



HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Serving the Communities of Dibden, Dibden Purlieu and Hythe

ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

Message from the Chairman

2017 was a very mixed year for the Council, many accolades and a few brickbats.



We consulted with the community about the new Lidl store, the Churchill Development at the PC Builders site and the proposed development at the former police station.

Community concerns were raised following the closure of the skate park in Jones Lane. As a result the Council consulted the community about its ideas for the future use of the land. The majority of respondents indicated that they would like to see a new skatepark provided. The Council has now earmarked the land for a new skatepark and is inviting the community to work with us to seek funding for the project.

The Christmas lights and Mistletoe Fayre were the best ever, I am grateful to all the members of the community who worked with the Council to make it happen. The Council continues to support the Hythe Pier Heritage Association both financially and with Member support. I wish the group and its volunteers well for the future. You only have to look at the spring bulbs, summer planting and the open spaces to see how hard the maintenance team work; I wish to thank them for their efforts.

I am proud to be the Chairman of the Council and I would like to thank fellow Members, staff and the many community minded groups that are present within our parish for their hard work.

Maureen McLean - Chairman of Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

Netley View and Jones Lane Skate Parks

The new skate park at Netley View opened just in time for the Christmas School Holidays. The types and the layout of the ramps were decided upon following consultation with the community and various skatepark installers. The Council would like to thank the Handy Trust for their input and support during the project. The skatepark has been well received by users of the facility. Meanwhile the skate park in Jones Lane was closed by Hythe Skate and Ride because the equipment had become unsafe. The Council who are the leaseholders of the land have consulted the community using an online and paper based survey. Most of the 172 respondents confirmed that they would like to see a new skatepark in that location. As a result, the Council's Open Spaces and Play Equipment Working Party are continuing to investigate ways to progress the project.



Long Term Strategy

Over the last 12 months or so the Council has been developing its long term strategy in relation to managing the buildings and open spaces maintained by the Council. All Members of the Council are involved in the process and work is continuing. A further update will available in due course.



Hythe Markets

The Tuesday market has gone from strength to strength and on sunny days in Hythe there is a real buzz on market days. During the summer months the number of visitors from other areas has increased. France In Hythe comes to Hythe twice a year and this authentic French market has proved very popular. Several local schools (and not so local, one comes from Portsmouth) take



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advantage to practice their French whilst trying out some real French Delicacies. The Crepes and the Baguettes always seem popular! The Italia In Piazza visited this year too, sadly for the final time as they have ceased trading. However look out for some exciting news coming regarding markets during 2018.

Hythe (Moviola) Cinema

The cinema has continued to provide top quality films to local people during 2017, some of the successes were 'Sully', 'A Street Cat Named Bob', and 'Bridget Jones's Baby'. The equipment that the cinema purchased for the Parish Hall has been used successfully by other organisations such as Hythe Pier Heritage Association during the year.

Neighbourhood Planning

The Neighbourhood Planning Group has been working hard to pull together the thoughts and ideas from 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.



Valleydene

Residents living adjacent to a public open space owned by the Parish Council have been experiencing garden flooding issues. It is thought that the cause of the problem is twofold, one being that the drainage provision in that area is not adequate to take the amount of water falling during heavy downpours. The other possibility is that a drainage pipe may be damaged. The Council is currently working with the residents, Hampshire County Council and specialised contractors to confirm the cause of the problem and to identify a suitable way forward to address the issue. The Council would like to thank the residents in this area for their understanding and support whilst work continues.

Christmas Lights and Mistletoe Fayre

Over the last 10 years, the provision of Christmas Lights and the Mistletoe Fayre has grown to such a point that the officers were struggling with the amount of time devoted to organising it. Last year the Traders in Hythe very successfully took over the provision of additional lights to complement the solar powered trees on the lamp columns and the village Christmas Tree. This year we invited partners to take over parts of the Mistletoe Fayre and Hythe Pier Heritage Association had a word with Father Christmas and accompanied him on his annual visit to Hythe. Hythe Rotary looked after the Artisan market in Pylewell Precinct and resident Pauline Saunders and local musicians took over the music. The result was fantastic and many people said this year's Mistletoe Fayre was the best yet. It just goes to show, if everyone does a little bit it amounts to a lot!



Website and e – Payments

The Council is in the early stages of updating its website, currently Council Members' and Officers' views are being sought. It is envisaged that residents will be able to book and pay for council services once the work has been completed. For further information contact Helen Bradley-Owers on 02380 841411 or helen.bradley-owers@hytheanddibden.gov.uk

Customers using Parish Council services are now able to pay for the service using electronic payments to the Council's bank account or by bank card either in person at The Grove or over the phone. Further details can be obtained from the Council's Finance Officer, Beverley Edwards on 02380 841411 or beverley.edwards@hytheanddibden.gov.uk



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Income and Expenditure Account Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

31/03/16		31/03/17
£		£
	INCOME	
192,178.19	Committee - Council	104,930.64
2,366.83	Interest on Investments	2958.09
10,531.30	Other Income	6635.90
617,341.00	Precept	639,916.00
0.00	Sale of Assets	1050.01
822,417.32	INCOME TOTAL	755,490.64
	EXPENDITURE	
4,611.97	Agency Services	5079.04
0.00	Capital Costs	0.00
420,656.52	Committee - Council	295,203.71
0.00	Committee - Special Funds	0.00
0.00	Other Expenditure	0.00
0.00	Revenue Account Reserves	0.00
610.00	S. 137 Payments	2,681
402,910.84	Salaries/Wages	404,965.69
828,789.33	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	707,929.44
258,828.24	Balance as at 01/04/17	228,875.21
822,417.32	Add Total Income	755,490.61
1,081,245.56		984,365.82
828,789.33	Deduct Total Expenditure	707,929.44
0.00	Stock Adjustment	0.00
-23,581.02	Transfer to/ from reserves	-22,144.00
228,875.21	Balance as at 31/03/17	254,292.38

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

31/03/16		31/03/17
£		£
	Long Term assets	
0	Investments	0
0	Long Term Debts	0
0	TOTAL LONG TERM ASSETS	0
	<i>Current assets</i>	
200,000	Investments	200,000
0	Loans Made	0
0	Investments	0
0	Stocks	0
30,803	VAT Recoverable	8,515
6,820	Debtors	5,813
0	Payment in Advance	0
269,480	Cash in Hand & at Bank	339,878
507,103	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	554,206
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	<i>Current liabilities</i>	
0	Loans Received	0
0	Temporary Borrowing	0
0	VAT Payable	0
6,886	Creditors	6,428
0	Receipts in Advance	0
6,886	TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,428
500,217	TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	547,778
0	Long Term Borrowing	0
0	Deferred Liabilities	0
0	Deferred Credits	0
0		0
500,217	NET ASSETS	547,778
	<i>Represented by</i>	
228,875	General Fund	254,292
4,910	Allotment Deposits	4,910
266,432	Ear Marked Reserves	288,576
500,217		547,778