

**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 7 December 2009 at 8 pm

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mrs M Robinson
oMr W Binns	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mr B Uglow
oMr G Jones	*Mr P Vickers
*Mrs M McLean	oMr A Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr M Wade

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 B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor  
Mr S S Wade – New Forest District Councillor  
2 Members of the Public

oMrs A McEvoy - Hampshire County Councillor  
oMr C Harrison – New Forest District Councillor  
oMrs B Smith – New Forest District Councillor

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

**298/09 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**299/09 Minutes**

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

RESOLVED

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

**300/09 Public Forum**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**301/09 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

**302/09 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

The Minerals and Waste Core Strategy has been revised. The original amount to be extracted from Hampshire was 2.6 million tonnes per annum. This was reduced to 1.62 million tonnes but then increased on appeal to the present figure of 2.05 million tonnes per annum. Information about the public consultation can be found on the County Council website.

Associated British Ports appealed in the High Court about policies in the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy which concerned Dibden Bay and these were deleted.

The County Council has reaffirmed its objection to the Dibden Bay development in the Port of Southampton Masterplan as confirmed by the Secretary of State's decision in 2002. The situation regarding transport facilities etc will be monitored and kept up to date.

All the schools in the area scored good Key Stage 2 SATs results with one being excellent.

A temporary road closure has been ordered for St John's Street. The County Councillor has requested that work be carried out overnight in order to minimise disruption.

Hampshire Action Teams are back in business. Funds will soon be allocated although it is not yet known what criteria will be used.

There is still a vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol Officer at Beaulieu Road but there has been some interest in the position.

The Speed Indication Device positioned on Beaulieu Road showed the 85 percentile at a speed of 40 mph.

There are major traffic problems along Water Lane, particularly at school pick up time. One suggested solution is a voluntary one way system.

**303/09 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

The District Council is currently conducting a review of the community strategy. The budget for next year is also being prepared.

The Planning and Transportation Panel has been looking at Cycle Route provision outside the New Forest National Park. It is felt that the proposed plan for Hythe and Dibden is not yet a unified layout and more work is needed.

The concessionary fares for young people scheme has had a 25% overspend. Various solutions have been put forward to avoid this next year such as changing the age range, no advertising and an increase in the budget but no decision has been made yet.

The New Milton Local Distinctiveness Supplementary Planning Document has been published. Lymington is the next town to be appraised.

**304/09 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

The Annual Transport Meeting for Parish Representatives received a talk from a member of the First Group. Budgets continue to be tight for bus support.

Councillor Kendall is in favour of reopening the Waterside Branch Line, possibly through a community rail group.

Dibden Allotments Charity has some concerns over the take up by senior citizens of services offered. It is thought that senior citizens may be unwilling to accept charity. For this reason the Charities Commission has been approached over a possible change of name to the Dibden Allotments Fund.

The Standards Board Assessment Sub Committee has found a councillor in the New Forest guilty of bullying and failure to treat a fellow councillor with respect. He has been censured and made to send an apology to all attendees at the meeting in question.

**305/09 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr Vickers asked Mr Dash whether he agreed that the Local Development Framework supersedes the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and Policies that were challenged by ABP.

Mr Dash stated that he agreed.

**306/09 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

There were no questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26.

**307/09 Reports of Committees****(a) Planning Committee – 2 November 2009**

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

RESOLVED

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

**(b) Amenities Committee – 16 November 2009**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 16 November 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 16 November 2009 be received and adopted.

**(c) Planning Committee – 23 November 2009**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 23 November 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 23 November 2009 be received and adopted.

**(d) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 23 November 2009**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 23 November 2009.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 23 November 2009 be received and adopted.

**308/09 Proposed Budget and Precept 2010/11**

Consideration was given to the budget papers for 2010/11.

It was unanimously agreed that there should be no increase in the Parish part of the Council tax and that the tax for an average Band 'D' property should remain at £70.44 per annum.

RESOLVED

1. That the budgets for the Amenities and General Purposes and Finance Committees be accepted.
2. Investment income be amended.
3. That the fees and charges for council facilities as set out be adopted.
4. That the Council Precept upon New Forest District Council for the 12 months commencing 1 April 2010 be £550754.

**309/09 Accounts for Payment**

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

Voucher 5510

A member enquired what contributions would be received from other parties and collections towards the cost of the Christmas lights.

The Clerk stated that he was expecting to receive around of £2000 towards the Christmas Lights.

Members asked for thanks to be conveyed to the Parish Council staff for all the effort which goes into producing the Christmas Lights and displays.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 5482-5528 inclusive, totalling £16312.69, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

Chairman

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