

**HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the  
General Purposes and Finance Committee  
held at The Grove, 25 St John's Street, Hythe  
on Monday, 19 September 2005 at 8 pm.

Members:                                   \*Mr R Podesta (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr G Dawson	oMrs B Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr D Smith
oMrs M Robinson	*Mr M S Wade
*Mr M Short	oMr S S Wade

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance:                           Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)  
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present:                               Mrs M McLean  
Mr G Parkes  
Mrs C Huxham (HANDY Trust Senior Youth/Community  
Development Worker)  
2 Member of the Public

179/05 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 25 July 2005, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

180/05 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Smith declared an interest in Minute 189 /05 as the occupants of 1 Braehed are customers of his business. Mr Dawson declared an interest in Minute 183/05 as he is a trustee of the HANDY Trust. Mr Podesta declared an interest in Minute 187/05 as he is a shop owner in Hythe. Mr Harrison declared an interest in Minute 187/05 as he is a trader in the New Forest. Mr M Wade and Mr Parkes declared an interest in Minute 187/05 as they are District Councillors.

181/05 **Public Participation Period**

Hythe Skate Park

Mrs McLean expressed her gratitude for the effort made so far on behalf of the Skate Park.

She pointed out that vandalism and graffiti were reduced by 6% when the Skate Park was introduced and hoped that every effort would be made to reopen it as soon as possible to enable the young people of the Parish to socialise as well as skate.

Southampton Airport Flightpaths

Mr Moore advised Members that on a recent afternoon spent in his garden 10 aircraft landing at Southampton Airport passed over in 30 minutes, effectively killing all conversation and spoiling his enjoyment. Whilst he is aware that this is legal, he urged Members to make representations to the Airport Authority to ask them to vary flightpaths and introduce quieter aircraft.

It was agreed to write to the Stakeholder Meeting, the Aircraft Regulating Authority and Flybe outlining our concerns. The Chairman of the Council will also raise these concerns at the next Stakeholder Meeting.

Car Parking Charges

Mr Moore asked Members to oppose the proposed increase in Car Parking charges in the New Forest.

The Chairman replied that this Council has always supported free parking for residents but the matter would be discussed fully later in the Agenda.

#### Flagpoles

Mr Moore deplored the cost of the flagpoles outside The Grove as he thought it was an unnecessary expenditure for tax payers.

#### 182/05 **Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk submitted a revised Schedule of Accounts for payment, together with a supplementary list.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 1537 – 1631 inclusive, totalling £45812.73, be approved and paid.

#### 183/05 **The Handy Trust – Proposed Service Level Agreement**

Consideration was given to the proposed SLA for the Handy Trust.

The Clerk advised Members that he anticipated the start date to be 1 January 2006 when his term of office ends.

RESOLVED

1. That the Service Level Agreement be agreed with the amendment to the Statement of Intent that "The role of the provider is to provide youth services for the areas served by Hythe and Dibden Parish Council".
2. That Mrs McLean and Mr M Wade be nominated to represent this Council on the Trust.

(Mr Dawson declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

#### 184/05 **Review of Garden Refuse Sacks Policy – New Forest District Council's "bag it" Garden Waste Collection Service**

Consideration was given to whether this Council should continue to subsidise residents in receipt of the State Retirement Pension when the District Council's "bag it" Garden Waste Collection Service is introduced next year.

Concern was expressed at the practical problems involved with payment when the service is normally administered centrally.

RESOLVED

That the subsidy continue at the same cost to this Council as at present. The Clerk is to sort out the technicalities of administering the scheme.

#### 185/05 **Community Safety Initiative (CSI) Street Lighting**

Consideration was given to budgetary provision for the remaining sites on the list of areas requiring improvement to street lighting so that a bid can be made for funding.

It was suggested that New Forest District Council be asked to contribute towards any improvements to Langdown Road in order to assist with safety around the new school.

RESOLVED

That a bid be submitted and budgetary provision made for improvements to Butts Ash Avenue and Langdown Road.

**186/05 Southampton Airport's Outline Master Plan – Consultation Document**

Consideration was given to the above Consultation Document.

It was agreed earlier in the meeting that more planes are landing over the Hythe area route and this is causing problems for residents due to the frequency and excessive noise. This was thought to be due to the fact that planes have to be in line with the runway from 4 miles out and this appears to be just above Hythe Pier meaning that a path cannot be followed up Southampton Water as has happened in previous years.

Concern was also expressed that the New Forest is being hit with exhaust and jettisoned fuel prior to landing which is not beneficial to such a special area.

Members agreed that improvements in aircraft technology would help with some of the problems, but only if the operators use the new planes.

**RESOLVED**

That Southampton Airport be advised of these concerns and asked if routes could be altered slightly to alleviate some of the problems.

**187/05 New Forest District Council Proposed Car Parking Charges 2006**

Consideration was given to any additional response which may need to be made on the above further to the Clerk's letter of 6 September 2005.

Members felt that there should be more choice in the type of parking clock issued as people have different needs. It was suggested that there should be 4 types of clock: Short Stay, Long Stay, Amenity Car Park only and All Car Parks.

Whilst an increase from 2 hours to 3 hours for short stay parking in Hythe is welcomed, this will still not be enough to help volunteers who work 4 hour shifts in charity shops, the CAB etc. It is also unfair that Community Centres with no private parking get assistance, but those with limited parking get none.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk draft a response for circulation before sending.

(Mr Podesta, Mr M Wade, Mr Parkes and Mr Harrison declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

**188/05 Skate Park – Hythe Skate and Ride**

Following the recent closure of the Skate Park efforts are being made to reopen it as soon as possible in order that the younger residents of the area have somewhere to meet and socialise.

It was suggested that whilst fundraising is taking place to rebuild the Skate Park up to £5000 could be released from funds to purchase ramps which could eventually be incorporated into the finished Park.

It was further suggested that the Youth Shelter which is part of the design for Ewart Recreation Ground improvements be built at the Skate Park, although Members agreed that a shelter would still need to be built at Ewart Recreation Ground.

**RESOLVED**

That funds are released to purchase ramps to enable the Skate Park to reopen as soon as possible.

**189/05 Proposed Extinguishment of Highway Rights – 3 Braehead, Hythe**

Consideration was given to a request from Hampshire County Council to consider withdrawing our objection to the proposed Extinguishment of Highway Rights at 3 Braehead, Hythe.

## RESOLVED

It was agreed to withdraw our objection to the proposed Extinguishment of Highway Rights at 3 Braehead, Hythe.

(Mr Dawson and Mr Smith declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during consideration thereof)

190/05 **Hythe Centre Advisory Group Minutes dated 7 September 2005**

Members noted the Hythe Centre Advisory Group Minutes dated 7 September 2005.

191/05 **Dibden Purlieu Post Office – Temporary Closure**

Members noted with regret the temporary closure of Dibden Purlieu Post Office.

192/05 **Trafalgar Night**

Members were advised that Opus 8 will be providing entertainment in the Parish Hall on October 21 2005 at a cost of £8 per head. The Clerk will circulate details to members.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman

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