

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 16 February 2009 at 8 pm.

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

*Mr W Binns	*Mr D Smith
*Mrs M McLean	oMr 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: Inspector K Leckey (Hythe Police)
2 Members of the Public

432/08 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 12 January 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

433/08 **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.

434/08 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Short declared an interest in Minute 442/08 as an employee of the Consulate is a personal friend. Mr Parkes, Mr M Wade, Mr A Wade, Mrs McLean, Mr Smith and Mrs Robinson declared an interest in Minute 442/08 as an employee of the Consulate is a fellow Parish Councillor.

435/08 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

436/08 **Discussion with Inspector Leckey from Hythe Police Station**

Inspector Leckey updated the meeting on policing issues in the Parish.

PCSO Andy Spooner had hoped to attend the meeting but had instead attended a meeting on the Shopwatch Scheme. This Scheme hopes that shops and businesses will share information on anti social behaviour, criminal activity etc with the Police, ACSOs and new CCTV control centre also involved creating a network with radios and other methods of communication.

So far more than 30 shops have shown an interest and £200 has been obtained to print posters and banners which will be prominently displayed to give a clear message that crime will not be tolerated in the area.

PCSO Spooner has become the point of contact for the Police in local schools and the idea has been well received.

The monthly community safety newsletter is published on the Parish Council website.

Members reported various instances of anti social behaviour recently which had caused them some concern but Inspector Leckey assured them that all were under control and statistics show that problems in Hythe are still among the lowest in the area.

437/08 Community Safety

Consideration was given to the Community Safety update.

Members were given leaflets on the Junior Community Safety Team which will be starting in Wildground Junior School and on the No Cold Calling Zones in which the first area is likely to be Hollybank.

RESOLVED

That the Community Safety update be noted.

438/08 Financial Monitoring – Period ending 31 December 2008

The Clerk presented the financial monitoring information for the period ending 31 December 2008.

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring for the period ending 31 December 2008 be accepted and approved.

439/08 Grant Applications 2008/09

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

RESOLVED

That grants be made to the following organisations for the amounts stated, from the 2008/2009 Grant Aid budget:-

Salterns Play Scheme	£200
Panthers Roller Hockey Club	£500
Butts Ash Community Assoc.	£500

440/08 Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 4663-4705 inclusive, totalling £36,205.58, be approved and paid.

441/08 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.

442/08 Arrangements/Office Alterations at The Grove – Consulate of the Netherlands

Consideration was given to the proposed alterations to The Grove for the Consulate of the Netherlands.

RESOLVED

That the proposed alterations to The Grove for the Consulate of the Netherlands be approved.

(Mr Short declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during consideration thereof. Mr Parkes, Mr M Wade, Mr A Wade, Mrs McLean, Mr Smith and Mrs Robinson declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting to speak and to vote)

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman

Date

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