

**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 Wednesday 12 March 2014 at 8.00 pm

Members: \*Mrs B Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair

oMr J Binns	*Mrs M Robinson
oMr B Dash	oMr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mr D Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr A Wade
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr M Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr S Wade

In attendance: Mr D Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)  
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk)  
Mr D Melsome (Assistant Clerk to the Council/Finance Officer)  
Mrs B Edwards (Minute Clerk)

Also present: Mr M Harris  
1 Member of the public

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

273/13 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

274/13 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 February 2014. In Minute 238/13 Mrs Robinson pointed out that she had disclosed her parents received service from the Dibden Allotments Fund Gardening Scheme, not the Garden Waste Scheme.

In Minute 244/13 Mrs McLean clarified that the Dibden Allotments Fund had issued 22 hampers at Christmas 2013.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 February 2014 be signed by the Chairman as correct subject to the above amendments.

275/13 **Public Forum**

There were no matters raised.

276/13 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman informed Members that a number of positive comments of appreciation had been made regarding the displays of daffodils throughout the Parish and that thanks should be passed onto the Maintenance Team for their hard work.

The Chairman also expressed thanks to residents for their efforts in the planting of daffodils on verges and grassland adjacent to their properties.

**277/13 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Malcolm Wade reported on the budget for Hampshire County Council (HCC). In addition to making savings of £93 million, HCC wishes to add a further £14.4 million to its Reserves. A proposed amendment was put forward to the 2014/15 budget to remove a saving of £4.1 million in Adult Services, £0.5 million to develop new commercial services across the Council and an additional £0.2 million to support the lead local flood authority. The amendment was not successful.

**278/13 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

Maureen McLean reported from the Environmental Review Panel. There were 800 incidents of fly tipping within the District during 2011/12. The 26 recycling centres across the District took 225,000 tonnes during the same period. Options are being considered to ban certain materials from re-cycling centres, including plasterboard.

Chris Harrison reported on the Planning and Development Committee held today. Two applications in the Parish was considered: Applemore College, construction of a full size synthetic turf pitch and floodlights. The application was granted subject to usage of the pitch and floodlights being 0900 – 2100 hours Mondays to Fridays and 0900 – 1800 at the weekends.

On the same agenda was an application from the developers of the former rear garden of the Croft Public House to vary the S 106 agreement in respect of the site to waive the affordable housing contribution. The Committee rejected the request and the affordable housing contribution remains part of the Section 106 requirement.

Malcom Wade informed Members that New Forest District Council (NFDC) will not be making any changes to its car parking charges. NFDC has future plans to replace all its parking meters; the new meters will be disabled friendly.

Maureen Robinson updated Members regarding the potential for the reduction in the number of NFDC Councillors. The leader of the District Council is in favour of modernising and reducing numbers. A possible reduction from 60 to 45 has been suggested. Any reductions would need to be approved by the Boundary Commission.

Michael Harris advised Members that for the fourth year in a row, NFDC had not increased its allocation of the council tax.

Mr Harris recorded thanks for the tremendous effort by all Councils in dealing with the recent storm related matters.

Mr Harris informed Members that NFDC is one of only 3 councils nationally operating a parking clock scheme. NFDC does not make a profit from this scheme.

There are various events and activities taking place from 21 – 23 March to raise money for Sport Relief.

Stan Wade informed Members that both the Fountain Court Hotel and Wildground School will remain as Polling Stations.

The Health and Leisure pay structure has been reviewed.

James Binns submitted a written report in his absence. Complaints regarding the brightness of the new street lighting continue to be received. The matter is likely to be resolved now that reflectors have been installed.

Mr Binns voted in favour of the balanced budget at the last District Council meeting.

Mr Binns conveyed congratulations to St. Andrew's Church on the opening of their new coffee shop. It is hoped the facility, which is open to all members of the public, will become a thriving centre of the local community.

**279/13 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

David Smith reported that a Working Group will be set up in respect of the Waterside Railway and whilst he does not wish to be part of the Working Group, he will attend meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.

**280/13 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Graham Parkes asked Maureen Robinson that NFDC make a request to the Boundary Commission to base the reduction of Councillors on communities rather than just numbers.

Maureen Robinson responded that to enable a reduction of Councillors, cross boundary difficulties will be encountered. However, the Boundary Commission are now more relaxed in terms of the number of electorates and that Parish Councils will be consulted.

Alex Wade asked Malcolm Wade whether proposals are put forward regarding the precept prior to finalising the HCC budget.

Malcolm Wade responded that the budget is debated.

Roger Guy asked Malcolm Wade if the proposed replacement NFDC parking meters would be credit/debit card enabled.

Mr Wade responded that they would be card enabled.

Roger Guy queried with Maureen McLean the cost of disposing of plasterboard.

Mrs McLean had no specific idea of the cost. Different ways of disposing of waste would be evaluated.

Maureen McLean asked Chris Harrison whether the Croft housing application had changed from social housing to private dwellings.

Mr Harrison stated that the application was for 9 dwellings, 3 of which were affordable housing.

**281/13 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Maureen McLean asked if the Chairman was aware that she had attended a Dementia Friend Workshop delivered by Debbie Moorhead of Andover Mind.

Maureen Robinson asked if the Chairman would share appreciation on behalf of the Council to those staff who were out helping with flood defences on the night of 14 February 2014. The Chairman responded that individual letters of thanks had already been sent to those involved.

Maureen Robinson asked whether the Parish Council had received any enquiries regarding the Centenary Commemorations. The Clerk responded that there had been some response but exact details were not known.

Graham Parkes asked if the Chairman was aware that the Waterside Heritage Centre had been contacted regularly about the centenary celebrations. Most of the churches within the Parish will be holding commemorative events and the Waterside Heritage Centre will be holding an event.

Alex Wade asked what date the new website would be going live. The Clerk responded that the launch date was not yet known.

James Binns asked if the Chairman was aware of the future for Solent Surgery, currently located in Hythe Hospital, once the new development has been built.

Maureen Robinson responded that the future of Solent Surgery would be up to the GPs concerned.

James Binns asked if the Chairman was aware that Hythe Hospital no longer provides blood test appointments but instead a walk-in clinic which had raised concerns from some residents due to long waiting times.

Maureen McLean advised that staffing at the Phlebotomy Clinic had increased from 2 to 3 nurses which had improved waiting times.

Chris Harrison informed Members that the Phlebotomy contract is due to be renewed when it is hoped that the issues will be resolved.

282/13 **Reports of Committees**

**Planning Committee - 12 February 2014**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 February 2014.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 February 2014 be received and adopted.

283/13 **Write Off**

Members had previously received notification of a small, irrecoverable debt of £5.00 relating to the balance from a hire fee at the Parish Hall and retained deposit.

RESOLVED

That the amount of £5.00 be formally written off.

284/13 **Youth Ambassador's Report**

Alex Wade informed Members that he would be meeting with the local Police Inspector to discuss youth provision within the Parish.

285/13 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in the schedule totalling £92,412.26 be approved and paid.

286/13 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

287/13 **The Grove**

Members discussed further information received concerning The Grove.

RESOLVED that

That the matter is proceeded to the next stage.

288/13 **Clayfields Sports Centre**

Members had previously received a report and discussed its contents.

RESOLVED

(a) That a letter of intent is sent to the organisation.

- (b) That a draft lease be prepared by the Council's solicitors.
- (c) That a Project Manager be appointed to oversee the development work at Clayfields, the costs to be met by the grant monies.

The meeting closed at 9.36 p.m.

Chairman  
Date  
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