

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Amenities Committee  
held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe  
on Monday 8 February 2010 at 8 pm.

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

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| oMr J Bennett | *Mr D Smith   |
| oMr R Guy     | *Mr B Uglow   |
| oMr 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)

**567/09 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 4 January 2010, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

**568/09 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**569/09 Public Participation Period**

There were no members of the public present.

**570/09 Notification of matters to be raised at the end of the meeting**

The Chairman advised members of matters which she wished to raise at the end of the meeting.

**571/09 Tree Management Scheme – to receive an update of recent inspections**

Consideration was given to the update of recent inspections under the Tree Management Scheme.

RESOLVED

That the Tree Management Scheme update of recent inspections be noted.

**572/09 Orchard Wild Garden – to note an update of the construction work and to discuss ideas for a formal opening of the facility**

Consideration was given to the formal opening of Orchard Wild Garden.

Members were keen to include the schools which contributed to the process as well as the District Council but were unsure whether it would be best for the schools to have the opening during school holidays or term time.

RESOLVED

That a formal opening of Orchard Wild Garden be held following consultation with local schools and the District Council.

573/09 **Risk Assessments – to note a recent review of the Council's risk assessments for its amenity operations**

Consideration was given to a recent review of the Council's risk assessments for its amenity operations.

RESOLVED

That the report on the recent review of the Council's risk assessments for its amenity operations be noted.

574/09 **New Forest National Park Recreation Management Strategy – Revised Draft**

Consideration was given to a request for comments on the New Forest National Park Recreation Management Strategy – Revised Draft.

RESOLVED

That the New Forest National Park Authority be advised that this council has no comments to make on the New Forest National Park Recreation Management Strategy – Revised Draft at this time.

575/09 **Vehicle and Machinery Renewal Fund – new vehicle**

Members were updated on the current position concerning the replacement of the red Nissan pickup vehicle.

RESOLVED

That the report on the replacement of the red Nissan pick up vehicle be noted.

576/09 **Allotments – To consider correspondence received from Fawley Parish Council**

Consideration was given to a letter from Fawley Parish Council regarding the use of Developers' Contributions in order to provide allotments.

Mr Vickers advised the meeting that, in his position of Chairman of the Planning and Transportation Review Panel, he had raised the matter with Chris Elliott, Head of Planning and Transportation at New Forest District Council. It appears that not all details in the letter from Fawley Parish Council are factually correct although the general premise that developers' contributions should not be used to fund allotments is. However, the District Council is aware of the need for allotments and is investigating the need for allotments on a site by site basis.

RESOLVED

1. That the District Council be allowed time to look into individual parish needs for allotments.
2. That Fawley Parish Council be advised that this council agrees with the spirit of their letter but will be waiting for the District Council to make progress on this issue before pursuing it further.

577/09 **Anti vandalism campaign in schools**

The Chairman advised members of a successful anti-vandalism campaign which was run in schools in the New Forest last year. Hampshire Police visited Year 6 pupils to raise awareness of the effects of criminal damage on the community and will be visiting Year 7 this year to remind them of the consequences of vandalism in the hope that it will encourage a greater awareness of criminal damage and a respect for property.

There will also be a similar Reduction of Harm from Alcohol project which will teach Years 8 and 9 pupils the dangers of drinking alcohol.

578/09 Visiting Amenity Areas

The Chairman suggested that, as it has been a while since the last visit of members to amenity areas, another visit may be in order.

The Deputy Clerk agreed to investigate the matter.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chairman

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