

**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 12 January 2009 at 8 pm.

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

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| *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)  
                                     Mrs H Owers (Parish Project Officer)

Also present:              1 Member of the Public

**367/08 Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 24 November 2008, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

**368/08 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.

**369/08 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**370/08 Public Participation Period**

Traffic problems

Mr Emis spoke of the continuing problem of large vehicles mounting the pavement at the traffic islands close to St Michael's Church and stated that no money had been spent on road improvements in the area since 1962.

It was agreed to write to the County Council outlining his concerns.

**371/08 Update on CCTV**

Consideration was given to the update on CCTV.

Consideration was given to the installation of an additional camera at Ewart Recreation Ground.

Whilst there have been problems at Ewart Recreation Ground, they are not considered major by the Police and there are other areas which experience similar sporadic problems. To install an additional camera at this stage would cost between £15000 and £17000 plus a survey fee of £800. The annual running costs of £3000 to £4000 would need to be borne by this Council. Members felt that the cost at this time would be prohibitive although the situation would continue to be monitored with other forms of control employed.

RESOLVED

1. That the update on CCTV be noted.

2. That the request for funding an additional camera at Ewart Recreation Ground be refused.

372/08 **Final Accounts 2007/2008 – External Audit**

Consideration was given to the Report on the Final Accounts 2007/2008 – External Audit.

RESOLVED

That the Report be noted.

373/08 **Review of Direct Debits**

Consideration was given to the annual review of organisations currently paid by direct debit.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

374/08 **Revital Hythe – Update**

The Parish Project Officer gave a verbal update on the Revital Hythe Action Plan.

Consideration was given to the formation of working parties to progress projects in 2009. Further suggestions were made to invite groups/organisations to be involved in the formation of the working parties and it was agreed that the Parish Project Officer should liaise with the Chairman of this Committee to ensure that all interested parties are included.

- (a) Older Persons Strategy Group (Social and Community)

RESOLVED

That Mrs Robinson, Mrs McLean, Mr A Wade and Mr Uglow plus any other interested Councillor attend the initial meeting of the group with a view to forming a working party.

- (b) Village Design Group (Environment Action)

RESOLVED

That Mr Short, Mr Parkes and Mr Vickers plus any other interested Councillor attend the initial meeting of the group with a view to forming a working party.

- (c) Street Signage (Environment)

RESOLVED

That Mr Parkes and Mr Short plus any other interested Councillor attend the initial meeting of the group with a view to forming a working party and Councillor Chris Harrison and Mr R Podesta be invited to join them.

- (d) Dog Fouling and Litter (Environment)

RESOLVED

That Mr A Wade and Mr M Wade plus any other interested Councillor attend the initial meeting of the group with a view to forming a working party.

375/08 **Traffic Management Issues within Hythe**

Consideration was given to the best way in which to proceed with addressing the traffic management issues within Hythe.

RESOLVED

That members should advise the Clerk of areas considered to be of concern so that a list can be compiled prior to the relevant officers from the District and County Councils being invited to a future meeting of the Committee to discuss the matter and agree an action plan.

376/08 **Remembrance Day Services and War Memorials**

Consideration was given to the suggestion that the Parish needs a central event or memorial to draw the community together for Remembrance Day.

Members felt that a central parade or the church events meeting together after their respective services at a place such as Prospect Place or the construction of a focal point may be effective but were wary of diluting the events which already take place.

RESOLVED

That interested parties such as the Churches and the Royal British Legion be contacted to ascertain their views.

377/08 **Butts Ash Community Association (BACA) – Proposed extension of Playgroup Garden**

Consideration was given to a request from BACA to extend the playgroup garden at St Anne's Community Hall.

RESOLVED

That the request to extend the playgroup garden at St Anne's Community Hall be supported.

378/08 **Communities in control – Real people, real power – Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – A consultation**

Consideration was given to the attached consultation document.

RESOLVED

That this Parish has no comment to make at this time.

379/08 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 4565 - 4624 inclusive, totalling £48,857.54, be approved and paid.

380/08 **Slippery pavements**

A member advised that he had received a complaint about slippery paving slabs in Pylewell Precinct.

The Clerk advised the meeting that he is awaiting further information from the County Council in relation to the matter.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Chairman

Date

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