

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, 25 November 2002 at 7.53 pm.

Members: *Mr S S Wade (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr B Dash	*Mrs M Robinson
*Mr G Dawson	*Mr M Short
*Mrs C Gradidge	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr R Guy	*Mr D Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr M S Wade
*Mr R Podesta	

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: Mr G Parkes

278/02 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 21 October 2002, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

279/02 **Declaration of Interest**

Mrs Robinson declared an interest in Min 282/02 and Min 283/02 as she sits on committees concerned with both of these issues (Waterside CAB and Waterside Neighbourhood Centre Group) and her husband is the co-ordinator of Waterside Arts.

280/02 **Public Participation Period**

There were no members of the public present.

281/02 **Accounts for payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 387 –422 inclusive, totalling
£37,123.29, be approved and paid.

282/02 **Budget 2003/2004**

Consideration was given to the draft Budget Papers for 2002/2003.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the maintenance programme for The Grove (series 3800) be carried out over 2 years.
- (b) That allowance be made for the loss of one month's rent when Dibden Allotments Charity vacate the premises.
- (c) That the proposed income and expenditure relating to this Committee as shown in the Budget Papers be agreed.

(Mrs Robinson declared an interest in this item, but remained in the meeting)

283/02 Grant Aid

Members considered the proposed amendment of the policy for the provision of Grant Aid to include the provision of contributions towards the running costs of established and Voluntary Organisations.

RESOLVED

That contributions towards the running costs of organisations will be considered in exceptional circumstances in this financial year, but the policy will be investigated by the Grant Aid Working Party before the next financial year.

(Mrs Robinson declared an interest in this item, but remained in the meeting)

284/02 Support for Community Facilities

Consideration was given to a request for financial support from Hythe United Reformed Church.

RESOLVED

- (a) That a representative from the United Reformed Church be invited to the next Meeting of this Committee to present their request for support
- (b) That a list of balances is brought to the next meeting of the general purposes and finance committee.

285/02 St John's Street Car Park

A Member stated that the parking problems in Hythe, which only seem to occur on a Market Day, could be alleviated at minimal cost by splitting the St John's Street Car Park into two separate areas.

Car Park A could be accessed from New Road with a pedestrian access onto St John's Street. It would contain approximately 50/60 short stay and disabled spaces.

Car Park B could be accessed from St John's Street and would contain approximately 100/120 spaces. On a Tuesday it could also house the Market.

The two areas need only be separated by kerbstones and low planting with pedestrian gaps.

RESOLVED

That these changes be supported providing they are not to the detriment of the traffic flow as this Council maintains its support of the Link Road.

286/02 Schedule of Meetings

Members considered the proposed Schedule of Meeting for 2003/2004.

RESOLVED

- (a) That the Meeting of the Council scheduled for 7 July 2003, be altered to 23 June 2003.
- (b) That the proposed Schedule of Meetings be agreed.

287/02 Road Safety – Speeding

Members were informed that the Hampshire Constabulary Traffic Division did not identify any roads in the Parish to have any worse speeding problems than any other. Members put forward many instances of perceived speeding local to their homes.

RESOLVED

1. That the Police be asked what was being measured when 2 rubber tubes were laid across the road at South Street recently.
2. That Members distribute details of particular incidents to other members so that problems can be highlighted before the next meeting.

288/02 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for the following items 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.

289/02 **Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting – 28 October 2002**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting held on 28 October 2002.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on 28 October 2002 be received and adopted.

The Meeting closed at 9 pm.

Chairman

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