

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Amenities Committee  
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe  
on Monday 12 October 2009 at 8 pm.

- Members:                   \* Mrs M McLean (Chairman) – in the Chair
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| oMr J Bennett | *Mr D Smith   |
| *Mr R Guy     | *Mr 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:           2 Members of the public  
1 Member of the press

213/09 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 7 September 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

214/09 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

215/09 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

216/09 **Notification of matters to be raised at the end of the meeting**

There were no matters mentioned.

217/09 **Vandalism Report 21 August 2009 – 25 September 2009 – to receive and note the report**

Consideration was given to the Vandalism Report for 21 August to 25 September 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Vandalism Report for 21 August to 25 September 2009 be noted.

218/09 **Cosworth Drive – to receive an update on the project (Min No. 107/09 refers)**

Consideration was given to the update on the Cosworth Drive project.

RESOLVED

That the update on the Cosworth Drive project be noted.

219/09 **Beechwood Way Pond – to consider the continued provision of lifebuoys. (Minute 105/09 refers)**

Consideration was given to the continued provision of lifebuoys at Beechwood Way pond as they have now been in position for 12 months.

Members were keen to continue to provide lifebuoys but were concerned at the cost and dangers of persistent vandalism. It was suggested that schools and youth groups should be

visited with contemporary examples of the consequences of vandalism of lifesaving devices if the situation deteriorates. It was also agreed to advise residents through the Parish Picture that CCTV has and will be used in the area if problems persist.

RESOLVED

That the provision of lifebuoys at Beechwood Way Pond continues with monitoring and the position is reviewed in 6 months unless the situation deteriorates dramatically.

**220/09 Public Open Space to the rear of Valleydene – to receive an update on flooding**

Members received an update on the incident of flooding which occurred in Valleydene.

RESOLVED

That the report on flooding in the public open space to the rear of Valleydene be noted.

**221/09 Healthy Lifestyle exercise equipment – to discuss the possible future provision of equipment**

Consideration was given to the future provision of healthy lifestyle exercise equipment.

RESOLVED

That the future provision of healthy lifestyle exercise equipment be investigated by the Play Equipment Working Party and any recommendations brought back to the committee early in the New Year.

**222/09 Forest Front Skate Park – to receive an update on refurbishment works.**

Consideration was given to the update on refurbishment works at Forest Front Skate Park.

It was agreed to thank Terry Noble for the murals painted on the ramps.

RESOLVED

That the report on refurbishment works at Forest Front Skate Park be noted.

**223/09 Shore Road Playing Field – to consider a request from Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Club**

Consideration was given to a request from Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Club to provide a new senior football pitch at Shore Road Playing Field.

Whilst members were sympathetic to the request it was agreed that the area needed to be looked at in its entirety as play area users, dog walkers, car parking etc all need to be considered.

RESOLVED

That the potential for providing a new senior football pitch at Shore Road Playing Field is investigated by the Play Equipment Working Party and any other interested committee members and the matter brought back to the January meeting of the committee.

**224/09 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.

225/09 **Forest Front Skate Park – to receive and consider the recommendations of a report**

Consideration was given to a report commissioned on Forest Front Skate Park.

**(a) General**

RESOLVED

That remedial repairs be carried out on the ramps and the suitability of safety measures already in place continues to be monitored.

**(b) Play Equipment**

Concerns were raised by park users and a risk assessment was subsequently carried out on the play equipment in the Skate Park.

RESOLVED

That the existing roundabout and swings in Forest Front Skate Park be removed and the necessary ground reinstatement carried out.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman

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