

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, 20 October 2003 at 8.30 pm.

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

*Mr R Guy	*Mr M Short
*Mr C Harrison	oMrs B Smith
oMr R Podesta	*Mr D Smith
*Mrs M Robinson	*Mr M S 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: Mr G Parkes

280/03 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 15 September 2003, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

281/03 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr S Wade declared an interest in Minute 283/03 as his travelling expenses were included on the Accounts for Payment.

282/03 **Public Participation Period**

There were no members of the public present.

283/03 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 319 – 357 inclusive, totalling
£9089.76, be approved and paid.

(Mr S Wade declared an interest in this item but remained in the
Meeting)

284/03 **Financial Monitoring period ending 30 September 2003**

Consideration was given to the Financial Monitoring Report for the period ending 30 September 2003.

1. Code 2400

A request was made for the Amenities Committee to investigate the reason for the low income from Football Pitch bookings.

2. Code 3300

Clarification was sought over the issue of the refund of VAT on garden refuse sacks sold to OAP's.

The Clerk advised Members that the District Council had a list of all those who had bought sacks, although they would have to make a claim initially. Due to the way VAT impacts on the Parish Council, there is a neutral effect on the proportion paid by the Parish Council.

3. Code 5200

Members were advised that this money was the residue of funds originally intended to set up strategies for Youth in the Parish.

4. Code 6500

Although it was hoped that no further funds would be required by the Dibden Bay Fighting Fund, it was agreed that this amount should remain until the results of the Inquiry were known.

5. Code 2600

Members were advised that a tenant has taken up the grazing rights on the Village Green this year.

6. Code 5910

It was agreed that the Arts Working Party should investigate possible subjects for historical commemorative plaques.

RESOLVED

That the Report be noted.

285/03 **Contribution to Promenade Redevelopment**

Consideration was given to the contribution of £8500 towards the Promenade Redevelopment.

RESOLVED

That a contribution of £8500 be made.

286/03 **Quality Parish Councils**

Consideration was given to working towards obtaining Quality Parish Council status.

RESOLVED

That the Council work towards bidding for Quality Parish Council status.

287/03 **Report of Equal Opportunities Working Party**

Further to a recent meeting of the Equal Opportunities Working Party, consideration was given to its disbandment as it was felt that the original objectives had been met.

Consideration was also given to the idea of a sensory garden in the Parish.

RESOLVED

1. That the Equal Opportunities Working Party be disbanded and any future changes in legislation or policy dealt with at this Committee.
2. That the proposal for the construction of a sensory garden be put on a future Amenities Committee agenda.

288/03 **Speed Restriction Working Party**

Consideration was given to the notes of the meeting of the Speed Restriction Working Party held on 8 October 2003 and attended by Mr Smith, Mr Guy, Mr S Wade and the Deputy Clerk.

Mr Short made the Committee aware of a traffic survey conducted by pupils of Orchard Infant School at the end of the summer term which indicated that speed restrictions were needed in

the vicinity of the school. It was agreed to write to the County Council reinforcing Orchard Infant School's request for funding for speed restriction measures.

RESOLVED

That the Terms of Reference of the Speed Restriction Working Party be approved.

289/03 **Hythe 2000**

Consideration was given to making a donation to Hythe 2000's fund raising for 2003/2004 in order to contribute to the well being of local disadvantaged people.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman of the Council make a donation from his allowance.

290/03 **Planning Committee Start and Finish Times**

A request was made that ways be investigated of ensuring that Committee Meetings start on time when they follow a Planning Committee Meeting.

It was agreed to discuss the matter on a future Council Agenda.

The Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chairman

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