

**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, 28 February 2005 at 8.03 pm.

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

*Mr G Dawson	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr 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  
1 Member of the Public

467/04 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 January 2004, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

468/04 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

469/04 **Public Participation Period**

There were no questions from members of the public.

470/04 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 1194-1232 inclusive, totalling  
£25539.10, be approved and paid.

471/04 **Internal Audit Arrangements**

Consideration was given to the internal audit arrangements as the current contract expires in October 2005.

RESOLVED

That the existing contract be extended for a further two years.

472/04 **New Forest Association of Town and Parish Councils – Proposed new Constitution**

Consideration was given to the proposed new constitution of the New Forest District Association of Local Councils.

RESOLVED

1. That New Forest District Association of Local Councils be advised that whilst this Parish feels that this Association could work as a link between local parishes, New Forest District Council and the National Park Authority, the constitution cannot be supported in its current form.

2. That the National Park Authority be asked how it intends relating to public bodies.

473/04 **Rotary Club of Hythe and District – Clock**

Consideration was given to the request by the Rotary Club to transfer ownership of the clock to the Parish.

RESOLVED

That ownership of the clock be transferred to the Parish subject to concerns about the electricity supply and access being satisfactorily resolved.

474/04 **Update on progress of Market Town Initiative**

Members were updated on the progress of the Market Town Initiative and commended the work completed so far.

475/04 **Feedback on Citizen Engagement and Public Services – Why Neighbourhoods Matter – Vibrant Local Leadership**

Members noted the above discussion documents.

476/04 **Minutes of Hythe Centre Advisory Group held on 25 January 2005**

Members noted the minutes of the above meeting.

477/04 **Minutes of the Speed Restriction Working Party held on 26 January 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Speed Restriction Working Party held on 26 January 2005.

RESOLVED

1. That the Minutes be noted.
2. That the Speed Restriction Working Party be asked to include the following items on their next agenda;
  - a) The introduction of a mobile speed sign.
  - b) An investigation into the effectiveness of the Langdown Lawn speed camera relating to the number of road traffic accidents and casualties.

478/04 **Minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on 31 January 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on 31 January 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be noted.

479/04 **New Forest Transport Forum Meeting – 11 March 2005**

The Clerk asked if any Members would be able to represent the Parish at the above meeting.

Mr S Wade agreed to represent the Parish.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

Chairman

Date  
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