

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 June 2003 at 8 15 pm.

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

*Mr R Guy	*Mr M Short
oMr C Harrison	oMrs B Smith
*Mr R Podesta	oMr M S Wade
oMrs M Robinson	

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

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

Also present: Mrs M McLean
Mr G Parkes
1 Member of the Public

72/03 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Committee held on 14 April 2003 and 12 May 2003, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

73/03 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Podesta declared an interest in Minute 81/03, as he is the owner of 25 High Street.

74/03 **Public Participation Period**

Bus Shelter – Dibden Purlieu

Mr Wheeler sought clarification over the position regarding the proposed relocation of the bus shelter in Dibden Purlieu.

The Clerk advised that a recent letter had not yet received a reply, but he would write again in the hope of reporting back to the next meeting of the committee.

75/03 **Accounts for Payment**

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

1. Voucher 149

Concern was expressed at the cost of monitoring the alarm at the Workshop.

It was agreed to investigate other options and put the matter on a future agenda.

2. General

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 100 – 151 inclusive, totalling
£30231.58, be approved and paid.

76/03 **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 31 March 2003**

Members noted the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 31 March 2003.

77/03 **Meeting Dates**

Members considered the amended schedule of meeting dates for 2003/2004.

RESOLVED

That the amended meeting dates be agreed.

78/03 **Royal Navy Ships/Submarines in Southampton Water**

The Chairman of the Council advised members of the contents of a report from Southampton City Council setting out the current position regarding the berthing of nuclear ships/submarines at Z berth in Southampton Docks.

Members thought it inappropriate that any nuclear vessel should come into an area with a population of 300,000 and expressed concern that no official notification had been received from the District Council.

RESOLVED

That a letter be sent to the District Council expressing concern that no notification had been received from them concerning this matter and requesting that this Council is informed of any future changes to the plan.

79/03 **Membership of Associations**

Members considered the "Role of the Association" for the Association of Larger Councils and whether it would be both beneficial and cost effective to join this Association rather than HAPTC.

RESOLVED

That a list of membership be obtained and the views of 2 or 3 members sought before a final decision is made.

80/03 **Training for Members**

The Clerk advised Members of future training opportunities and asked that they contact the Deputy Clerk if they wished to attend.

81/03 **New Bandstand**

Members considered a request from New Forest District Council for a contribution towards the new Bandstand to be provided as part of the Promenade Improvements.

It was felt that the provision of a multiple use "Performance Area" would be of benefit to the community, but it needs to be in a position where it can be seen from the High Street in order to encourage passers by to use it. Suggested sites were at the corner of Admirals Way or outside Waitrose (although this land is privately owned). Concern was also expressed that this proposal did not form part of the original large-scale consultation

It was further suggested that other Councils such as Lymington should be contacted to determine the usage of their bandstand.

RESOLVED

That alternative sites be investigated, but consideration given to the consultation, which has already taken place.

(Mr Podesta declared an interest in this item, but remained in the meeting)

82/03 The Waterside Inn – Public Entertainment Licence

Further to a meeting of interested parties, Members considered whether to continue their objection to the extension of the Public Entertainment Licence for the Waterside Inn.

It was felt that although efforts had been made to minimise noise emanating from the building, the principal objection was to the noise of people leaving the premises in the early hours of the morning in a residential area and this had not been addressed.

RESOLVED

That the objections of this Council are still valid.

83/03 Traffic Control – New Road Railway Bridge

A Member expressed concern that the fluorescent yellow bollards marking the concrete blocks in the road at the traffic control point in New Road had disappeared, causing a danger to motorists.

It was agreed to contact the County Council as a matter of urgency to rectify the matter.

84/03 Notice board – Dibden Purlieu

A Member sought clarification over the appearance of a notice board in Dibden Purlieu, which did not appear to be in use.

The Clerk advised that this was part of the Dibden Purlieu Environmental Improvement Scheme, but had not yet been adopted by the District Council who were not happy with the workmanship.

85/03 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.

86/03 Office Leases – The Grove**1. Leases**

The Clerk brought Members up to date on the position with the Office Leases for The Grove.

2. Vacant Offices

Discussions were held on the best way to advertise the vacant office space.

It was thought best to continue advertising for voluntary sector tenants for the present, although this could be reviewed if necessary.

RESOLVED

That advertisements be put in The Herald, on the website and on notice boards advertising the office space at a weekly minimum rate.

3. Office Location

Consideration was given to altering the office location in order that the Clerk should move to be part of the General Parish Office and the Handy Trust Youth Worker should have a separate office.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk's Office and Handy Trust Youth Worker's Office be moved according to the plan and other alterations be agreed as necessary.

The Meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman

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