

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, 18 April 2005 at 8 pm.

- Members: *Mr R Podesta (Chairman) – in the Chair
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| oMr G Dawson | *Mrs B Smith |
| *Mr C Harrison | *Mr D Smith |
| *Mrs M Robinson | *Mr M S Wade |
| oMr 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)
Mr S Spencer (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)
- Also present: Mr J Bennett
Mr G Parkes

533/04 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 28 February 2005, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

534/04 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

535/04 **Public Participation Period**

There were no members of the public present.

536/04 **Accounts for Payment**

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

(a) Electrical Works at Clayfields

It was confirmed that these works were carried out as a result of the Condition Survey.

(b) Moore and Blatch Legal Fees

It was agreed to investigate whether these fees could be reduced by the use of standard leases.

(c) General

RESOLVED

That, subject to the above, accounts as detailed on the list of accounts for payment and supplementary list, totalling £51492.64, be approved and paid.

537/04 **Annual Review of Business Risk Assessment and Insurance Arrangements**

Consideration was given to the Annual Review of Business Risk Assessment and Insurance Arrangements. The following alterations were agreed:

(a) 11. Theft of Computer Equipment

Add details of Back Up arrangements to this section.

RESOLVED

That, subject to the above, the Business Risk Assessment and Insurance Arrangements be accepted.

538/04 **Annual Review of Equal Opportunities Statistics**

Members noted the report of the Annual Review of Equal Opportunities Statistics.

539/04 **Parking at Hythe Marina**

Consideration was given to a letter from a member of the public querying why it is no longer possible to park without charge at Hythe Marina for up to 2 hours.

RESOLVED

1. That Hythe Marina Association be asked why they have taken this action.
2. That New Forest District Council be asked why they have given Hythe Marina Association permission to charge for parking without discussing the matter with this Council.

540/04 **Waterside Primary (formerly Langdown Infant School) – Proposed disposal of playing fields**

Consideration was given to a request for comments from Hampshire County Council on the proposed disposal of playing fields at Waterside Primary School.

RESOLVED

That Hampshire County Council be advised that this Council understood that there was to be a sequential approach to the change of use of this area which does not appear to have been followed due to the fact that Planning Permission has already been applied for.

This Council strongly objects to the loss of community space and feels that any building should only take place on existing building areas. The community space around the buildings should remain.

541/04 **Code of Conduct – Consultation Document**

Consideration was given to the Code of Conduct Consultation Document.

RESOLVED

That Members are concerned that the high standards expected of Councillors will deter people from standing.

542/04 **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 21 March 2005**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting were agreed.

543/04 **Notes of the Speed Restriction Working Party held 16 March 2005**

The notes of the Speed Restriction Working Party were noted.

Mr Smith advised members that Chief Inspector Winchester is investigating the potential use of a mobile flashing speed sign.

544/04 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

545/04 **Clerk to the Council – Annual Objectives**

Members noted the Annual Objectives which have been agreed for the Clerk to the Council.

546/04 **Appointment of Finance Officer**

Consideration was given to the appointment of a Finance Officer.

It was suggested that professional advice be sought on the design of the advertisement in order to ensure maximum impact.

RESOLVED

That the proposed changes be implemented.

The Meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Chairman

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