

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, 6 December 2004 at 8 pm.

Members: *Mr R Podesta (Chairman) – in the Chair

MrG Dawson	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr C Harrison	oMr D Smith
*Mrs M Robinson	*Mr M S Wade
*Mr M Short	*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
2 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

340/04 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 1 November 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

341/04 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Smith, Mrs Robinson, Mr Harrison, Mr Parkes and Mr M Wade declared an interest in Minute 345/04 as they are New Forest District Councillors. Mrs Smith declared an interest in Minute 346/04 as she is a member of Waterside Arts. Mr Parkes declared an interest in Minute 346/04 as he is Chairman of Waterside Heritage.

342/04 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

343/04 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 1048 – 1085 inclusive,
totalling £30333.38, be approved and paid.

344/04 **Contribution to Hythe United Reformed Church**

Consideration was given to the contribution of £400 to Hythe United Reformed Church, representing an underspend in the budget for Waterside Arts Festival.

RESOLVED

That a contribution of £400 be made to Hythe United Reformed
Church.

345/04 **Community Warden Scheme**

Members were advised that the District Council had decided to support a scheme for more Community Safety Officers in New Milton rather than a Community Warden Scheme in this Parish.

It was felt that a Community Warden Scheme tailored to this Parish, in conjunction with CSO's, remains the best way forward. Possible suggestions for achieving this included the Parish Council running Community Warden Scheme, sharing wardens with neighbouring parishes or buying in the service from a neighbouring borough council.

RESOLVED

That a feasibility study be conducted into the scheme and neighbouring councils at Fawley, Marchwood and Totton be contacted to gauge their interest.

(Mrs Smith, Mrs Robinson, Mr Harrison, Mr Parkes and Mr M Wade declared an interested but stayed in the meeting)

346/04 **Budget 2005/06**

Consideration was given to the draft Budget Paper for 2005/2006.

Members agreed that funds should be available for a Community Warden Scheme, should it be feasible to operate one.

RESOLVED

1. The allocation for refuse sacks should be £2500
The allocation for publicity should be £5000
The allocation for street lighting should be £0
The allocation for a Reception for the elderly should be £0.
2. That a special meeting of the committee be held at 7.45 pm on 20 December 2004 to consider the level of funding to be included in the budget for next year to fund Community Warden Scheme.

(Mr Parkes and Mrs Smith declared an interest in the section relating to Grant Aid and left the meeting during consideration thereof)

347/04 **Fidelity Insurance – Increase in level of cover**

Consideration was given to increasing the level of Fidelity Cover to £470,000, with an additional annual premium of £215.

RESOLVED

That the cover be increased.

The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman

Date

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