

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Amenities Committee
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Monday 1 June 2009 at 8 pm.

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

oMr J Bennett	*Mr D Smith
*Mr R Guy	oMr B Uglow
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr P Vickers
*Mr M Short	*Mr A 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: 1 Member of the Public

44/09 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 6 April 2009 and 11 May 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

45/09 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

46/09 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

47/09 **Notification of matters to be raised at the end of the meeting**

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

48/09 **Vandalism Report 20 March 2009 – 16 May 2009**

Consideration was given to the Vandalism Report for 20 March 2009 to 16 May 2009.

There was some concern over the repeated unauthorised removal of the lifebuoys from Beechwood Pond. It was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the committee.

RESOLVED

That the Vandalism Report for 20 March 2009 to 16 May 2009 be noted.

49/09 **Licences – to receive an update and to consider and agree the future charges and payment options available for licence holders (Minute 475/08 refers)**

Consideration was given to the proposed costs and payment options for the issuance of licences to residents whose homes abut Langdown Lawn Open Space and Ewart Recreation Ground.

Members agreed with the payments terms and costs offered but asked that the licences include clauses to ensure that gates open into residents' properties and that the licence be transferred if a property changes ownership.

RESOLVED

That options 1 and 2 for charges and payment options for the issuing of licences to residents whose homes abut Langdown Lawn Open Space and Ewart Recreation Ground be agreed and current licence holders consulted about the options available.

50/09 **Clayfields Sports Centre – Update (Minute 418/08 refers)**

Consideration was given to the update on the management transfer of Clayfields Sports Centre.

Members were advised that customers had reported seeing an improvement in provision and cleaning. There has also been a small amount of interest in individual bookings from the general public. It was agreed to monitor this interest.

RESOLVED

That the update on the management transfer of Clayfields Sports Centre be noted.

51/09 **To consider a request for additional fencing at Noads Way Play Area**

Consideration was given to additional fencing at Noads Way Play Area due to the problems experienced with youths climbing over local residents' fences.

RECOMMENDED

That the existing fence is extended by 30 metres along the rear of a property at Haynes Way at an estimated cost of £3500 plus VAT and that a request to fund the project is made to the General Purposes and Finance Committee.

52/09 **Removal of play equipment – Fern Hill (Minute no. 390/03 refers)**

Consideration was given to the removal of Fern Hill Play Area from the designated play area list.

It was agreed to investigate whether the change of use should be agreed with the District Council's Planning Department.

RESOLVED

That, subject to the above, Fern Hill Play Area be removed from the designated play area list.

53/09 **Dog waste**

A member advised the meeting that he had received an email complaining about the increase of dog waste in the area and suggested the provision of dog waste bags.

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

54/09 **Park Close stream**

The Chairman thanked the Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor for his help in encouraging Railtrack to remove rubbish which had been thrown into the stream at Park Close.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Chairman

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