

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday 12 February 2007 at 8 pm.

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

*Mr J Bennett	Mr R Podesta
*Mr R Guy	*Mrs B Smith
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr M Wade
oMr G Parkes	*Mr S Wade

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mrs S A Krynicki (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)
Mr S Spencer (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)

Also present: Mr J Moore
Mr M Short
Mr D Smith
2 Members of the Public

445/06 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 8 January 2007, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

446/06 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

447/06 **Public Participation Period****Vandalism**

Mr M Moore expressed concern over the increased cost to the council of vandalism. In particular, he asked how the figures of £20 cost for dog proof fencing and £20 for graffiti were arrived at.

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor replied that graffiti is cleared up when seen by the maintenance team who carry the specific chemicals required in their vans so a cost of £5 is allocated for each small item. The dog fencing required some shear bolts and touch up paint.

The Chairman pointed out that, as a general trend, the cost of vandalism is coming down, although there will always be some times which oppose this trend.

448/06 **Vandalism Report – 16 December 2006 to 1 February 2007**

Consideration was given to the vandalism report for 16 December 2006 to 1 February 2007.

It was suggested that the theft of hawthorn bushes at Oaklands Way Pond should not be listed under vandalism.

It was further suggested that the ACSOs and the Handy Trust should be asked to educate youngsters on the consequences of smashing glass in public places.

RESOLVED

That the vandalism report for 16 December 2006 to 1 February 2007 be noted.

449/06 **Ewart Recreation Ground Play Area – update on status of security proposals (Minute 379/06 (b) (i) refers)**

Members were advised that planning permission and landlord's consent to fence Ewart Recreation Ground Play Area have been applied for and reminded that nothing can be progressed until they have been granted or refused.

450/06 **Forest Front Skate Park – update on floodlight provision (Minute 318/06 (a) refers)**

Further consideration was given to allowing the floodlights to be used at the skate park for a trial session under the supervision of the Handy Trust bearing in mind that the park has been closed pending repairs for 2 months.

RESOLVED

That vandalism be monitored for a further two months after the repairs have been completed and the skate park has re-opened. The matter will then be reviewed by this committee.

451/06 **Forest Front Open Space – update on request to allow gun dog training (Minute 380/06 (a) refers)**

Members were advised that the Forestry Commission had no objections to this specific request but it was suggested that the end of the specified period be extended this year only due to the time it had taken to obtain permission.

RESOLVED

That the applicant be advised that permission has been granted to allow gun dog training at Forest Front Open Space on Monday to Friday inclusive between 10 am – 2 pm until the end of March.

452/06 **Request to install a public seat on Fern Hill Open Space**

Consideration was given to the provision of a public seat at Fern Hill Open Space.

Whilst it was accepted that a seat may be needed in the area, concern was expressed that a seat may suffer vandalism similar to that suffered in the play area.

RESOLVED

That a suitable seat be installed when funding is available.

453/06 **Speed camera**

A member asked whether any response had been received to a query regarding the data collected from the speed camera in Beaulieu Road.

The Deputy Clerk replied that no response had been received but the matter would be pursued.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman

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