

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Amenities Committee  
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe  
on Monday 16 November 2009 at 8 pm.

Members:                   \* Mr G Parkes (Vice Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr D Smith
*Mr R Guy	*Mr B Uglow
oMrs M McLean	*Mr P Vickers
*Mr M Short	oMr 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)

264/09 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 12 October 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

265/09 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

266/09 **Public Participation Period**

There were no members of the public present.

267/09 **Notification of matters to be raised at the end of the meeting**

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

268/09 **Shore Road Playing Field – football pitch provision (Minute no. 223/09 refers)**

Consideration was given to a request by Hythe and Dibden Youth Football Club to provide an extra football pitch at Shore Road Playing Field.

Whilst appreciative of the need to provide an extra football pitch, Members were concerned that the provision of an extra pitch would restrict the amount of space that is available to refurbish and enlarge the current play area. In addition it was felt that there are insufficient parking spaces to meet the demand for parking that an extra pitch will bring.

Members were informed that discussions between the Parish Council and Applemore College had taken place and as a result the football club would be offered access to the Colleges facilities.

RESOLVED

That the request to provide an additional football pitch at Shore Road Playing Field be refused however the football club be made aware of the offer by Applemore College to provide facilities for their use.

269/09 **Draft Strategy Document – Outdoor Play in Hythe and Dibden 2010-2016**

Consideration was given to the above document which outlines the Parish Council's objectives for outdoor play provision for the period shown.

RESOLVED

That the Draft Strategy Document – Outdoor Play in Hythe and Dibden 2010-2016 be adopted.

270/09 **Partnership working – Forest Front Nature Reserve**

Consideration was given to a report on the progress made at Forest Front Nature Reserve through partnership working.

RESOLVED

That the report on partnership working at Forest Front Nature Reserve be noted.

271/09 **Proposed Amenities Committee budget 2010/2011 – to consider the budget and make a recommendation to Council**

Consideration was given to the proposed Amenities Committee budget for 2010/2011.

(a) Clayfields

A member queried why the income for Clayfields Sports Centre appeared to be less than predicted.

It was suggested that this is probably due to the fact that most income comes during the football season which had only recently started.

(b) 2100/1

A member pointed out that some allotment holders appear to be very late in paying rent.

The Deputy Clerk agreed with this and advised members that budget figures were prepared prior to the end of the deadline for rent payments ending. Some tenants still had not paid and eviction notices are being considered.

(c) 1000/1

Clarification was sought on why the expenditure on maintenance wages had risen by 5%.

The Deputy Clerk advised members that the post of Clayfields Sports Centre Cleaner (part time) had now been included in this heading and the cleaning budget (1300/05) reduced accordingly.

(d) General

RESOLVED

That the proposed income and expenditure relating to this Committee be agreed and recommended to the Council for adoption.

272/09 **Children's Slide**

A member of the Committee advised members of a request from a member of the public to provide a small slide for very young children, preferably in Ewart Recreation Ground.

It was agreed to pass the matter to the Play Equipment Working Party for consideration.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Chairman

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