

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
Hythe and Dibden Parish Council
Held at The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe
On Monday 11 May 2009 at 8 pm

Members: *Mr M Wade (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Bennett	*Mrs M Robinson
*Mr W Binns	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mr D Smith
oMr G Jones	*Mr B Uglow
*Mrs M McLean	oMr P Vickers
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr A 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)
Mrs J Bevis (Minute Clerk)

Also present: Mr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor
Mr C Harrison – New Forest District Councillor
Mrs B Smith – New Forest District Councillor
Mr S S Wade – New Forest District Councillor
4 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

1/09 **To elect the Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year**

RESOLVED

That Mr D Smith be elected as Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming council year.

2/09 **To receive the Chairman's Declaration of Office**

Mr Smith signed his Declaration of Office and took the Chair.

3/09 **To elect the Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year**

RESOLVED

That Mr J Bennett be elected as Vice Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming Council year.

4/09 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

5/09 **Appointment of Committees**

RESOLVED

That the following committees be appointed for the coming council year:-

(a) Amenities Committee

Mr R Guy	Mr A Wade
Mrs M McLean	Mr P Vickers
Mr G Parkes	Mr D Smith (ex officio)
Mr M Short	Mr J Bennett (ex officio)
Mr B Uglow	

(b) General Purposes and Finance Committee

Mr W. Binns
Mr G Jones
Mrs M McLean
Mrs M Robinson
Mr M Short

Mr A Wade
Mr M Wade
Mr D Smith (ex officio)
Mr J Bennett (ex officio)

(c) Planning Committee

Mr W Binns
Mr R Guy
Mrs M McLean
Mr G Parkes
Mr M Short

Mr B Uglow
Mr A Wade
Mr D Smith (ex officio)
Mr J Bennett (ex officio)

6/09 Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 March 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 2 March 2009 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

7/09 Public Forum**Dog Signs at Corsair Drive**

Councillor C Harrison commented on the "no dogs" sign at the rear entrance to Clayfields Sports Centre which was badly faded and needed replacing.

The Deputy Clerk responded that the matter was in hand.

8/09 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

9/09 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

The County Councillor reported on the adoption of the Hampshire Children and Young People's Plan 2009-12. In order to produce the document a large cross section of partners including all tiers of local government were consulted. He suggested that the Parish Council could work with various organisations to discuss the document and possibly engage further as part of the RevitalHythe project.

He also reported that work was being undertaken on the A326.

In relation to the fluoridation of the water with a report that had been compiled/commissioned by the Health Authority had been totally ignored.

The County councillor also commented on the shortest cycle route in the county which runs by the jewellers in Pylewell Precinct. The National Park requested that their logo be placed on the signs indicating the cycle route resulting in a delay in providing the necessary signage.

10/09 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

Mrs Robinson had attended a Scrutiny Review which was currently scrutinising the recent slippery floors at the leisure centres. The issue is still ongoing. The results of the court case are still being investigated however the Chairman of New Forest District Council and the Chief Executive have issued apologies.

Mrs McLean stated that the Council rents went up by 2.5% although it was originally going to be 5.8%

The budget allocated for hard-standing provision had increased to £200,000.

Approximately 90% of Local Authorities would fail to meet the decent homes standard in 2010.

Mrs Brenda Smith spoke of the National Park Authority and that they should discuss plans for the future with local residents and residents around the local periphery.

Mr Stan Wade spoke of National Park and the fact that the taxpayer has always paid approximately 80p per head per annum for the upkeep of the forest which no one seems to know about.

It appears that on major projects New Forest District Council do not have a Project Manger.

Mr Malcolm Wade stated that the Crime and Disorder Committee were to work with car repairers looking at car owners to identify patterns and trends and to expand the warning stickers to put in cars.

Mr G. Parkes advised that ABP had one day in which to persuade the authority to include Dibden Bay in the core strategy.

Mr Parkes also reported that some of the proposed quarry site land opposite Netley View was for sale.

11/09 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Mrs M McLean spoke of Solent Surgery being saved. The PCT listened to the protestors and took in their concerns which resulted in a good outcome. Mrs. McLean wished to give praise to the main people involved, Jill Pilchard, Martin Cox and Mandy Broomfield.

Mrs McLean also spoke on the development Group for Hythe Hospital and the survey which Age Concern and League of Friends held.

Mr A Wade reported on his attendance at a recent local National Park Authority meeting. Discussion had taken place on the poor lack of public relations and the perception of Parish Council views on planning at National Park Authority.

Mrs Smith advised the committee of the visit of our French Twinning Town on the weekend of 30th and 31st May and extended an invitation to the Chairman and consort to attend Sunday evening for a meal, entertainment and to meet the twinnings.

12/09 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr Wade asked Mr Dash if he saw any problems if the Councils Young Person Strategy Group took on board the issues in the Hampshire Children and Young Persons document.

Mr A Wade inquired about the land to be sold opposite Netley View. In response it was pointed out that the land was already sold subject to contract.

Mr Parkes asked why it was necessary for the National Park logo to be on the signs. Mr Dash was not aware.

13/09 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

It was requested that the Council members absent from the training held before the commencement of the Council meeting attend a further training session to ensure that the Council meets the criteria to use the new power.

14/09 **Reports of Committees**

(a) Planning Committee – 2 March 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2 March 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2 March 2009 be received and adopted.

(b) Planning Committee – 6 April 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6 April 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6 April 2009 be received and adopted.

(c) Amenities Committee – 6 April 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 6 April 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 6 April 2009 be received and adopted.

(d) Planning Committee – 27 April 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27 April 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 27 April 2009 be received and adopted.

(e) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 27 April 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 27 April 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 27 April 2009 be received and adopted.

15/09 **Appointment of representatives to serve on Outside Bodies**

RESOLVED

That the following be appointed to serve as representatives on outside bodies for the forthcoming council year:-

1. **Age Concern (New Forest East)**
Mr W Binns
2. **Butts Ash Community Association**
David Smith
3. **Dibden Allotment Charity**
Mr C Harrison from July 2009
Mrs R Dash from July 2009
4. **Friends of Forest Front**
Jonathan Bennett
5. **Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils**
Chairman or Vice Chairman of Council or nominated substitute

6. **Hythe and Dibden Twinning Association**
Brenda Smith
7. **Hythe and Dibden Woodland and Waterside Group**
David Smith
8. **Hythe Centre Advisory Group** (Still awaiting feedback from business partnership on preferred method of contact)
Chairman of Council
Maureen McLean
Maureen Robinson
Graham Parkes
Mike Short
Paul Vickers
Graham Jones
Stan Wade (District Councillor)
Brian Dash (Hampshire County Councillor)
Plus Representatives from Hythe Business Partnership
9. **Hythe Youth Club Management Committee**
Graham Jones
10. **Local Representatives for Transport Liaison/Hythe Ferry User Group**
Roger Guy
David Smith
11. **New Forest Sports Council**
Vacancy
12. **New Forest Consultative Panel**
Alex Wade
13. **New Forest District Association of Local Councils**
Chairman or Vice Chairman of Council or nominated substitute
14. **New Forest District Council Environmental Protection Liaison Committee**
Mrs M McLean
Mike Short
15. **New Forest Road Safety Council**
David Smith
16. **Community First New Forest**
Graham Parkes
17. **St Andrew's Centre Management Committee**
Roger Guy
18. **St. John's Hall Management Committee**
Graham Parkes
19. **The HANDY Trust**
Mr. M. S. Wade 3 year appointment ends 30 November 2008
Mrs M. McLean 3 year appointment ends 30 November 2008
20. **Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee**
Mr Roger Guy
Mr Mike Short (Substitute)

- 21. **Waterside Heritage Trust**
Jonathan Bennett
- 22. **Waterside Joint Councils Group**
Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council
Chairman of the Planning Committee
- 23. **Waterside Youth Steering Group**
Alex Wade
Maureen McLean
Maureen Robinson
Malcolm Wade

16/09 **Signing of documents**

Acknowledgement and Agreement reference CCTV camera and equipment at Forest Front Recreation Ground
New Lease to Hythe Youth Club, Ewart Recreation Ground

RESOLVED

That two members of the Council be authorised to sign the above documents.

17/09 **Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment, together with a supplementary list.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 4877 - 4927 inclusive, totalling £27,907.98, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm.

Chairman

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