

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 16 June 2008 at 8 pm

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

oMr J Bennett	oMrs M Robinson
oMr R Guy	*Mr M Short
*Mr G Jones	*Mr D Smith
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr B Uglow
oMr 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)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: *Mr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor
Mr L Dunsdon - Hampshire County Councillor
*Mr C Harrison – New Forest District Councillor
*Mrs B Smith – New Forest District Councillor
Mr S S Wade – New Forest District Councillor
1 Member of the Public

72/08 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

73/08 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 May 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 12 May 2008 be signed by the
Chairman as correct.

74/08 **Public Forum**

There were no questions from members of the public.

75/08 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

76/08 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

The majority of local schools have been sent letters stating that the School Improvement Partner had judged the quality of education provided to be of good or outstanding quality over the past 5 years.

There has been a seminar on the condition of Hampshire Roads consisting of a mori survey, workshops and other satisfaction checks. Footways and road surfaces are poor performers, with the public having major worries over drainage. The report was given to the Clerk so that members could view if desired.

There appears to have been an £8 million underspend on the budget. The intention is to spend £5 million on reducing council tax increases over the next 2 years, £1m on repairing potholes,

£500,000 on other highway works, £500,000 to accelerate the Village 30 programme, £400,000 for carpets and double glazing in adult care homes, £400,000 for the street lighting PFI and £200,000 on the Winchester Cathedral Education Trust.

77/08 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

Discussions are being held on providing extra funding for facilities for the disabled.

An Environmental Challenge Event was held as part of the Green Audit process. The Workshop looked at how the District Council runs its properties and any improvements which could be made. It was found that the amount of energy used in Leisure Centres is very large.

There has been some concern over the quality of taxi/private hire vehicles. The Licensing Panel recently refused one applicant and suspended the operators licence of the employer.

Mrs Gregory and Mr Steele have been added to the Standards Committee which will now operate slightly differently with an assessment sub committee, a review sub committee and a hearings sub committee.

The free travel concessionary scheme is to be extended to all day travel for the over 60's and people with disabilities. £145,000 had been budgeted for this scheme for 2007/2008 but only £92,000 has been used on the discretionary voucher scheme making this possible.

The CCTV scheme is to be extended to Hythe and New Milton with the recommendation that the cameras are situated in the business areas of the towns. Around 5 cameras are to be provided in each town with a contribution towards the £2000 cost of each camera expected from the local Parish Councils. It is hoped that the cameras will be in place by summer 2009.

Staff shortages in housing improvements have led to a high waiting list building up. This will be tackled through an increase in staffing levels.

Additional financial assistance for housing grants/loans has been made available through PUSH (the Partnership for Urban South Hampshire). Totton and the Waterside are part of the area covered by PUSH. The additional funding amounts to £445,000 up to 2010/2011.

The rural assistance grants scheme is to be replaced by Community Engagement Grants for each member of the council to utilise. A one off grant fund of £20,000 will be made available to rural communities.

Funding has been made available for the improvement of the changing rooms at Applemore Leisure Centre. Work to make them suitable for use by disabled people will take place alongside other works to ensure minimum disruption.

Due to the upcoming consultation on the addition of fluoride to water in Southampton officers are considering what strategy to adopt amid fears that local areas may soon be included.

78/08 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Mrs Smith advised the meeting that the Twinning Association had enjoyed a very successful visit to France during the late May Bank Holiday.

79/08 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr Parkes advised Mr Dash that the cycleway alongside Fawley Road had a lot of unresolved issues and asked why it had not been completed.

Mr Dash agreed to investigate the matter with the area engineer.

Mr M Wade asked Mr Dash whether the proposed £1 million which will be used on road repairs will be put into the general repairs budget or for more specific items.

Mr Dash responded that it will go into the general repairs budget.

80/08 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

There were no questions asked.

81/08 **Reports of Committees****(a) Planning Committee – 12 May 2008**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 May 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 May 2008 be received and adopted.

(b) Amenities Committee – 12 May 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 12 May 2008

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 12 May 2008 be received and adopted.

(c) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 12 May 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 12 May 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 12 May 2008 be received and adopted.

(d) Planning Committee – 12 May 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 May 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 May 2008 be received and adopted.

(e) Planning Committee – 2 June 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2 June 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 2 June 2008 be received and adopted.

(f) Amenities Committee – 2 June 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 2 June 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 2 June 2008 be received and adopted.

(g) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 9 June 2008

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 9 June 2008.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 9 June 2008 be received and adopted.

82/08 Internal Audit Report (Final) 2007/2008

Consideration was given to the Annual Audit Inspection Report and the proposed response.

RESOLVED

That the Annual Audit Inspection Report be noted and the response be agreed and approved.

83/08 Final Accounts and Annual Return for Year Ending 31 March 2008

(a) Accounts

Consideration was given to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008 along with the Annual Return for the same period.

RESOLVED

That the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2008 along with the Annual Return for the same period be approved.

(b) Annual Governance Statement

Consideration was given to the Annual Governance Statement which forms part of the Annual Return.

RESOLVED

That the Annual Governance Statement be approved.

84/08 BT's Proposal to re-align payphone provision to meet consumer demand

Consideration was given to a request for comments from the District Council on BT's proposal to re-align payphone provision to meet consumer demand.

Concern was expressed that the figures given do not show whether the phones were in working order for the entire duration of the study or how many emergency calls were made from them. It was also stated that the number of calls made does not reflect the importance of a phone box to the community.

RESOLVED

1. That this council objects to the removal of the phone boxes from Main Road, Dibden and Jones Lane, Hythe as they provide a vital public service.
2. That enquiries be made as to how many emergency calls have been made from the phone boxes.

85/08 Hampshire County Council's proposals for changes to the Adult Services Grants Programme – Consultation

Consideration was given to Hampshire County Council's proposals for changes to the Adult Services Grants Programme.

RESOLVED

That a Working Party comprising Mr A Wade, Mrs McLean and Mr Uglow respond to Hampshire County Council regarding the proposals for changes to the Adult Services Grants Programme.

86/08 **Application for inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List of Hampshire Primary Care Trust by Tesco Superstore, Sizer Way, Dibden, Hampshire**

Consideration was given to a request for comments on the inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List of Hampshire Primary Care Trust of Tesco Superstore, Sizer Way, Dibden from the NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Practitioner and Patient Services Agency.

Concern was expressed that an additional pharmacy in the area would necessitate the closure of an existing facility.

RESOLVED

That the NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Practitioner and Patient Services Agency be advised that this Council objects to the inclusion of Tesco Superstore, Sizer Way, Dibden on the Pharmaceutical List of Hampshire Primary Care due to the need to protect facilities for local people.

87/08 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 4090-4111 inclusive, totalling £9,367.08, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman

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