

**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 27 April 2009 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 J Bevis (Minute Clerk)  
Mr N. Hunt – New Forest District Council

Also present:              Mr J Bennett  
Mr B Dash  
Mr C Harrison  
Mrs B Smith  
Mr B Uglow  
1 member of the public

The Chairman welcomed Mr Hunt , Principal Engineer of the Transportation Section of New Forest District Council.

487/08 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 16 February 2009, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

488/08 **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.

Mr Vickers stated he would like to inform members of an important date coming up.

489/08 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

490/08 **Public Participation Period**

Mr Emis, a member of the public, raised concerns about a) lorries/HGV coming out of South Street and turning right damaging the roundabout on Southampton Road and b) what the plans were for the continuance of Sizer Way to Main Road were.

491/08 **Highway and Traffic Issues within the Parish**

Consideration was given and lengthy discussions made to various traffic and highway issues of which Mr Hunt was able to comment and give his views.

Issues discussed and views expressed were –

- Large vehicle route into Hythe Marine Park and Hythe Centre – it was proposed that large vehicles and HGVs should be encouraged by correct signage to travel Frost Lane, Shore Road rather than South Street.

- Lorry access to Southampton Road at junction opposite St. Michael's Church - To alter pavement and kerbs is expensive but New Forest District Council would look at developing a scheme for Hampshire County Council to consider. It may be possible to introduce weight restrictions and signage directing traffic via Frost Lane.
- Change Southampton Road to 30mph from Claypits Lane to existing 30mph zone – Support, request to be forwarded to Hampshire County Council..
- Provision of pedestrian refuge Langdown Lawn. – Support, request to be forwarded to Hampshire County Council.
- Introduction of 20mph in Hythe Centre from Southampton Road – Support but 20mph should be self enforcing normally in locations where it is close to be already there. Area should be identified and a SID requested.
- Status of A326 – is it a clearway, if not should it be to prohibit parking on main highway. – A326 is not a clearway. Hampshire County Council will carry out a survey on the provision of a layby when works are completely finished. It was agreed to review the A326 at a later meeting.
- Improved signage/control of vehicles using pedestrian area on the promenade.
- Speeding in Whitewater Rise and Foxtail Drive – Agreed to submit a request for a SID

It was recognised that residents are concerned. The Parish Council supports these concerns. Mr Hunt was asked if he would support the suggestions in his discussion with his colleagues.

492/09 **The New Forest District (Fairview Parade, Beaulieu Road and Jones Lane, Hythe)(Parking Places and Retention of Waiting Order 2009)**

Fairview Parade

Consideration was given to the above waiting restrictions and parking places.

RESOLVED

That New Forest District Council's proposed Order be supported.

Jones Lane

Consideration was given to the limited waiting.

RESOLVED

That New Forest District Council's proposed Order be supported.

493/08 **The New Power of Wellbeing**

Consideration was given to the New Power of Wellbeing.

RESOLVED

a) That the report and planned training event be noted and

RECOMMEND

b) That the "Statement of Intent for Community Engagement" be adopted subject to an amendment to include Residents Associations.

c) The way forward was agreed.

494/08 **Update on the Young Person Strategy Group**

Consideration was given to the update on the Young Person Strategy Group.

RESOLVED

That the update on the Young Person Strategy Group be noted.

**495/08 Update on Older Person Strategy Group**

Consideration was given to the update on the Older Person Strategy Group.

RESOLVED

That the update on the Older Person Strategy Group be noted.

**496/08 Annual Review of Business Risk and Insurance Arrangements**

Consideration was given to the council's business risk and insurance arrangements.

**Risk Management**

RESOLVED

That the Schedule of Risks be amended as indicated.

**Insurance**

RESOLVED

That the Schedule of Insurance be agreed.

**497/08 Interim Internal Audit Report (2008/2009)**

Consideration was given to the Interim Internal Audit Report and the proposed response to the Action Plan.

RESOLVED

That the Interim Internal Audit Report for 2008/2009 be noted and the proposed response approved.

**498/08 Chairs at Parish Hall**

Consideration was given to the report on the purchase of 100 chairs for use in the Parish Hall.

RESOLVED

That the report on the purchase of chairs for use in the Parish Hall be noted.

**499/08 NALC Annual General Meeting – 4 September 2009**

Consideration was given to the submission of a motion for the NALC Annual General Meeting on 4 September 2009. Any suggestions should be forwarded to the Clerk of the Council for consideration at the Council meeting on 11 May 2009.

**500/08 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 March 2009**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 March 2009.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 30 March 2009 be noted.

**501/08 Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 4722 – 2009/10 inclusive, totalling £81,924.14, be approved and paid.

502/08 **Any other urgent business concerning the Committee**

Mr P Vickers informed the Committee that the Local Development Framework was to be the subject to a Public Inquiry at Lymington Town Hall in June 2009. A whole day, 11 June 2009, would be spent reference Dibden Bay. ABP will be attending with a Barrister to challenge the designation of Dibden Bay. It is recommended that the Parish Council send a representative.

503/08 **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.

504/08 **Acceptance of Price for Provision of Disabled Access at Rear of The Grove**

Consideration was given to the price of the provision of disabled access at rear of The Grove. It was requested that attempts to find funding for part of the works be continued.

RESOLVED

That Robin Duell carry out the improvements at a cost of £22,245.00.

The Meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Chairman

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