

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday, 3 April 2006 at 8.06 pm.

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

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

448/05 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 13 February 2006, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

449/05 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

450/05 **Public Participation Period**

Mr Wheeler sought clarification over the law concerning parking on grass verges which is causing a lot of problems in the Parish and destroying a public amenity for residents.

It was established that while it is not technically an offence to park cars on the highway unless they are preventing access for emergency vehicles, it is a drain on resources to be perpetually reinstating verges to keep them in an acceptable condition.

It was agreed to write to Highways Department at the County Council to explore the options for preventing damage to grass verges in the Parish.

451/05 **Vandalism Report – 1 February 2006 to 22 March 2006**

Members noted the Vandalism Report for the period 1 February 2006 to 22 March 2006.

452/05 **Oaklands Way Pond – to note information about anti social behaviour**

Members noted the information about anti social behaviour at Oaklands Way Pond which will be discussed further at the Amenities Committee Meeting on 5 June 2006.

453/05 **Bowling Green – To discuss the viability of providing a bowling green within the parish.**

Consideration was given to the provision of a bowling green within the parish.

Members agreed that any facility provided would need to be multi purpose to be financially viable but were unsure of the demand and which uses would be preferable. It was suggested that a survey to assess need would be the way forward.

RESOLVED

That the price of a professional survey be sought for discussion at a future meeting.

454/05 **Ewart Recreation Ground – Progress report on the installation of the new play equipment (Minute 394/05)**

Members noted the report on the progress of the installation of the new play equipment at Ewart Recreation Ground.

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor advised that there would be security fencing around the site during construction and that security measures were in place.

455/05 **Rockery Close and Magnolia Close Open Space land transfer for future maintenance.**

Members noted the report on the above land transfer under the section 106 agreement.

456/05 **Acceptance of tender for the purchase of a new mower**

Consideration was given to the acceptance of tender for the purchase of a new ride on mower.

RESOLVED

That the quotation of £10,000 (to include trade in) from Hampshire Garden machinery be accepted.

457/05 **Promenade Improvements**

Members were disappointed to learn that both the County and District Councils had recommended postponing the opening of the Promenade as the contractors have been unable to lay the surfacing due to weather conditions.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman

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