

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday 11 February 2008 at 8.05 pm.

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

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

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: 2 Members of the Public

527/07 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 7 January 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

528/07 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Bennett declared an interest in Min 532/07 as he is the council representative for Friends of Forest Front.

529/07 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

530/07 **Notification of matters to be raised at the end of the meeting**

There were no matters mentioned.

531/07 **Vandalism Report 14 December 2007 to 25 January 2008**

Consideration was given to the Vandalism Report for the period 14 December 2007 to 25 January 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Vandalism Report for the period 14 December 2007 to 25 January 2008 be noted.

532/07 **Forest Front Nature Reserve – Wildlife Enhancement Scheme**

Consideration was given to the new Wildlife Enhancement Scheme for the Forest Front Nature Reserve which is to run until November 2012.

A member advised the meeting that a number of mature oaks along the track are surrounded by gorse and expressed concern at the danger of fire damage. The Deputy Clerk advised members that the Arson Forum have already identified the danger and are investigating the best way of removing the gorse.

RESOLVED

That the report on the Wildlife Enhancement Scheme for Forest Front Nature Reserve be noted.

(Mr Bennett declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

533/07 **Shore Road Playing Field – Provision of mini football pitch**

Members noted that a mini football pitch has been provided at Shore Road Playing Field.

534/07 **Request to accept informal Public Open Space – Depden Gardens, West Road, Dibden Purlieu (Minute 521/03 refers)**

Consideration was given to a request from New Forest District Council to reconsider a decision not to adopt the informal Public Open Space at Depden Gardens, West Road, Dibden Purlieu.

It was agreed that the increased maintenance contribution offered was not sufficient to cover future maintenance costs.

RESOLVED

That this council does not wish to adopt the informal Public Open Space at Depden Gardens, West Road, Dibden Purlieu.

535/07 **Brendon Close – update (Minute 474/07 refers)**

Members noted that a new dog waste bin and appropriate signage has been installed at Brendon Close following a request from a member of the public.

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm.

Chairman

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