

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Amenities Committee  
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe  
on Monday 7 April 2008 at 8.05 pm.

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

oMr J Bennett	*Mr D Smith
*Mr R Guy	*Mr B Uglow
oMr G Jones	*Mr A Wade
oMr 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)  
Mr M Kendall (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)

Also present:             Mr G Parkes  
1 member of the public

The Chairman began the meeting by welcoming Marcus Kendall, the new Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor.

587/07 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 11 February 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

588/07 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

589/07 **Public Participation Period**

Condition of Highways

Mr Moore drew members' attention to the appalling state of the roads in Hythe and surrounding areas, stating that patching is no longer effective, and asked that strong representations are made to the County Council and Highways Division in an attempt to improve matters.

The Deputy Clerk agreed to pursue the matter but also advised members that due to a change of contractors no major projects could be undertaken during April until the new contractor begins on 1 May 2008.

Village Green

Mr Parkes expressed concern that the Village Green was no longer being grazed in a way which kept brambles and scrub under control.

The Deputy Clerk advised the meeting that following a two year break a new Wildlife Enhancement Scheme had been put in place. Remedial works will be undertaken in the autumn after the effect of summer grazing is known and these will be monitored by English Nature and the Parish Council.

590/07 **Notification of matters to be raised at the end of the meeting**

Members advised the Chairman of matters they wished to raise at the end of the meeting.

591/07 **Vandalism Report 26 January 2008 to 27 March 2008**

Consideration was given to the vandalism report for 26 January to 27 March 2008.

## RESOLVED

That the vandalism report for 26 January to 27 March 2008 be noted.

592/07 **Provision of a picnic area and butterfly garden Noads Way Recreation Ground**

Consideration was given to a request to provide a seating/picnic area within a small butterfly garden in Noads Way Recreation Ground.

Members agreed that this would be a good idea providing the garden was not vulnerable to damage from footballs etc.

## RESOLVED

That the provision of a picnic area and butterfly garden in Noads Way Recreation Ground be agreed in principle and further investigated.

593/07 **Forest Front Nature Reserve – community clean up**

Members were pleased to note the report of a community clean up of Forest Front Nature Reserve.

594/07 **To receive an update of ongoing works at Oaklands Way and Beechwood Way ponds****Oaklands Way pond**

Members were advised that a number of residents in partnership with the Parish Council and Forestry Commission removed weed and litter and fallen branches from the water. The debris was then removed by the Parish Council's maintenance team.

**Beechwood Way pond**

Members were advised that the amount of litter and tree brash in the pond has grown this year as last year's clean up was missed due to the non availability of the Council's preferred contractor. This year's clean up is due to take place on 16 April 2008.

595/07 **Community Fun Day**

Consideration was given to the possibility of holding a Community Fun Day at Clayfields Sports Centre on 31 August 2008.

It was agreed that the project should be progressed and the report of current progress noted.

596/07 **Ewart Recreation Ground – CCTV**

Mr M Wade advised members that he had received an email from a resident concerning various issues in Ewart Recreation Ground, one of which was the deployment of CCTV.

The Deputy Clerk stated that CCTV was deployed in Ewart Recreation Ground on numerous occasions last summer and no major issues were noted. There are various legal issues surrounding the use of CCTV, however overt deployment of the cameras will continue in the play area.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman

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