

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Amenities Committee  
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe  
on Monday, 5 September 2005 at 8 pm.

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

oMr J Bennett	oMr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mrs 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

158/05 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 11 July 2005, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

159/05 **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

160/05 **Public Participation Period**

**Advertising signs on verges in Parish**

Concern was expressed at the proliferation of advertising signs which are being erected along the verges in the Parish.

It was agreed to contact Hampshire County Council's Highways Department advising them that we consider the signs to be distracting and therefore dangerous to highway users and asking for them to be removed regularly.

161/05 **Vandalism**

- a) **Report 25 June – 22 August 2005**
- b) **Fern Hill**

Members noted the above reports.

162/05 **Car Parking on Ewart Recreation Ground**

Further to complaints about the dangers to public safety, consideration was given to the banning of vehicles on Ewart Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED

That this Committee recommends to Council that all vehicles except those of disabled badge holders and maintenance workers should be banned from Ewart Recreation Ground.

163/05 **Banning of alcohol at designated Play Areas within the Parish – update of information (Min 99/05)**

Consideration was given to the banning of alcohol at designated Play Areas within the Parish.

Concern was expressed that the introduction of a byelaw would not be the best way forward bearing in mind they are to be disbanded from 31 August 2006 and the Police are unlikely to enforce them unless a law is also being broken.

More information is needed to determine the scale of the problem in this area and to ensure that a ban will not mean that the problem is just displaced to another area.

RESOLVED

That the situation is monitored at Kingsclere and Totton Councils where a resolution is already being enforced and the matter brought back to a future meeting of the committee.

164/05 **Noads Way Play Area Security**

Members noted the information provided about increased security at Noads Way Play Area.

165/05 **Elizabeth Gardens**

It was agreed to investigate the ownership of an amenity area at the end of Elizabeth Gardens, by the gas governor which appears to be in the process of being cleared.

166/05 **West Street – Grass Cutting**

It was agreed to try to ensure that a triangular area alongside the sharp bend in West Street is included in the County Council's grass cutting schedule.

167/05 **Hythe Skate Park**

Mrs McLean advised Members that she had recently visited the Hythe Skate Park with Councillor Dash and they had taken the decision to post notices to the effect that it was closed due to the unsafe nature of the equipment.

This decision was not taken lightly due to the popularity of the facility and efforts are ongoing to raise funds for a replacement.

168/05 **Roundabouts**

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor advised Members that permission is expected from New Forest District Council to enable signs to be erected on the Upper Mullins Lane Roundabout.

169/05 **Flagpoles**

Members were advised that the flagpoles have been erected at The Grove.

170/05 **Arts Festival**

A Member asked on whose authority visitors were banned from taking alcohol into the Arts Festival as he had received a number of complaints.

Mr Parkes advised Members that this was part of the agreement with the New Forest District Council for the use of the car park and all drinks were sold in plastic containers on the advice of the Police.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairman

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