

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

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

Members: * Mrs M McLean (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr D Smith
*Mr R Guy	*Mr B Uglow
*Mr G Jones	*Mr A Wade
*Mr M Short	*Mr M Wade

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council - Designate)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: Mr G Parkes
Mr P Vickers
1 Member of the Public

The Chairman began the meeting by welcoming Mr Spencer in his new position as Deputy Clerk to the Council and said she was looking forward to working together.

340/07 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 3 September 2007, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

341/07 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

342/07 **Public Participation Period**

Jones Lane Allotments – Mare's Tail

Mr Hathaway advised members that he had encountered problems with Mare's Tail on his allotment in Jones Lane and asked whether the council would be prepared to spray it with weed killer.

Mr Hathaway was advised that it is not this council's policy to use weed killer on its allotments and several more environmentally friendly methods of eradicating the weed were outlined.

It was agreed to raise the matter on the agenda for the next meeting of the amenities committee.

343/07 **Notification of matters to be raised at the end of the meeting**

Members advised the Chairman of those matters which they wished to be raised at the end of the meeting.

344/07 **Vandalism Report – 23 August to 24 September 2007**

Members noted the vandalism report for the period 23 August to 24 September 2007.

345/07 **Update on the tree management programme (Min 63/07 refers)**

Members noted the update on the tree management programme and that the work scheduled for this financial year will be completed by the end of November 2007.

346/07 Accredited Community Safety Officers

Members noted that Jennie Brandom and Kirstie Harding had been appointed as the Council's replacement Accredited Community Safety Officers following recent staff changes within the New Forest Team.

347/07 Update on the provision of additional fencing at Noads Way Play Area (Minute 56/07 refers)

Members noted the report on the update on the provision of additional fencing at Noads Way Play Area.

348/07 Hythe Skate and Ride update (Minute 188/07 refers)

Members noted the report on the up to date position on Hythe Skate and Ride.

349/07 Allotments waiting list

A member asked the meeting whether the fact that some allotment holders are not resident in the parish meant the waiting lists were considerably longer and asked whether other parishes contributed to the cost of running an allotment for their parishioners.

The Deputy Clerk Designate advised the meeting that non residents can be put on the waiting list for allotments but residents of the parish always take priority over non residents when a vacant allotment is let.

It was agreed to include the matter on a future agenda.

350/07 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

351/07 To receive details of the tender process for the provision of security patrols (Min 184/07 refers)

Consideration was given to the tenders for the provision of security patrols on Council owned facilities.

Members considered the financial implications, the levels of potential problems in areas and the ability of various parties to deal with those problems.

RESOLVED

1. That Lowes Guarding Service continue to lock the Noads Way Play Area at the previously agreed times.
2. That the Accredited Community Support Officers continue to include Ewart Recreation Ground regularly on their patrols
3. That the matter be reviewed in six months unless any major problems occur in which event the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman of the committee be delegated to take the appropriate action until the matter can be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Chairman

Date

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