

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, 19 January 2004 at 7.45 pm.

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

*Mr R Guy	*Mr M Short
*Mr C Harrison	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr 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
3 Members of the Public

404/03 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 1 December 2003, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

405/03 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Smith declared an interest in Min. 407/03 as it involved the reimbursement of his expenses. Mr Podesta declared an interest in Min. 407/03 and Min. 412/03 as he is the owner of 25 High Street.

406/03 **Public Participation Period**

Community Wardens

Mr Uglow enquired whether any decision had been made on the training of Community Wardens.

Mr M Wade replied that the Wardens will be appointed by the District Council who will be responsible for their training and accreditation.

407/03 **Accounts for Payment**

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

(a) Vouchers 474 – 477 inclusive

Members were advised that these payments were in respect of the collection made at the Christmas Lights "Switch On", which had been paid into the Parish Account for distribution.

(b) General

RESOLVED

That, subject to the above, accounts as detailed in Vouchers 457 – 512 inclusive, totalling £40316.05, be approved and paid.

(Mr Smith and Mr Podesta declared an interest in this item but remained in the Meeting)

408/03 **Schedule of Meetings 2004/05**

Consideration was given to the proposed Schedule of Meetings for 2004/2005.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Meeting of the Council on 13 December 2004 be altered to 20 December 2004.
- (2) That, subject to the above, the proposed Schedule of Meetings for 2004/2005 be agreed.

409/03 **Dibden Local Centre Site**

Consideration was given to a request from New Forest District Council that this Parish give certain assurances to allow a proposal to be put forward to the County Council for the development of Dibden Local Centre Site to a day care centre and community facility.

It was thought that the funding for Phase 1 of the scheme, a Day Care Facility for the elderly, is in place and this was welcomed by the Committee. However, assurances of funding for Phase 2, community facilities for families, youth and children, are needed before progress can be made.

RESOLVED

1. That £2500 be made available from this year's budget and £2500 be set aside from the budget for 2004/2005 for this purpose.
2. That any Developer's contributions received from provision of housing on the site and at "The Orchard" be set aside for this purpose.

410/03 **High Hedges**

Consideration was given to a request by a Member to support the legislation concerning High Hedges as outlined in a letter from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.

RESOLVED

That the legislation be supported.

411/03 **Mansell Close**

Consideration was given to a request from the owner of 7 Mansell Close that the Council reconsider its objections to the extinguishment of highway rights on the land adjacent to the property.

RESOLVED

That the Council will continue to object to the extinguishment of highway rights for the duration of its office.

412/03 **Market Town Initiative**

Consideration was given to the nomination of three members to act as the steering group for the Market Town Initiative.

RESOLVED

That Mrs Robinson, Mr Parkes and Mr Short be appointed as the steering group.

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

413/03 **Litter Bins**

A Member suggested that a policy of combined litter and cigarette bins throughout the District would be aesthetically and economically advantageous.

It was agreed to recommend this policy to the District Council and suggest that the Promenade redevelopment would be an ideal place to introduce it.

414/03 **Footpaths – Forest Front**

Consideration was given to bringing forward the provision of footpaths at Forest Front as the recent wet weather was causing problems to users.

Although members could see the urgency of the situation it was felt that the work needs to be carried out in better weather conditions to ensure that it is done properly. However it was suggested that the maintenance team could fill the worst pot-holes in the meantime.

RESOLVED

That the footpaths be provided as early as possible in the next financial year, but temporary repairs be made immediately.

415/03 **Emergency drainage**

Members were advised that the County Council have an emergency team who sort out drainage problems in bad weather. Any problems should be reported to Hounslow Depot.

It was agreed to write to the team and congratulate them on the work they have carried out this winter.

416/03 **Paint Spill – Prospect Place**

Members were advised that the blue paint spill in Prospect Place had been reported but not yet cleared up. It was agreed to report it again.

417/03 **Shutters – Pylewell Precinct**

Clarification was sought over the current position regarding the installation of shutters at the catalogue shop on the corner of Pylewell Precinct.

The Clerk advised Members that the Enforcement Officer had invited the owners to apply for planning permission. As far as he was aware there had been no response, but he would continue to monitor the situation.

418/03 **Whitewater Rise**

A Member advised the Committee that pot-holes are still appearing on Whitewater Rise and the road needs resurfacing properly.

It was agreed to investigate the matter.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chairman

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