maintenance.

RESOLVED

That the Report be adopted and the proposed works agreed.

129/04 **Sponsorship of Roundabouts**

Consideration was given to the sponsorship of roundabouts within the Parish. Five sites were proposed, although it was felt that the Traffic Island at West Street and Southampton Road may need a little alteration before it became suitable. It was suggested that the bus stop could be moved to a better position, or footpaths installed to make it more accessible and the “Hythe” sign could be repositioned and made compatible with other signs in the Parish.

RESOLVED

That sponsorship of the roundabouts be pursued in the following order;

1. Mullins Lane Roundabout
2. Sizer Way Roundabout
3. Traffic Island at West Street and Southampton Road
4. Sizer Way Roundabout at Roy's Copse
5. Traffic Island at Windrush Way and Southampton Road

130/04 **Bus Shelters**

Consideration was given to whether to proceed with the Adshel bus shelters programme.

RESOLVED

That the Adshel bus shelters programme should proceed.

131/04 **Bulb Planting**

Consideration was given to replanting the Southampton Road area with new daffodil bulbs to replace the existing ones which no longer produce such a good display.

RESOLVED

That the existing area be replanted with new daffodil bulbs and the project be reviewed next year.

132/04 **Public Seating**

Members were advised that Members of the Public have donated two new public seats.

133/04 **Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Academy – Request to site storage container at Shore Road Playing Field (Minute 518/03)**

Mr P Uglow addressed the Committee on the plans of Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Academy and the structure and potential funding they have in place. The Academy requested that permission be given to site a shipping container, for equipment storage, at Shore Road Playing Field.

RESOLVED

1. That discussions continue with planning permission being applied for to allow Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Academy to site a shipping container at Shore Road Playing Field.
2. That costs be met by Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Academy and that the Academy be advised to apply for funding for this project.
3. That subject to planning permission being granted a lease arrangement be entered into between Hythe and Dibden Football Academy and this Council for the site of the container.

134/04 **Flagpoles**

The Deputy Clerk advised Members that she would give an update on the position regarding the installation of flagpoles at The Grove at the next Amenities Committee Meeting.

135/04 **Floral Display in Dibden Purlieu**

A Member congratulated the Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor on the Floral Display in Dibden Purlieu.

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor replied that he hopes to extend it next year.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman

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