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To: Members of the General Purposes and Finance Committee

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and remainder of the Council for information

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9 February 2010

Members of the General Purposes and Finance Committee,

Are hereby summoned to attend the General Purposes and Finance Committee to be held in The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe, on Monday next 15 February 2010 at 8 pm.

Yours faithfully

Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence.
- 2 To sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 January 2010.
- 3 Notification of any other urgent business to be raised at the end of the meeting.
- 4 To note any declaration of interest made by Members in connection with an Agenda item. The nature of the interest must be specified.
- 5 Public Participation Period.
- 6 Discussion with Inspector Leckey from Hythe Police Station.
- 7 Community Safety Update.
- 8 Carbon Emissions Reduction Scheme.
- 9 Financial Monitoring – Period ending 31 December 2009.
- 10 Grant Applications.
- 11 Internal Audit – Interim Report.
- 12 Power of Well-Being.

13. Provision of salt bins.
14. Traffic Management Programme for 2010/11 to be progressed by New Forest District Council as Hampshire County Council's Agent.
15. Consultation on Changes to Bus Service 112 between Lymington and Hythe.
16. Hampshire Association of Local Councils Survey of Local Councils 2010.
17. Accounts for payment.
18. Any other urgent business concerning the Committee.

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

AGENDA NOTES FOR 15 FEBRUARY 2010

Item 7 Community Safety Update.

ACSO's

Following discussions with Hampshire County Council, an ACSO service, in addition to the existing service arrangements, will now be provided in the Parish every Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. These new arrangements will come into effect week commencing the 15 February 2010.

CCTV

Five of the cameras went live during December 2009. It is hoped that the two repositioned cameras will go live in the next few weeks.

Members are asked to note the report.

Item 8 Carbon Emissions Reduction Scheme.

At the last meeting of this Committee it was agreed that the Council would work towards reducing its carbon emissions. It was also agreed that this meeting would consider a draft Environmental Policy and agree the Council's baseline figure for future comparison.

The baseline figure has been established as 86.2 tonnes per year. This has been calculated using the "Carbon Trust" Website calculation tool. A table showing how this figure is made up is attached.

Also attached is a copy of a draft Environmental Policy.

Member's views are requested.

Item 9 Financial Monitoring – Period ending 31 December 2009.

Attached are the Financial Monitoring figures for the period ending 31 December 2009.

Member's views are requested.

Item 10 Grant Applications.

Attached is a spreadsheet showing the final batch of grant applications for 2009/10 along with recommendations of the Grant Working Party.

Member's views are requested.

Item 11 Internal Audit – Interim Report.

Attached is a copy of the above report, which contains no formal recommendations.

Member's views are requested.

Item 12 Power of Well-Being.

The "power of well-being" is the informal name given to the statutory power enabling a local Council to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well being of the area.

In order to use the "power of well-being" the full Council must pass a resolution confirming that the following conditions have been met.

- a) There is a qualified Clerk.
- b) A minimum of two thirds of vacancies on the Council must have been filled at the last election.
- c) Eighty per cent of Councillors have been trained in the use of the well being power.
- d) The Council has published a statement of intent as to Community Engagement.

It is thought the Council is now in a position to pass such a resolution if it wishes in that –

- (a) The Clerk has successfully completed section 7 of the CILCA qualification and is qualified to use the power of well-being.
- (b) All vacancies have been filled by election.
- (c) The following members of the Council have attended a training session on the use of the "power of well-being"

David Smith	Roger Guy
Maureen Robinson	Malcolm Wade
Maureen McLean	Alex Wade
Jonathan Bennett	Graham Parkes
Warren Binns	Michael Short
Brian Uglow	

This equates to 84.6% of members.

- (d) The statement of intent has been agreed and has been published on the website.

Member's views are requested.

Item13 Provision of Salt Bins.

At the last Council meeting it was agreed to refer the provision of salt bins to this Committee. Before making any decision members asked if details of primary and secondary gritting routes in the Parish could be provided. It is anticipated that those should be available at the meeting. During January the leader of Hampshire County Council issued a letter concerning the winter maintenance issue, in which he makes reference to a) Parish Councils suggest locations for bins and b) whether Parish Councils would be able to make a contribution either in full or on some shared basis. A copy of the letter is attached.

The current list of requested locations are shown below.

Pine Close, Dibden Purlieu
Highlands Way – near turning area
Langdown Firs – top of drive
Birchdale
Oaklands Way
Beechwood Way
Horrill Day Care Centre
Armada Drive
Foxtail Drive
West Hill Drive
Waterside Health Centre
Merriemeade Parade
Mullins Lane
Woodlands Close
Malvern Drive
Kensington Fields
Briarswood Rise
Pennine Gardens
Cordelia Close - top half
Corsair Drive

Member's views are requested.

Item 14 Traffic Management Programme for 2010/11 to be progressed by New Forest District Council as Hampshire County Council's Agent

Attached is a draft report from New Forest District Council concerning the above programme. Comments are requested by the 26 February 2010.

Member's views are requested.

Item 15 Consultation on Changes to Bus Service 112 between Lymington and Hythe

Attached is a copy of an email from Hampshire County Council seeking views on the proposed changes and whether the Parish Council would be interested in contributing to the subsidy that might be required to retain the existing level of service or a different alternative where available. Views are requested by the 16 February 2010.

Member's views are requested.

Item 16 Hampshire Association of Local Councils Survey of Local Councils 2010-02-04

Attached is a survey from HALC. The Clerk to the Council has completed the form in draft. Members are asked to consider the proposed response and amend/add etc. The closing date for return is the 10 March 2010.