

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 September 2004 at 8 pm.

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr M Short
oMr R Guy	oMr D Smith
*Mr M McLean	*Mr 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: Mrs C Huxham (Handy Trust Youth Worker)

191/04 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 19 July 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

192/04 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of Interest.

Mr M Wade advised Members that he is the Council's representative for the Handy Trust.

193/04 **Public Participation Period**

There were no members of the public present.

194/04 **Vandalism**

Members noted the Vandalism Report for 8 July – 25 August 2004.

195/04 **Report by the Handy Trust Youth Worker (Minute 126/04)**

Candy Huxham, the Handy Trust Lead Youth and Community Development Officer, advised Members of the progress that has been made on youth issues in the Parish within the last 4 years.

The creation of an efficient communications network, comprising a wide variety of people means that there is a lot of advice available when needed and most young people in the area are known personally so that an initial approach is made easier. This means that any problems can be dealt with quickly within the community.

Members were advised that Applemore Recreation Centre will soon be starting a drop in club on a Friday night for secondary school aged children for £1 per session to replace the Clayfields drop in.

196/04 **Flagpoles (Minute 328/03)**

Consideration was given to the positioning of the flagpoles in front of The Grove. It was agreed that they should be symmetrical to the front of the building, either to the sides or towards the centre.

RESOLVED

That the poles be placed at either end of the building, subject to the placement of utilities. If this is a problem the Chairman of the Committee should decide.

197/04 **Tree Budget**

Consideration was given to the report on the Tree Budget for 2004/2005.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

198/04 **Football – Shore Road Playing Field**

(a) Arrangements for the use of the football pitches

Consideration was given to the new arrangements for the use of the football pitches in Shore Road whereby the hirers are given a key to the pavilion and the emergency barrier.

Concern was expressed over the position with the Council's insurers if a problem were to occur.

RESOLVED

That the new arrangements be trialled for the season, subject to confirmation of cover from the Council's insurers, with spot checks to be made throughout the trial period.

(b) Conditions of Hire for football pitches

Consideration was given to the adoption of the Conditions of Pitch Hire for Shore Road Playing Field.

RESOLVED

That the Conditions of Hire be adopted.

199/04 **Bunting – Hythe Village Centre**

A Member expressed concern that some bunting had fallen down in the village centre causing a problem for pedestrians and motorists.

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor advised Members that the bunting belongs to the Hythe Business Partnership, although the County Council were aware of the problem and investigating.

It was agreed to write to the County Council advising them that this Council is happy with the enhancement in the summer months, but it is also aware of the potential difficulties and ask how we can ensure the bunting is maintained safely and correctly.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman

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