

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday, 14 November 2005 at 8 pm.

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr M Short
oMr R Guy	oMrs B Smith
*Mr M McLean	oMr 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: 1 Member of the Public

269/05 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 10 October 2005, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

270/05 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs McLean declared an interest in Minute 277/05 as she is a trustee of Dibden Allotments Charity which occupies premises in Drummond Court.

271/05 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public. It was agreed to allow Mr Uglow to speak at the appropriate time on the agenda.

272/05 **Vandalism Report – 24 September to 2 November 2005**

Consideration was given to the Vandalism Report for 24 September to 2 November 2005.

Members were sad to note that commemorative plaques had been damaged and suggested that photos are taken of all plaques in the parish so that they can be accurately replaced if necessary.

Members noted the Report.

273/05 **Request to use floodlights during football training sessions at Shore Road Playing Field**

Mr Uglow of Hythe and Dibden Football Academy advised members that the club now has 14 teams who need to train during the season and they are struggling to fit all their training into the time available. It would be beneficial to train under floodlights a few nights a week although the club realise that there is a potential to cause nuisance to neighbours if they do this.

Members were unsure whether planning permission would be required for the use of floodlights but agreed to investigate the matter.

Concern was expressed that marked pitches would be overused and damaged if training was conducted on them so it was agreed to train away from the marked pitches. It was further agreed to approach other groups who use the area for training to ask them to avoid the marked pitches.

RESOLVED

That permission be granted to use floodlights on Shore Road Playing Field between 5pm and 7pm on Tuesdays and Fridays subject to any necessary planning permission being granted until British Summer Time 2006 begins. If any complaints are received the matter should be brought back to committee for discussion.

274/05 **To identify suitable locations for two public seats**

Consideration was given to the location for two public seats in the parish. Several areas were identified including Southampton Road close to the new houses and Church, Green Close where a track leads to the Hollybank shops, close to the existing seat on Langdown Hill, Shore Road close to the car park, The Pound at Dibden Post Office and Shore Road Playing Fields.

RESOLVED

That the Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor evaluate and list the sites for councillors to place in order of preference.

275/05 **Woodland Management Survey**

Members noted the report on the Woodland Management Survey.

276/05 **Fly Tipping – Hardley Lane (Min 103/05)**

Members noted the above report.

277/05 **Drummond Court – Amenity Land (Min 432/99)**

Consideration was given to how to improve the public open space between Drummond Court and No. 1 Prospect Place.

Members were mindful of the need to keep any improvements on a reasonably low level due to windows in the adjoining buildings and suggestions included a piece of sculpture or a competition to design one, a raised sensory garden, lumps of granite with low maintenance shrubs or abstract art.

RESOLVED

That Neil Williamson, Landscape and Open Space Team Leader at New Forest District Council, be asked for his advice concerning a design based on large rocks and low maintenance shrubs.

(Mrs McLean declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during consideration thereof)

278/05 **Budget 2006/07**

Consideration was given to the draft Budget Paper for 2006/2007.

RESOLVED

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

The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman

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