

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday, 11 July 2005 at 8 pm.

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	oMrs B 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: Mr D Smith
4 Members of the Public

94/05 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 9 May 2005 and 6 June 2005, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

95/05 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs McLean declared an interest in Minute 104/05 as she is a trustee of Hythe Skate and Ride. Mr Harrison, Mrs McLean, Mr Parkes, Mr M Wade and Mr S Wade declared an interest in Minute 103/05 as they are all Members of New Forest District Council.

96/05 **Public Participation Period**

Byelaws

Mr Uglow expressed concern that notices regarding byelaws do not give a clear instruction about what is prohibited. He also asked whether it is intended to enforce byelaws.

The Chairman advised him that the incoming Police Inspector, Inspector Kenner, has advised that the police will enforce byelaws.

Play Area at Forest Front

Mr Uglow advised Members of problems that have been encountered at night at the younger children's Play Area at Forest Front with youths shouting and drinking.

The Chairman advised Members that the Police and ACSO's will be made aware of the problem.

Ewart Recreation Ground Play Area

Mrs Summers thanked the Maintenance Team and the ACSO's for their efforts at Ewart Recreation Ground on behalf of the residents of West Hill Drive.

The Residents of West Hill Drive are supportive of the plans to construct a Play Area at Ewart Recreation Ground and appreciative of the opportunity to give their views, however they still have some concerns over siting, size and measures to stop vandalism.

There was to be some discussion on this later on the agenda and It was agreed to allow the public to speak during that item.

97/05 Vandalism Report 21 May – 25 June 2005

Members noted the Vandalism Report for 21 May – 25 June 2005.

98/05 Notes of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 8 June 2005

Consideration was given to the notes of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 8 June 2005.

RESOLVED

That the notes of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 8 June 2005 be received and adopted and the location of the Play Area in Ewart Recreation Ground agreed in principle.

99/05 Banning alcohol on Play Areas within the Parish

Consideration was given to the banning of alcohol in Play Areas within the Parish in order to reduce the amount of vandalism, anti social behaviour and fear of crime.

RESOLVED

That the introduction of byelaws be pursued to prohibit the drinking of alcohol on specified land of which the Parish Council is the direct owner as freeholder or leaseholder.

100/05 Review of the Council's Licence and Lease Policy Statement

Following complaints from some householders and the residents of Muir House, Members reviewed the Licence and Lease Policy Statement in respect of woodlands and open space. There was a proposal to reverse the decision taken on 10 January 2005. There was a vote and the proposal was lost.

RESOLVED

That the Licence and Lease Policy Statement remain as it is.

101/05 Request for tree work at Ewart Recreation Ground

Consideration was given to a request from Hythe and Dibden Football Club to carry out maintenance work on trees beside the pitch at Ewart Recreation Ground. An inspection has shown that in order to attain the desired result required by the football club, the crowns of the trees should be balanced to ensure the visual appearance and health of the trees.

It was pointed out that the trees are healthy and thriving at the moment and that no maintenance work is necessary. The requested work is to enable the football club to comply with current Football League regulations.

RESOLVED

1. That the work be carried out by a contractor approved by this Council at Hythe and Dibden Football Club's expense.
2. That Hythe and Dibden Football Club be informed of this Council's Grant Aid scheme.

102/05 Fern Hill Play Area

Following a complaint from a local resident about the nuisance caused by young people who congregate at Fern Hill Play Area, the Police, ACSO's and the Youth Worker were working together to try to overcome the problems. Members noted the situation.

103/05 Fly Tipping - Hardley Lane

Over the years, fly tipping has occurred on the Council's land at the top of Hardley Lane. New Forest District Council and Hampshire County Council have cleared the main part of the lane but the problem remains on this Council's land.

It was acknowledged that the Council has a statutory obligation to clear the waste and Members were advised that it may be possible for the Probation Service to provide a workforce but a definite answer had not yet been received by the ACSO's.

RESOLVED

1. To make use of the Probation Service if appropriate to do so.
2. That further quotations be sought if the probation service cannot be of assistance.
3. That the General Purpose and Finance Committee be requested to allocate funding for the work.

(Mr Harrison, Mrs McLean, Mr Parkes, Mr M Wade and Mr S Wade declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

104/05 Hythe Skate and Ride (Min 515/04)

Following the request for assistance from Hythe Skate and Ride at the meeting of the Amenities Committee on 4 April 2005, Members were informed that the relevant information had been gathered.

It has been confirmed by the Council's insurers that Council staff would be insured whilst carrying out work on the Council's behalf at the Hythe Skate and Ride site.

It was agreed to make Hythe Skate and Ride be made aware of the information and to discuss it further when Hythe Skate and Ride are in a position to pursue the project.

(Mrs McLean declared in interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

105/05 Dibden Purlieu Enhancement Scheme

A Member enquired whether a finish date had been agreed for the Dibden Purlieu Enhancement Scheme as bicycles were being laid on the ground in people's way and the disabled could not press the button to work the traffic lights.

The Deputy Clerk advised Members that she understood the finish date to be imminent.

106/05 Fly posting along A326

A Member complained that a lot of signs were being placed along the A326 advertising events in Beaulieu.

The Deputy Clerk advised that Highways had already been informed.

107/05 Flagpoles

The Chairman advised Members that planning permission has been granted to erect flagpoles at the front of The Grove.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman

Date

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