

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Amenities Committee  
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe  
on Monday 10 November 2008 at 8.10 pm.

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

oMr 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 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

280/08 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 8 October 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

281/08 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Jones declared an interest in Minute 294/08 as his son is a member of Hythe and Dibden Cricket Club. Mrs McLean declared an interest in Minute 289/08 as she is a trustee of Dibden Allotments Charity.

282/08 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

283/08 **Notification of matters to be raised at the end of the meeting**

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

284/08 **Vandalism Report 19 September 2008 to 24 October 2008 – To receive and note the Report**

Consideration was given to the Vandalism Report for 19 September 2008 to 24 October 2008.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

285/08 **Shore Road Playing Field, replacement play equipment – To note the receipt of a grant**

Members noted the receipt of a grant from Hampshire Playing Fields Association.

The Chairman thanked Mr Short for the information which led to the initial application.

286/08 **Vehicle and Plant renewal – To consider and accept a tender for a replacement tractor**

Consideration was given to the tenders received in respect of the purchase of a new tractor.

RESOLVED

That a Kubota B2530 be purchased from Longham Garden Machinery for £10093.40

287/08 **To receive and adopt the notes of the Play Equipment Working Party meeting held on 4 November 2008 (Cosworth Drive Local Park project)**

Consideration was given to the above notes.

RESOLVED

That the notes of the Play Equipment Working Party meeting held on 4 November 2008 be received and adopted.

288/08 **Beechwood Way Pond – To note a report regarding the lifebuoys (Minute 161/08 refers)**

Consideration was given to a report on the vandalism to the lifebuoys at Beechwood Way Pond.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the necessary authority was being applied for in order to locate the mobile CCTV camera in the area.

RESOLVED

That the report regarding the lifebuoys at Beechwood Way Pond be noted.

289/08 **Claypits Lane Allotments**

Consideration was given to a request from Dibden Allotments Charity for the Council to purchase the Claypits Lane Allotment site from them.

Members were concerned that considerable cost may be incurred in bringing the site up to the standard of existing sites within the parish and also where the Claypits Lane allotment holders reside.

RESOLVED

That this Council will be willing to take over the Claypits Lane Allotment site if;

1. There is no initial cost to the local taxpayer.
2. The site is brought up to an agreed standard by the Dibden Allotment Charity. All future ongoing maintenance costs are met by the charity. Alternatively, transfer of the land be investigated with a lump sum maintenance fee being paid by Dibden Allotments Charity.
3. A subsidy should be paid by Dibden Allotments Charity in respect of allotment holders who are not resident in this parish.

(Mrs McLean declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during consideration thereof. The Chairman of the Council took the Chair for this item)

290/08 **Proposed budget 2009/10 – To consider the proposals and make a recommendation to Council**

Consideration was given to the proposed budget for 2009/2010.

RESOLVED

That the proposed income and expenditure relating to this Committee as shown in the Budget Papers be agreed and recommended to the Council for adoption.

291/08 **Remembrance Day Service**

Members felt that whilst there are several Remembrance Day services and activities within the parish there is no central one that draws the whole community together.

It was agreed to include the matter on the January agenda of the General Purposes and Finance Committee.

292/08 **Wildground School**

The Chairman of the Council advised members that he had received a letter from Wildground School asking for support in creating a Junior Rugby squad.

It was agreed to advise Wildground School that Grant Aid could be applied for alongside applications to organisations such as Dibden Allotments Charity and Hampshire Playing Fields Association.

293/08 **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.

294/08 **Rent Review, Ewart Recreation Ground – Hythe and Dibden Sports Club and Hythe Youth Club**

Following the necessary valuing of the land by the District Valuer consideration was given to the rent level for the lease of the land at Ewart Recreation Ground by Hythe and Dibden Sports Club and Hythe Youth Club for the next seven years.

RESOLVED

That the rent charged be on the level suggested by the District Valuer with the financial support for the clubs based on the same formula as previously. However, that support should be obtained through Grant Aid. There should be an ongoing annual inflationary increase in rent.

(Mr Jones declared an interest in this item, remained in the meeting but did not vote)

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Chairman

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