

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 13 October 2008 at 8 pm.

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

*Mr W Binns	*Mr D Smith
*Mrs M McLean	*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 D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
 Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: Mr B Uglow
 9 Members of the Public

232/08 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 8 September 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

233/08 **Notification of any other urgent business to be raised at the end of the meeting**

Members advised the Chairman of matters which they wished to raise at the end of the meeting.

234/08 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Binns declared an interest in Min 239/08 as he is a patient of Solent Surgery. Mr Short declared an interest in Min 240/08 as his son lives adjacent to the route.

235/08 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public but the Chairman agreed to allow discussion during Min 239/08 if necessary.

236/08 **Continued membership of Hampshire Association of Local Councils**

Consideration was given to the continued membership of the council in the Hampshire Association of Local Councils.

Members felt that it was difficult to quantify the benefits of membership but discussed the different needs of larger councils and the support that their membership gives to smaller ones.

RESOLVED

That this council continue as a member of Hampshire Association of
Local Councils for 12 months at the end of which the value for money
of membership will be reviewed.

237/08 **Update on Public Buildings**

- The Grove
- Clayfields
- Pavilion, Shore Road Playing Field

Consideration was given to the update on Public Buildings.

The Chairman asked that thanks be given to the staff who have been working in difficult conditions since the damage to the roof at The Grove.

RESOLVED

That the update on Public Buildings be noted.

238/08 Financial monitoring – period ending 30 September 2008

The Clerk presented the financial monitoring information for the period ending 30 September 2008.

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring for the period ending 30 September 2008 be accepted and approved.

239/08 Proposed Closure of Solent Surgery at Hythe Medical Centre

Members of the Save Solent Surgery group updated the meeting on their campaign and advised members of a meeting to be held at the Parish Hall at 7 pm on Thursday 16 October 2008 at which the Primary Care Trust will be outlining alternative options.

Members expressed concern that the PCT had not consulted this council about their plans and at the delays in providing the financial information needed by Save Solent Surgery and Dr Knight.

RESOLVED

That this council supports the Save Solent Surgery campaign and will work with the PCT to ensure that the residents of Hythe and Dibden are given choices in their health care.

(Mr Binns declared an interest in this item, remained in the meeting, but did not speak)

240/08 HGV's Main Road/Hythe Road Marchwood

Consideration was given to a request from the County Council for views on proposals for prohibiting or restricting HGV's on Main Road/Hythe Road Marchwood.

RESOLVED

That the County Council be informed that this council believes Option 1 to be the best option but would agree to Option 3 if Option 1 was not considered viable.

(Mr Short declared an interest in this item, remained in the meeting, but did not speak)

241/08 The Making and Enforcement of Byelaws – Consultation Document

Consideration was given to the consultation document, "The Making and Enforcement of Byelaws".

RESOLVED

That the consultation document, "The Making and Enforcement of Byelaws" be noted and the consultation questions agreed apart from question 4 which should suggest a 28 day consultation period.

242/08 Fire and Rescue Service Plan

Consideration was given to the Fire and Rescue Service Plan for 2009 – 2012.

Whilst members are very satisfied with the service provided in the parish they would welcome greater clarity and more specific targets.

RESOLVED

That the Fire and Rescue Service Plan for 2009 – 2012 be noted.

243/08 **Removal of Telephone Kiosks**

The Clerk updated the meeting on the current position concerning the removal of telephone kiosks by BT.

RESOLVED

That the report on the removal of telephone kiosks be noted.

244/08 **Appointment of Internal Auditor**

Consideration was given to the appointment of Audit Solutions as internal auditor.

RESOLVED

That Audit Solutions be appointed internal auditor.

245/08 **To Adopt the Minutes of the Personnel Sub Committee held on 6 October 2008**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the above meeting.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Personnel Sub Committee held on 6 October 2008 be received and adopted.

246/08 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 4359 -4406 inclusive, totalling £23,141.41, be approved and paid.

247/08 **102 Power Boat**

A member drew the attention of the committee to the case of the high speed 102 power launch which has local significance and may be scrapped if it is not sold.

It was agreed to write to the County Council to draw their attention to the matter and investigate possible areas of assistance to prevent the 102 power launch being lost.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman

Date

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