

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
Hythe and Dibden Parish Council
Held at The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe
On Monday 14 May 2007 at 8.00 pm

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

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| *Mr J Bennett | *Mrs M Robinson |
| *Mr R Guy | *Mr D Smith |
| *Mr G Jones | *Mr B Uglow |
| *Mrs M McLean | *Mr P Vickers |
| oMr R Newell | *Mr A Wade |
| *Mr G Parkes | *Mr M Wade |

oMrs B Smith

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor
Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: Mr C Harrison
7 Members of the Public

The Chairman began by welcoming and thanking all those who had put themselves forward and been elected to the new council, particularly Mr A Wade.

1/07 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2/07 **Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED

That Mr M Wade be elected as Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming Council year.

Mr Wade signed his declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

3/07 **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

RESOLVED

That Mr Smith be elected Vice Chairman for the forthcoming Council year.

4/07 **Appointment of Committees**

RESOLVED

That the following Committees be appointed for the coming Council year:-

Amenities Committee

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| Mr J Bennett | Mr B Uglow | |
| Mr R Guy | Mr A Wade | |
| Mr G Jones | Mr M Wade | (ex officio) |
| Mrs M McLean | Mr D Smith | (ex officio) |
| Mr M Short | | |

General Purposes and Finance Committee

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| Mr J Bennett | Mr M Short | |
| Mr G Jones | Mr A Wade | |
| Mr R Newell | Mr M Wade | (ex officio) |
| Mr G Parkes | Mr D Smith | (ex officio) |
| Mrs M Robinson | | |

Planning Committee

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| Mr R Guy | Mr B Uglow | |
| Mrs M McLean | Mr A Wade | |
| Mr R Newell | Mr M Wade | (ex officio) |
| Mr G Parkes | Mr D Smith | (ex officio) |
| Mr M Short | | |

5/07 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6 March 2007.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 6 March 2007 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

6/07 **Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman reminded members of the need to stand when addressing the meeting.

The Chairman expressed his sadness at losing members in the election who had served the community for many years and paid tribute to Mrs B Smith who had served for more than 20 years, Mr Harrison for 8 years and Mr S Wade over 28 years. He also paid tribute to Mr Podesta and Mr Moore who had stood down and it was agreed to write to all those who had left the council and thank them.

Members agreed that serving the community for more than 20 years deserved formal recognition and it was agreed to put the matter on a future General Purposes and Finance Committee agenda.

The Chairman finished by welcoming the new members to the council.

7/07 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Members were advised that the South East Plan Examination in Public would be taking place between February and May and lodged 2 members briefing reports with the Clerk for perusal.

There are 21 sites being considered in the New Forest area for the Minerals and Waste Plan, one of which is Forest Lodge Farm. There are 3 sites along the road opposite Netley View. The Clerk has the web address for the plan for those who wish to look at it.

Mr Dash recommended that it was worth making individual representations alongside those of the relevant councils.

Contrary to the impression previously given, no definite decisions have yet been made on the Early Years Centre.

8/07 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

Due to the recent change in administration very few meetings have been held at the District Council.

The new Code of Conduct came into force on 3 May 2007. It is intended to provide clarity, but Mr Harrison outlined a few cases and exceptions to the rules.

At a recent Crime and Disorder Review Panel meeting Inspector Winchester gave a review of policing in the New Forest area. At present there are 32 beat officers and 19 PCSOs

9/07 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies.

10/07 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr Vickers asked Mr Dash if he had any information on where the extracted gravel may be moved to if permission were to be given to extract from Forest Lodge Farm as this could form part of an objection.

Mr Dash replied that that information was not available to him but he felt that it would be significantly outside the area.

11/07 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Mrs Robinson asked whether the Chairman was aware of the dissatisfaction of the Waterside School as a polling station. The general opinion was that the Community Centre would be a more suitable venue and it was agreed to contact the District Council over the matter.

Mr Jones asked whether the Parish Council had an equivalent to the Southampton Plan. He was advised of the Local Plan and the work in progress on the Healthcheck.

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At this point the Meeting adjourned to allow a Public Forum to be held.

Mr Ancram expressed concern that the goal posts which the Parish Council had provided for youths at Forest Front had footings which were not quite deep enough.

It was agreed to investigate the matter.

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The Council Meeting then resumed.

12/07 **Reports of Committees**

(a) Planning Committee – 12 March 2007

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 March 2007.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 March 2007 be received and adopted.

(b) Planning Committee – 2 April 2007

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2 April 2007.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2 April 2007 be received and adopted.

(c) Amenities Committee – 2 April 2007

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 2 April 2007.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 2 April 2007 be received and adopted.

(d) Planning Committee – 16 April 2007

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16 April 2007.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16 April 2007 be received and adopted.

(e) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 16 April 2007

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 16 April 2007.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 16 April 2007 be received and adopted.

13/07 Code of Conduct

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

14/07 Disposal of Surplus Highway Land – Land adjoining Dibden Distributor Road, Dibden

Consideration was given to a request from Hampshire County Council to dispose of the surplus land adjoining the Dibden Distributor Road.

The Clerk advised members that he had asked the County Council what the intended use for the land was but had not yet received a reply. Members felt that the piece of land in itself was of no use, but there were concerns over the ownership of the land on either side as this may affect its future use. Transformation into amenity woodland or similar would be acceptable, but development would not.

RESOLVED

That the final agreement of the disposal of the surplus land adjoining the Dibden Distributor Road be made by the Chairman of the Council and the Chairman of the Planning committee.

15/07 Election of Town and Parish Council Members to the New Forest National Park Board

Consideration was given to a request from NALC to nominate a town or parish councillor as a representative on the New Forest National Park Board.

RESOLVED

That this council continue to support the nomination of Clive Maton.

16/07 Appointment of representatives to serve on Outside Bodies

Consideration was given to the appointment of representatives to serve on Outside Bodies.

RESOLVED

That the following representatives on Outside Bodies be appointed for the following year:-

1. **Age Concern (New Forest East)**
Robert Newell
2. **Butts Ash Community Association**
David Smith
3. **Friends of Forest Front**
Jonathan Bennett
4. **Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils**
Chairman or Vice Chairman of Council or nominated substitute
5. **Hythe and Dibden Twinning Association**
Brenda Smith
Ken Fox
6. **Hythe Centre Advisory Group**
Chairman of Council
Maureen McLean
Maureen Robinson
Graham Parkes
Mike Short
Paul Vickers
Graham Jones
Stan Wade (District Councillor)
Brian Dash (Hampshire County Councillor)
Plus Representatives from Hythe Business Partnership
7. **Hythe Youth Club Management Committee**
Graham Jones
8. **Local Representatives for Transport Liaison/Hythe Ferry User Group**
Roger Guy
David Smith
9. **New Forest Sports Council**
Alex Wade
10. **New Forest Consultative Panel**
Alex Wade
11. **New Forest District Association of Local Councils**
Chairman or Vice Chairman of Council or nominated substitute
12. **New Forest District Council Environmental Protection Liaison Committee**
Malcolm Wade
Mike Short
13. **New Forest Road Safety Council**
David Smith
14. **Community First New Forest**
Graham Parkes

15. St Andrew's Centre Management Committee

Roger Guy

16. St. John's Hall Management Committee

Graham Parkes

17. The HANDY Trust

Mr. M. S. Wade 3 year appointment ends 30 November 2008

Mrs M. McLean 3 year appointment ends 30 November 2008

18. Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee

To be agreed at next Council Meeting - 18 June 2007

19. Waterside Heritage Trust

Jonathan Bennett

20. Waterside Joint Councils Group

Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council

Chairman of the Planning Committee

21. Waterside Youth Steering Group

Alex Wade

Maureen McLean

Maureen Robinson

Malcolm Wade

17/07 Street Lighting Replacement Programme 2007/2008 – Dukeswood Drive

Consideration was given to a letter from Hampshire County Council seeking views on a proposed replacement of street lighting in Dukeswood Drive.

Members felt it was difficult to make a decision until the reason for replacement was known. Like for like replacement would seem pointless but if replacement was due to obsolete equipment or more energy efficient or unified systems that would be acceptable.

A survey by a member of local residents had shown that the majority felt the move would be a waste of money.

RESOLVED

That the County Council be asked for more information and the matter placed on a future General Purposes and Finance Committee agenda.

18/07 Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment together with a supplementary list.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed on the accounts for payment and supplementary list, totalling £39142.93, be approved and paid.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairman

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