

**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 September 2004 at 8 pm.

Members:                               \*Mr D Smith (Chairman of the Council) – in the Chair

*Mr G Dawson	*Mr M Short
oMr C Harrison	oMrs B Smith
oMr R Podesta	oMr M S Wade
oMrs M Robinson	*Mr S 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  
5 Members of the Public

209/04 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 26 July 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

210/04 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

211/04 **Presentation by a representative of Waterside Heritage**

Mr Parkes updated Members on the progress Waterside Heritage has made since it was established in 1996.

Since the opening of the Heritage Centre in 2002, it has been inundated with material for safekeeping, much of which needs to be kept under optimum conditions. This means that approximately £3 –£3,500 is needed to run the centre annually. Whilst Waterside Heritage do a lot of fund raising themselves and have applied for various grants, Mr Parkes asked the Council to consider a regular contribution towards the annual running costs.

RESOLVED

That the matter be discussed on a future agenda.

212/04 **Public Participation Period**

It was agreed to allow Members of the Public to speak during the discussion of Minute 214/04.

213/04 **Accounts for payment**

The Clerk submitted a Schedule of Accounts for Payment.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 867 – 909 inclusive, totalling  
£35846.60, be approved and paid.

214/04 **St. John's Street, Hythe – Pedestrian Facility (Min 12/03)**

Consideration was given to two options for providing arrangements to cross the road outside The Grove. It was stressed that these options are temporary until the County Council are able to provide a permanent solution, therefore Members felt that the option, which can be installed, soonest would probably be the best option in the circumstances.

It was suggested that a one-way system in St John's Car Park, using one access as an entrance and one as an exit would be of benefit.

RESOLVED

1. That option 1 is the preferred option if it can be achieved quickly, otherwise proceed with option 2.
2. That a review of the Car Park accesses be pursued.

215/04 **Publicity in relation to the Parish Council**

Consideration was given to publicity in relation to the Council. It was agreed that all properties within the Parish should benefit from any magazine or newsletter, which is produced.

RESOLVED

That three quarterly issues of the Parish Picture and one Annual Report are produced and delivered to every property and budgeting provision be made in next year's budgets.

216/04 **Enhanced Fieldpath Maintenance 2004/2005**

Consideration was given to any fieldpaths in the Parish, which may be eligible for inclusion on the Enhanced Fieldpath Maintenance Scheme for 2004/2005.

RESOLVED

That all Councillors be asked for their views, otherwise Footpath 5, as part of the Solent Way, and the footpath between Frost Lane and Hart Hill be nominated.

217/04 **HAPTC Annual General Meeting 2004**

Consideration was given to the Council's representatives at the HAPTC AGM.

RESOLVED

That Mr S Wade and Mr Short attend the Meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman

Date

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