

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday, 29 November 2004 at 8 pm.

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mr 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)

317/04 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 18 October 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

318/04 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

319/04 Public Participation Period

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

320/04 Vandalism Report

Members noted the Vandalism Report for 9 October – 17 November 2004.

A Member advised the Committee that the power boxes at Ewart Recreation Ground had been broken into and the dugouts vandalised.

The Deputy Clerk responded that the Sports Club are dealing directly with the Police as it is their property.

321/04 Budget 2005/2006

Consideration was given to the draft budget for 2005/2006.

RESOLVED

That the proposed income and expenditure relating to this Committee as shown in the Budget Papers be agreed and recommended to Council for adoption.

322/04 Play Equipment Working Party notes

Consideration was given to the notes of the Play Equipment Working Party.

1. Land at Cosworth Drive

Mrs McLean advised Members that Simon Maggs of the District Council had advised her that the intention is to leave the amenity area as amenity land.

The Deputy Clerk and the Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor intend to attend a planning meeting on the matter shortly.

3. **Dominy Close**

Members were advised that the parking areas behind No.s 1 and 3 Dominy Close have been identified by residents as a potential play area.

RESOLVED

That the notes from the Play Equipment Working Party be noted.

323/04 **Licences**

Consideration was given to the issue of Licences to access various parts of the Parish such as allotments, Ewart Recreation Ground, Sandford Park and some Play Areas.

Concern was expressed at the need to protect some areas, the reason why access is needed onto some sites and the security and insurance implications of allowing access.

It was also felt that the cost of a Licence should be the cost of issue.

RESOLVED

1. That no further Licences be issued until legal and insurance advice has been sought from the Council's insurers, HAPTC and the District Council's legal department so that a policy can be formulated.
2. That all Licence holders be advised of the above.

324/04 **Arnwood Avenue Amenity Land**

Consideration was given to the transfer of the above amenity land from the original developer.

RESOLVED

That this Council should proceed with the transfer subject to a tree survey being carried out and production of a tree management programme. The installation of a footpath or sufficient funding for a footpath and sufficient funds to finance any necessary tree work and future grounds maintenance.

325/04 **Dog Warden Patrol Report**

Members noted the Dog Warden Patrol Report.

326/04 **Forest Front Open Space – Orchids (Minute 235/04)**

Members noted the information provided by English Nature concerning Orchids.

327/04 **Footpaths – Ewart Recreation Ground (Minute 264/04)**

Members were advised that the new footpaths have been installed at Ewart Recreation Ground to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act.

A Member requested that a handrail be replaced where 2 steps remain, however, the Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor advised that these steps do not comply with the new act, although they could be regarded as an alternative route as adequate provision has been made for the disabled.

It was agreed to investigate the matter further.

328/04 **NOISE Project (Minute 266/04) – update**

Members noted the update concerning the NOISE Project's plans for the May Bank Holiday Weekend.

329/04 **Jones Lane Vehicular Access**

A Member requested that the fixings on the gated access from Jones Lane to Ewart Recreation Ground be made more secure.

It was agreed to investigate the matter.

330/04 **Quality Council**

The Chairman of the Council thanked the Council staff for their efforts in enabling the Parish Council to become a Quality Council.

The Meeting closed at 9 pm.

Chairman

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