

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 June 2005 at 8.15 pm.

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

oMr J Bennett	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr M McLean	*Mr M Wade
*Mr G Parkes	oMr 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: 1 Member of the Public

43/05 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 4 April 2005, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

44/05 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs McLean declared an interest in Minute 50/05 as she is the Chair of Dibden Allotments Charity who supply part funding for the post.

45/05 **Public Participation Period**

Play Areas for disabled

Members were advised of a Play Area in Warminster which contains items suitable for use by the disabled.

It was agreed to consider the matter at a meeting of the Play Equipment Working Party on Wednesday 8 June 2005.

46/05 **Vandalism Report**

Members noted the Vandalism Report for the period 26 March – 20 May 2005.

It was agreed to compile an annual comparison.

47/05 **Public Open Space – Renewal of Lease – Noads Way, Dibden Purlieu**

Consideration was given to the renewal of the lease for the Noads Way Play Area.

RESOLVED

That the lease be renewed for a 999 year term for a peppercorn rent.

48/05 **Amenity Green – Heatherstone Avenue**

Consideration was given to the provision of dragon's teeth around the green in Heatherstone Avenue and a potential transfer of ownership.

RESOLVED

1. That the land owners be contacted to ask whether "No Parking" signs can be erected.
2. That investigations into having the area declared a Village Green are progressed.

49/05 **Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Academy – Lease for storage container at Shore Road Playing Field (Minute 133/04)**

Consideration was given to whether to proceed with the project to place a storage container on Shore Road Playing Field and lease it to Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Academy.

RESOLVED

1. That Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Academy be given a temporary lease for the siting of a storage container on Shore Road Playing Field.
2. That the container be for the sole use of Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Academy.
3. That all legal and administrative costs be met by Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Academy.
4. That the lease be professionally drawn up to include clauses relating to maintenance of the container, termination of the permission and reinstatement of the site following at the end of the lease.

50/05 **Service Level Agreement – The HANDY Trust**

Consideration was given to the draft SLA with the HANDY Trust.

RESOLVED

That this Committee supports the SLA in principle. It should now go to the General Purposes and Finance Committee for financial agreement and to the next Council Meeting for the appointment of trustees.

51/05 **Roundabouts (Minute 197/03)**

Consideration was given to the improvement of roundabouts project following the lack of interest in sponsorship from local businesses.

RESOLVED

1. That the Mullins Lane Roundabout improvements are continued without sponsorship signs and other roundabout improvements are continued if provision is available in the next budget rounds.
2. That Tesco be approached for sponsorship of the roundabout adjacent to their store.

52/05 **Tree Work Request – on land at rear of 77 Elm Crescent**

Consideration was given to a request to thin a tree at the rear of 77 Elm Crescent at this Council's expense although this is contrary to Council policy.

RESOLVED

1. That the householder be advised that this Council is unable to pay the costs involved due to Council Policy.
2. That other similar Councils are asked how they normally deal with this type of situation.

53/05 Provision of dog waste bin – Oaklands Way

Consideration was given to a request from the Maintenance Team to provide a dog waste bin at Oaklands Way.

RESOLVED

That a dog waste bin be provided.

54/05 Dibden Local Centre – Challenger Way – Public Open Space

Consideration was given to a request from New Forest District Council to lease a temporary open space at the local centre site at Challenger Way.

RESOLVED

That New Forest District Council be asked for more details including a formal plan, financial contribution and timescale for the lease.

55/05 Dibden Purlieu Environmental Improvements (Minute No. 516/04)

Consideration was given to a request from New Forest District Council to reconsider the decision made on 4 April 2005 not to accept responsibility for the trees in the Dibden Purlieu Environmental Scheme.

It was Members' understanding that schemes of this type must be maintained for 5 years as part of the planning brief and therefore provision should have been made in the maintenance budget.

RESOLVED

That the matter be revisited in six months time in line with Standing Orders, if New Forest District Council have advised whether there is provision in the maintenance budget for the scheme.

56/05 Signs on A326

A Member asked for an update on the situation of signs being displayed alongside the A326.

The Deputy Clerk advised that she had contacted Highways who stated that some of the verge alongside the A326 is privately owned, but signs would be removed from areas that were in Council ownership.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairman

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