

## **HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Amenities Committee  
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe  
on Monday, 13 February 2006 at 8 pm.

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	oMrs B Smith
oMrs M McLean	*Mr M Wade
oMr 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:             3 Members of the Public

### /05   **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 9 January 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

### /05   **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### /05   **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

### /05   **Vandalism Report – 20 December 2005 to 31 January 2006**

A member enquired whether the household rubbish dumped on amenity land at Cheviot Drive/Ashburton Close had been checked for any means of identification.

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor replied that it had but none had been found.

RESOLVED

That the Vandalism Report for the period 20 December 2005 to 31 January 2006 be noted.

### /05   **Notes of the meeting of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 7 February 2006**

Consideration was given to the notes of the meeting of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 7 February 2006.

The committee reflected the comments of the Working Party and thanked the Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor and his team for their efforts in procuring funding for the Ewart Recreation Ground project and bringing it to the current stage.

RESOLVED

That the notes of the Play Equipment Working Party held on 7 February 2006 be adopted.

### /05   **Acceptance of the tender for play equipment at Ewart Recreation Ground**

Consideration was given to the tenders received for the provision of play equipment at Ewart Recreation Ground.

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor advised members that the preferred tender was from Playsafe Playgrounds. He confirmed that they had worked for the Parish Council before and that he had taken up recent references which were favourable.

RESOLVED

That the tender of £100,909 from Playsafe Playgrounds be accepted.

/05 **Youth Shelter update (Minute 336/05)**

Consideration was given to the proposal to situate a Youth Shelter on land close to the Parish Hall, a site preferred by Inspector Kenna.

Members were agreed that a shelter was a good idea in principle although it was recommended that some sort of lighting be provided. Opinion was split, however, on the best location for the shelter bearing in mind the objections received from Parish Hall users, staff and neighbours. It was suggested that placing it closer to the Youth Club would be a better option.

Members were advised of a new device called "The Mosquito" which emits a high pitched noise which only the under 20's seem to hear and find very irritating. It was suggested that this would be a good form of security to turn on to discourage users late at night. It was agreed to investigate the matter further.

RESOLVED

That the committee recommend the siting of the proposed Youth Shelter to be on land at the Parish Hall.

/05 **Provision of dog waste bins at Tates Copse Dog Park and Langdown Lawn Play Area**

Consideration was given to the provision of dog waste bins at Tates Copse Dog Park and Langdown Lawn Play Area.

RESOLVED

That dog waste bins be provided at Tates Copse Dog Park and Langdown Lawn Play Area at a cost of £185.66 each.

/05 **Prospect Place – Erosion of shore line**

Members were advised of subsidence close to the shoreline at Prospect Place Open Space.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

/05 **Public Open Space at the rear of The Grove**

Consideration was given to the need to construct a return wall to protect the land behind The Grove before the land is transferred under S106 Agreement.

It was agreed that some form of protection is needed as this area has already flooded in adverse conditions despite sandbags provided by the Maintenance team.

It was established that the provision of a return wall was removed from the original design plan by the District Council as it was expected that a walkway would be provided all the way through.

A suggestion was made to reinstate the earth mound which previously existed at the bottom of The Grove garden and reinforce it with steel shuttering and concrete.

RESOLVED

That the District Council be asked to fund remedial works as the wall was removed from the original design brief and they are responsible for the foreshore.

/05 **Young Sports Person of the Year Award**

Consideration was given to the membership of a Working Party to discuss the nominations and decide the winners of the Young Sports Person of the Year Award.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the Planning Committee, Chairman of the Amenities Committee and the Chairman of the General Purposes and Finance Committee form a Working Party.

/05 **Football at Forest Front**

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor advised Members of an approach by youths at Forest Front who wish to play informal games of football.

An old set of nets has been provided and the pitch will be marked up as soon as possible.

/05 **Meeting Area – Forest Front**

Mr S Wade advised members that he had been shown an area hidden by bushes at the southern end of Forest Front which contains old sofas and the remains of small fires.

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor confirmed that this area is owned by the District Council but agreed to investigate the matter.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chairman

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