

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 9 June 2008 at 8 pm.

Members: *Mrs M Robinson (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mrs M McLean	*Mr D Smith
oMr R Newell	*Mr P Vickers
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr A Wade
*Mr M Short	*Mr M Wade

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: Mr B Uglow
Inspector Leckey
Barry Jordan-Davis (Gypsy Liaison Officer Hampshire County
Council)
Robin Edwards (Hampshire County Council)
18 Members of the Public

52/08 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 14 April 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

53/08 **Notification of any other urgent business to be raised at the end of the meeting**

There were no matters mentioned.

54/08 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

55/08 **Public Participation Period**

Due to the presence of officers from Hampshire County Council and Inspector Leckey it was agreed to allow the public to speak at appropriate times during item 6 and 7 of the agenda.

56/08 **Travellers – Shore Road**

The Gypsy Liaison Officer from Hampshire County Council and Inspector Leckey from Hythe Police outlined to the meeting what measures they had taken regarding the eviction of the travellers from Shore Road. It was confirmed that a notice to quit the travellers' current encampment at a site adjacent to the former Dibden Post Office had been served.

Various members of the public outlined their concerns over hygiene, untaxed vehicles, the inconvenience to nearby residents, the cost to taxpayers and the reason why the police did not attend when they were advised that the vehicles were being moved from Shore Road.

Following information received from the public it was agreed that the Gypsy Liaison Officer would make additional welfare enquiries with a view to bringing forward the current notice to quit and keep the Clerk updated on progress. The Police would also continue with the process of dealing with the untaxed vehicles and investigate why they were unable to attend when the vehicles were moved.

57/08 **Discussion with Inspector Leckey from Hythe Police Station**

Inspector Leckey was asked whether he was aware of the traffic problems at the junction of Shore Road, South Street and St John's Street and of the perceived speeding problems in

Shore Road and West Street. He agreed to contact the Community Reassurance Unit in order to investigate the matter.

Inspector Leckey was also asked the results of the speed tests previously made on Roman Road South. He was unable to provide an answer at the meeting but agreed to investigate the matter.

A member pointed out that the junction of Shore Road now included a cycle path and asked whether the County Council had carried out a risk assessment before its construction. It was agreed to investigate the matter.

A member enquired whether it was a common trend for there to be more assaults in Hythe than Dibden.

Inspector Leckey advised the meeting that assaults were almost always domestic violence rather than street crime.

The division of Hythe and Dibden is assessed through postcodes.

A member asked Inspector Leckey whether he was aware that many people do not use residential car parks such as the ones near Dominy Close due to the fact that their vehicles often get damaged.

Inspector Leckey responded that although vehicle crime had risen slightly recently he was not aware of any particular problems. He pointed out that the Police are unable to resolve problems if they are not advised of them.

58/08 **Community Safety**

ACSOs

Members noted the update on the Community Safety Team.

SID Deployment

Consideration was given to a request to fund the deployment of a SID in West Street following complaints about the speed of vehicles.

RESOLVED

That funding be made available for the deployment of a SID in West Street at a cost of £244.52 + VAT for one week in each direction.

59/08 **Outline Financial Position 2007/2008**

Consideration was given to the financial monitoring information for the period ending 31 March 2008 and the allocation of the additional income received.

RESOLVED

1. That the financial monitoring for the period ending 31 March 2008 be accepted and approved.
2. That the remaining £23955 be allocated as follows:-

To future maintenance of bus stop reserve account	£2000
To Workshop refurbishment fund	£2400
To the replacement of chairs and furnishing for Parish Hall	£1900
For the erection and removal of Christmas lights	£6000
For replacement tree planting programme	£5000
Set aside in general balances for unforeseen projects (including the Post Office in Dibden area)	£6655

60/08 **Dibden Post Office**

Consideration was given to approving the use of Clayfields for a mobile Post Office at no rental charge to the Post Office.

Members were advised that planning permission would be required for the change of use and it usually takes around 13 weeks for the necessary permissions to be gained by the Post Office. It is hoped that this would mean that the branch could be opened by the late summer/autumn.

RESOLVED

That the use of Clayfields as a mobile post office be approved subject to the necessary permissions being granted.

61/08 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 4036-4089 inclusive, totalling £30,898.41, be approved and paid.

62/08 **Changes to Local Government Pension Scheme**

Consideration was given to the recent changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

RESOLVED

That the changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme be noted.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Chairman

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