



HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Serving the Communities of Dibden, Dibden Purlieu and Hythe

ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

Message from the Chairman

2016 saw many changes, one being a change of Chairman from Cllr. Chris Harrison to myself. Also a new Councillor, Mark Clark after Martin Bovey moved to Portugal.

I would like to thank Chris Harrison, James Binns and my fellow Councillors for their support. The past year has been a difficult one for the Council and the community. I sincerely thank the Community and staff for their support at this time.

I'm sure you will all agree with me that the flower displays and planters round the Parish make the day brighter so a big shout out to Maintenance & Facilities Supervisor and the Maintenance Staff for all their hard work.



Hopefully you enjoy the many and varied markets, especially the Tuesday market where you can browse and meet your friends.

There are many exciting things to look forward to; Saving Hythe Ferry, Town Centre Regeneration and even possibly a Lidl store.

I have enjoyed serving Hythe and Dibden Parish Council as your Chairman and working with the many wonderful volunteers and the community.

Thank you to our office staff for their hard work behind the scenes.

Maureen McLean - Chairman of Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

The Queen's Birthday

On the 21st April we held a celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday as part of a Nationwide Beacon Lighting. A beacon was lit in The Grove garden by local resident, Vera Moore, who celebrated her 90th birthday on 6th April. Hythe Ukele Group entertained the public. The Council is planning to use the rose style beacon again in November 2018 as the nation remembers the day the 'Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute'.



Blooming Hythe & Dibden

We have had many compliments this year on the daffodils and the bedding plant displays that have been provided by the Parish by the Council. The daffodil planting has been extended to Dibden Purlieu following a request from local residents. The community is encouraged to make further suggestions for suitable planting areas within the parish. With over 90 lamp column baskets, 5 free standing flower tubs, flower beds on Prospect Place and Mullins Lane roundabout plus displays at each gateway into the village, it is no wonder that the Parish Council maintenance team have to start watering at 4am to ensure all of the flowers are looking their best before the parish gets too busy. The Summer planting schemes for 2017 will commence at the end of May.

The Parish Council has started to revamp the shrub beds around the Promenade. We have already removed a large number of straggly looking shrubs that had gone past their best and over the next couple of years we intend to continue to replace the current shrubbery with a more suitable display in keeping with its coastal location.



New Allotments

Allotments are popular and we have a waiting list however we are expecting 12 new allotments to be available at the Forest Lodge Farm site sometime in 2017. To put your name down for an allotment please contact us on 0238084 1411. We have other allotment sites at West Street, Jones Lane and School Road.



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Hythe Tuesday Market



It had become a local 'in joke' that it always rains on market day in Hythe. The day the new market opened, 5th April 2016, dawned a glorious warm Spring day setting the pattern on an unusual season. Much to the market traders' delight there were only 2 poor weather market days in 2016. The Summer saw the market buzzing with locals and visitors alike. Traders are gratified at the increase in footfall, Hythe Ferry reported Tuesday passenger numbers are up on the previous year and Tuesday market days started to return to what they were 20 years ago. Some customers commented how lovely it was to have it in the

village centre as they never bothered to walk up to it before.

The market traders who transferred from the old site all reported their business was up and how much they were enjoying their new location. The 2017 Summer trading season already has a waiting list of stalls wishing to come to Hythe and there is a real interest within the market community that Hythe has defied current thinking that Community Markets are gradually dying. The market consultant, Paul Lewis, and the market traders have been especially praising of how welcoming and friendly both the businesses and the customers have been.

Hythe (Moviola) Cinema

The cinema continues to be popular, figures for 2016 were marginally down on 2015 but this was due to having 2 'Blockbuster' films available in 2015 while the 2016 season didn't produce any real big hitters. From the beginning the volunteer cinema group voted that any 'profit' be ploughed back into the Parish Hall for the benefit of the whole community and this year we added a further 50 very high quality conference chairs bringing the full complement to 150 chairs.

Neighbourhood Planning

The Neighbourhood Planning Group has been working hard to pull together the thoughts and ideas from the community and a recent series of public consultation days showed that the Group had strong support from across the community. The next stage is to put these ideas into a Neighbourhood Plan for further consultation with the community and then it gets passed to the Planning Inspector. Fingers crossed that it won't be too long before the community has a say in what happens where in this Parish with regards to buildings being provided and the supporting infrastructure such as roads and public transport provision.



Lidl/Churchill Development

The Council has worked hard over the last year to ensure that all residents were able to view the proposals and have their thoughts heard. We undertook surveys and consultation events and received a tremendous amount of information from the community. Some of you supported the proposals, some of you had concerns and some did not support the proposals. But everybody had their views heard. We now await how these applications progress through the next stages of the planning process.

Community Safety Review

The Council is currently reviewing the Community Service that it provides and hopes to make a decision as soon as possible on the model of service that it will provide. The previous service was well thought of however the Council has received requests for community safety work that the existing service did not have the powers to deliver and councillors are keen to explore options that will deliver the services that have been requested by the community. The community bulletin is still in operation and if you wish to receive the community information to your mail box please send us an email to communitysafety@hytheanddibden.gov.uk and ask to be added.



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Income and Expenditure Account Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

31/03/15		31/03/16
£		£
	INCOME	
25,848.64	Committee - Amenities	0.00
38,895.59	Committee - Council	192,178.19
55,160.08	Committee - GP & F	0.00
1,536.66	Interest on Investments	2,366.83
6,081.52	Other Income	10,531.30
588,147.00	Precept	617,341.00
0.00	Sale of Assets	0.00
715,669.49	INCOME TOTAL	822,417.32
	EXPENDITURE	
4,842.78	Agency Services	4,611.97
7,923.02	Capital Costs	0.00
130,297.82	Committee - Amenities	0.00
6,083.21	Committee - Council	420,656.52
104,722.22	Committee - GP & F	0.00
7,932.07	Committee - Special Funds	0.00
4,380.39	Other Expenditure	0.00
39,130.30	Revenue Account Reserves	0.00
2,575.00	S. 137 Payments	610.00
346,899.87	Salaries/Wages	402,910.84
654,786.68	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	828,789.33
219,369.89	Balance as at 01/04/15	258,828.24
715,669.49	Add Total Income	822,417.32
935,039.38		1,081,245.56
654,786.68	Deduct Total Expenditure	828,789.33
0.00	Stock Adjustment	0.00
-21,424.46	Transfer to/ from reserves	-23,581.02
258,828.24	Balance as at 31/03/16	228,875.21

Full copies of the audited accounts and current budget are available to view at the Council Offices at the Grove



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Consolidated Balance Sheet Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

31/03/15		31/03/16
£		£
	Long Term assets	
0	Investments	0
0	Long Term Debts	0
0	TOTAL LONG TERM ASSETS	0
	<i>Current assets</i>	
0	Investments	200,000
0	Loans Made	0
0	Investments	0
0	Stocks	0
5,235	VAT Recoverable	30,803
6,156	Debtors	6,820
0	Payment in Advance	0
507,350	Cash in Hand & at Bank	269,480
518,741	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	507,103
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	<i>Current liabilities</i>	
0	Loans Received	0
0	Temporary Borrowing	0
0	VAT Payable	0
12,153	Creditors	6,886
0	Receipts in Advance	0
12,153	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,886
506,589	TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	500,217
0	Long Term Borrowing	0
0	Deferred Liabilities	0
0	Deferred Credits	0
0		0
506,589	NET ASSETS	500,217
	<i>Represented by</i>	
258,828	General Fund	228,875
4,310	Allotment Deposits	4,910
243,451	Ear Marked Reserves	266,432
506,589		500,217