

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Hythe and Dibden Parish Council
Held at The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe
On Monday 2 November 2009 at 8 pm

Members: *Mr D Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair

oMr J Bennett	*Mrs M Robinson
oMr W Binns	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mr B Uglow
*Mr G Jones	OMr P Vickers
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr A Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr M 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 C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: Mr C Harrison – New Forest District Councillor
Mrs B Smith – New Forest District Councillor
Mr S S Wade – New Forest District Councillor
3 Members of the Public

oMr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor
oMrs A McEvoy - Hampshire County Councillor

251/09 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

252/09 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28 September 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 28 September 2009 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

253/09 **Public Forum**

Upper Mullins Lane/Challenger Way traffic problems

Mr Langford referred the meeting to the comments he had made at recent meetings expressing concern at the speed of traffic in the Upper Mullins Lane/Challenger Way area and asked what progress had been made in this respect.

The Chairman advised the meeting that details of the problems had been forwarded to the County Council and it is hoped that improvements will be included in a scheme which is to be funded by developers' contributions.

254/09 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman advised the meeting that the mobile post office at Clayfields has now been running for 12 months and is a great success being used by around 100 people per week. The Postmaster thanked the Parish Council for their continued support.

It was suggested that a press release be made on the subject to show how local solutions to local problems can be successful.

255/09 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

There were no County Councillors present.

256/09 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

A report to the Employment, Health and Wellbeing Panel indicates that 30% more people go out to pubs and restaurants since the indoor smoking ban was implemented, however 43% of people feel that it has resulted in more smoking in the street.

The Care Quality Commission recently released a report which showed downgraded levels of performance for Southampton University Hospitals Trust and South Central Ambulance Service.

The Anti Social Behaviour Forum for tenants in the district showed that from 1 January 2009 to the present day there had been 291 cases of complaint opened of which 87 are still open and 204 have been closed.

A recent investigation into a complaint against a councillor by the Standards Committee Assessment Sub Committee showed that no rules had been broken.

The 2 remaining CCTV cameras will be installed shortly as all problems have been resolved.

257/09 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Pat Wyeth has been elected Chairman and Paul Woods Vice Chairman of the New Forest Road Safety Council.

There are many school crossing vacancies across Hampshire including one at Beaulieu Road.

The County Council is to trial the use of Junior Road Safety Officers using children from school years 5 and 6 to mentor their peers.

If funding can be obtained it is hoped to trial a scheme which has been a success in Essex to check child seats and belts. There would be fixed centres across the county, possibly in fire stations, where child seats and fixings could be tested and seat manufacturers could also supply seats for trial.

The police have carried out a speed check on the A326.

Some agencies hope to implement a blanket 30 mph speed limit across the New Forest but the idea does not appear to have sufficient support.

At the recent AGM of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils there was some discussion on the possibility of a 20 mph speed limit in village centres and urban side roads. The scheme was not well supported but a paper will be going to cabinet.

The affiliation fees for HALC have gone up but will be capped for larger councils. This will result in a £5 reduction in the council's fees for the HALC portion but there will be an increase in the NALC portion.

The amalgamation of the Citizens Advice Bureaux continues. Mr Peter Wales has been appointed CEO and will take up his post on 1 April 2010. Interviews are imminent for 4 members to sit on the management board.

258/09 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

There were no questions to District and County Councillors or Representatives on Outside Bodies.

259/09 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26

Mr Uglow asked whether the Chairman was aware of the problems caused by large lorries taking the wrong route on their way to places such as the Marine Park.

The Chairman replied that he was aware of the problem. The Clerk advised members that an investigation of the problem was in the County Council's programme of works but no timetable had been set.

Mr Uglow asked the Chairman whether he was aware of an increase in incidents of speeding, partly due to the roadworks currently taking place in St John's Street.

The Chairman responded that he was not aware of the problem but would advise the Police.

Mrs McLean asked the Chairman whether he was aware that cars speed through St John's Street Car Park and through the exit and wondered whether it would be possible to alter the signage/road markings to prevent this.

The Chairman responded that he would ask the District Council to investigate the matter.

Mr M Wade asked the Chairman whether he felt that the new CCTV cameras would enable acceptable pictures to be taken of speeding cars in St John's Street Car Park that would enable prosecution.

It was felt that this could be ascertained when the system is operational.

Mr A Wade asked whether the Chairman was aware of the traffic issues around the ferry terminal.

The Chairman replied that he is aware of the matter and asked for it to be revisited.

260/09 Reports of Committees**(a) Planning Committee – 12 October 2009**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 October 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 October 2009 be received and adopted.

(b) Amenities Committee – 12 October 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 12 October 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 12 October 2009 be received and adopted.

(c) Planning Committee – 19 October 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19 October 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19 October 2009 be received and adopted.

(d) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 19 October 2009

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 19 October 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 19 October 2009 be received and adopted.

261/09 **Final Accounts 2008/09 – External Audit**

Consideration was given to the Audit Commission's comments on the Annual Return for 2008/2009.

RESOLVED

That the Audit Commission's comments on the Annual Return for 2008/2009 be noted.

262/09 **Port of Southampton – Master Plan – Parish Council response**

Consideration was given to the proposed Parish Council response to the above document.

RESOLVED

That the proposed Parish Council response to the Port of Southampton Master Plan be sent as per the draft with copies being sent to the District Council, County Council and relevant government department.

263/09 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 5392-5437 inclusive, totalling £19,458.49, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Chairman

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