

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, 28 November 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	*Mr 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: Mr G Parkes
2 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

286/05 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 17 October 2005, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

287/05 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Parkes declared an interest in Minute 295/05 as he is Chairman of Waterside Heritage and a trustee for Waterside Arts, both of which are mentioned under Grant Aid in the draft Budget Paper for 2006/2007.

288/05 **Public Participation Period**

Dibden Purlieu Christmas decorations

Mr Uglow enquired whether the Parish Council has any input into Christmas decorations in the Parish as decorations are needed in Dibden Purlieu.

The Clerk advised members that the Council makes a contribution towards the decorations in Hythe centre and would be happy to discuss a similar scheme with traders in Dibden Purlieu.

Mr Short advised members that he had been approached by traders in Dibden Purlieu and had suggested that they form a traders association.

Vandalism

Mr Uglow advised members that vandals had kicked walls down in Butts Ash Lane and metal had been dumped near the junction of Frost Lane and Shore Lane.

He was advised that the matters would be investigated.

289/05 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 1752-1783 inclusive, totalling
£16806.10, be approved and paid.

290/05 Minutes of the Personnel Sub Committee held on 27 October 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Personnel Sub Committee held on 27 October 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Personnel Sub Committee held on 27 October 2005 be approved and recommended to Council for adoption.

291/05 Final Accounts 2004/2005 – External Audit

Members noted the completion of the Audit process for 2004/2005.

292/05 Financial Monitoring – Period ending 30 September 2005

Members approved the financial monitoring for the period up to and including 30 September 2005.

293/05 Grant Aid

Consideration was given to the allocation of Grant Aid, in conjunction with the recommendations of the Grant Working Party.

RESOLVED

(a) That grants be made to the following organisations for the amounts stated from the 2005/2006 Grant Aid budget:-

1. Hythe Strikers Youth FC	£100
2. Families Matter at Hythe URC	£100
3. St Johns Church Hythe	£200
4. Stonham-NF Women's Refuge Hythe	£210
5. Oakhaven Hospice Trust	£500

(b) That beneficiaries of large projects be advised that funds have been agreed and will be allocated when the project comes to fruition.

(c) That regular applicants be advised that support cannot be guaranteed annually as every application is judged on its merits.

294/05 Community Wardens/Safety Officers

Consideration was given to the provision of two Community Wardens/Safety Officers who would be dedicated to patrolling the Parish.

Concern was expressed that freeing up Police time would result in officers being moved out of Hythe, but it was not thought that this would be the case.

It was suggested that the Crime and Disorder Partnership Group could be approached for help with start up costs under their funding of community safety projects, although a commitment to the project must already have been made before a grant is applied for.

If a decision was made to progress the project, it was agreed that a working party be set up.

RESOLVED

1. That budgetary provision be made for two Community Wardens.
2. That a working party be set up to progress the project comprising Mr Short, Mr M Wade and Mr Harrison and that other councillors be asked whether they wish to join them.

295/05 **Budget 2006/2007**

Consideration was given to the draft Budget Paper for 2006/2007.

RESOLVED

1. That £62,750.00 be added to non-core items to cover the provision of Community Wardens/Safety Officers.
2. That, subject to the above, the proposed income and expenditure relating to this Committee as shown in the Budget Papers be agreed and recommended to Council for adoption.

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

296/05 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item 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.

297/05 **Additional funding for building works at Clayfields**

Following the summer audit of the hot and cold water installation at the Council buildings at Clayfields, consideration was given to the proposed contract and funding to carry out the recommended building works.

RESOLVED

That budgetary provision of £11025.00 be made to fund the building works at Clayfields.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Chairman

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