

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Hythe and Dibden Parish Council
Held at The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe
On Monday 10 March 2008 at 8 pm

Members: *Mr M Wade (Chairman) – in the Chair

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

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)

Also present: Mr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor
Mr C Harrison – New Forest District Councillor
Mrs B Smith – New Forest District Councillor
1 Member of the Public

566/07 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

567/07 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28 January 2008

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 28 January 2008 be signed by
the Chairman as correct.

568/07 **Public Forum**

Flooding

Mr Endean raised concerns about flooding and passed a letter on to the Parish Council.

It was pointed out that the Local Development Framework Document includes flood defence work. Mrs Robinson praised the staff of the Council and New Forest District Council for their efforts and agreed to raise the matter with John Mascall at the District Council.

It was agreed to discuss the matter on a future planning committee agenda.

Mr Uglow congratulated the council's staff for their efforts in containing the floods during the day's bad weather.

569/07 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

570/07 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

The County Council share of the Council Tax will increase by 4.5% this year.

It is hoped that a footpath will be provided in Roman Road.

Despite original predictions that the Port of Southampton would be unable to expand capacity has risen by 26% since 2006.

Sheila Thatcher, a valued member of the Families Matter team, has announced that she is leaving. It was agreed that the Council would send her a letter thanking her for her efforts in the community.

571/07 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

The District Council share of the Council Tax will rise by 3.5% this year. This means that a Band D property will pay £148.70, equating to £1406.88 overall.

The budget for the year includes refurbishment of the existing CCTV system (tenders are presently being dealt with) and its enlargement to include either Hythe or New Milton.

The new structure at the District Council will be headed by a Chief Executive supported by 2 Directors who are directly responsible to portfolio holders. Heads of Service will be reduced from 14 to 12.

The District Council do not have the power to object to the issuing of licences to Heavy Goods Vehicle operators at present but they are lobbying the government for a change to this rule alongside other local authorities.

A supplementary planning document allows for an increase in the car parking spaces allocated per property.

The District Council is to monitor the take up of benefits following the rise in the Council Tax.

572/07 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

A report from the Road Safety Council meeting indicates that drink driving in the New Forest is down by 56%.

The school crossing patrol service has the lowest number of vacancies for many years however Hythe Primary School does have a vacancy at present.

The number of flight paths to the north of the New Forest has increased.

A community radio station is to be launched in the New Forest called Park Radio.

The New Forest Youth Council has organised several events this year but the lack of participation by schools has been disappointing.

573/07 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr Short asked Mr Dash whether the proposed footpath in Roman Road would be at both ends.

Mr Dash clarified that it would be on Roman Road South.

Mr Uglow asked Mr Dash which side of the road the footpath would be on and whether street lighting would be provided.

Mr Dash advised that the footpath will be on the side that residential properties are situated but no street lighting is planned.

Mr Uglow asked Mr Dash whether the presence of surveyors on the A326 recently means that there are plans to upgrade it.

Mr Dash responded that there are no plans to upgrade the A326 as the cost would be prohibitive.

574/07 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Mrs Robinson asked whether the Chairman was aware that NHS patients are having appointments deferred by the Primary Care Trust until after 1 April.

It was agreed to investigate the matter and write to the PCT expressing the Council's concern.

Mr Uglow asked whether the Chairman was aware that signage from New Road to Pylewell Road and Marsh Parade is inadequate.

Mr Parkes advised members that the design for the proposed changes to Marsh Parade should be considered by the Planning Committee and signage could be considered at that time.

Mr Dash advised the Chairman that he should be very pleased with the levels of service provided by staff of the Parish Council.

575/07 **Reports of Committees**

(a) Planning Committee – 28 January 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28 January 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28 January 2008 be received and adopted.

(b) Planning Committee – 11 February 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 February 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 February 2008 be received and adopted.

(c) Amenities Committee – 11 February 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 11 February 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 11 February 2008 be received and adopted.

(d) Planning Committee – 18 February 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 February 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 February 2008 be received and adopted.

(e) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 18 February 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 18 February 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 18 February 2008 be received and adopted.

576/07 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 3830-3874 inclusive, totalling £30,828.47, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

Chairman

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