

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 3 October 2005 at 8 pm

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr R Podesta
*Mr G Dawson	*Mrs M J Robinson
*Mr R Guy	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr D Smith
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr M S Wade
oMr G Parkes	oMr S S Wade

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

oMr L Dunsdon - Hampshire County Councillor

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

Also present: 4 Members of the Public

The Chairman began the meeting with a minute's silence in respect of Ann Stevens who worked for both the Citizen's Advice Bureau and Victim Support who passed away recently.

199/05 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Smith, Mr Harrison, Mrs Robinson and Mr M Wade declared an interest in Minute 210/05 as they are members of New Forest District Council. Mr Podesta declared an interest in Minute 210/05 as he is the owner of a shop in Hythe.

200/05 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1 August 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1 August 2005
be signed by the Chairman as correct.

201/05 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman advised Members that he had received a letter from the Mayor of London asking that he pass thanks to the people of Mauves after the Chairman sent on their letter of condolence following the London bombings.

The Chairman announced that the first cinema showing in Hythe in many years had been a resounding success. The showing of "Ladies in Lavender", organised by RevitalHythe, had around 150 people at each performance and some people were turned away. He read out a letter of congratulation from Janice Taylor at the Waterside Herald.

There will be a Trafalgar Concert on 21 October 2005 in the Parish Hall.

The Chairman and Vice Chairman will attend the HAPTC Annual General Meeting on Saturday 8 October 2005.

202/05 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

The Hampshire Fire Service at Fernycrofts Experience which is organised through the Community Safety Project has been very successful and 3 more are planned for this year.

Mr Sage is hoping to run a similar project to the above – Momentum for Young People – to educate young people who ride motor bikes on the Esso land at Netley View and would like to hear of a building which could be used for this.

CCTV cameras in the area will soon need to be renewed and there is some doubt as to whether it is an effective use of resources. The cameras do not appear to be a deterrent to crime, just an efficient way of catching culprits, so the Police Statistician is to look at incidences of crime before CCTV was installed.

The new arrangements for Planning in the New Forest are due to start soon. There will be 3 teams to deal with the Waterside and parts of Lymington, the area which is within the National Park and the area to the West which is dealt with by the District Council but is not in the National Park.

The District Council has agreed and submitted a response to the Community Hospital Strategy. All parties were unhappy with the proposals.

An Open Day was held at Trafalgar House to enable people to discuss proposals for its replacement. A joint initiative by the District Council, the Police and the Fire Service also carried out fire checks in the homes of residents of Langdown.

The Licensing Panel has been looking at applications for extended opening hours with effect from 28 November 2005.

The Environmental Review Panel has been reviewing charges for rat and mouse infestation on domestic premises.

Public Conveniences are being gradually overhauled.

The Crime and Disorder Review Panel Fear of Crime Working Party has compiled questions to go to the Citizens Panel on reality and perception of crime. There will also be some questions for the Youth Citizens Panel on anti-social behaviour.

The Standards Committee looked at the figures for complaints against Councillors. Members were advised to stay vigilant and declare changes in circumstances.

203/05 Report of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

Mr Dash and the Chairman attended a Consultation Meeting regarding Southampton Airport and are hoping that this Parish will be invited to send a representative to the Working Group as Parishes on the Southampton side already are.

The recently announced bus cuts on the X9 Fawley/Langley route and the Southampton/Exbury/Beaulieu summer route are regrettable.

Mr Dash will attend the meeting regarding crossings on the A326 and hopes to involve the Parish in any proposals and consultations.

A part of the National Cycle Network will cross the A326 and this may be relevant to the crossing points.

A small strip of the bank at Bramshott Hill has been flattened to enable pedestrians to walk beside the road more safely.

A path is needed along Roman Road. It was suggested that a surface such as gravel may be sufficient for the purpose.

The new Headteacher at Applemore College is Matthew Longdon. The new Headteacher at Noadswood School is Alex Bernard. It was suggested that both should be welcomed to the community.

204/05 Questions to District and County Councillors arising from their reports

There were no questions.

205/05 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

Mr Short advised Members that he had attended a meeting at Southampton Airport and had been able to explain the problems that landing aircraft lining up over the 4 mile point was causing the residents of Hythe. It was agreed to investigate coming in in 3 directions.

The Airport Routing Trial has been extended to April but the Clerk has been given a supply of Community Feedback Forms which can be sent back before that time.

After 4 years in the Chair at Dibden Allotments Charity, Mrs McLean has handed over to Mike Harvey. Derek Gurney has been replaced by Jenny Barrow on the committee. An Open Day will be held on the 6 October 2005 where the trustees would be grateful to hear ideas for a new scheme to follow the shoe and gardening projects.

After attending the last meeting of the New Forest Transport Forum, Mr Guy advised members that a traffic survey is to take place on bus usage. This will include certain parts of the Waterside.

There has been a lot of discussion over whether people will be able to access the new Lymington Hospital. Wilts and Dorset are investigating access for buses and there is a possibility that the Lymington Ferry Train may be able to halt near the hospital.

206/05 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**A. Dibden Purlieu Post Office Temporary Closure**

Concern was expressed at the closure of Dibden Purlieu Post Office and the implications for other businesses in the area.

It was agreed to write to local businesses to see if they are willing to take on the Post Office work in the first instance and to put the matter on the Agenda for the next meeting of the General Purposes and Finance Committee.

B. Amendment of Agenda

It was agreed to investigate the possibility of altering the order of business to amend future agendas so that Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies comes before Questions to District and County Councillors arising from their reports so that Representatives on Outside Bodies can also be questioned if necessary.

C. Feedback on Southampton Airport Trials

It was suggested that residents should be made aware of the existence of the Customer Feedback Forms for the Southampton Airport Trials. This could be done by announcements on Parish Notice Boards, in the Waterside Herald and the Parish News. A supply of forms could also be put in the local churches.

Members were advised that noise measurements were taken on a previous trial but would not be taken on this one.

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

Flouridation of water supply

Mr Emis advised that the Southampton City Primary Care Trust had announced its intention to fluoridate the Southampton water supply. As this Parish has the same water supply he was concerned that this would be progressed without proper consultation.

Mrs Robinson assured him that full consultation would take place before any decision could be made.

Anti-social behaviour problems

Mr Uglow advised Members of a fire that had been set on Forest Front on Saturday night. There was also what appeared to be a motorbike rally on Saturday and Sunday.

He also asked that graffiti between Watermans Lane and the Forest Front turning circle be removed.

Football pitches

Mr Uglow advised that there is a shortage of football pitches in the area.

The Clerk responded that no-one had approached him over a shortage of pitches and he was unaware of any over booking problems.

Shore Road Playing Field

Mr Uglow advised members that he felt that access to the Shore Road Playing Field Car Park is dangerous and the parking is limited.

The Clerk replied that he will investigate the access problem.

Cyclists and Motor Cyclists in High Street

Mr Uglow advised Members that cyclists are still riding through the High Street.

The Clerk responded that the Police operate a no cycling policy in the area. New signs are due to be erected shortly and the ACSO's are aware of the problem.

A Member also advised of a motor cyclist who rides through the High Street at high speed during the day.

It was agreed to record the registration number of the motorcycle so that the Clerk could advise the Police Inspector direct.

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The Council Meeting then resumed.

207/05 Reports of Committees**(a) Planning Committee – 1 August 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 August 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 August 2005 be received and adopted.

(b) Planning Committee – 5 September 2005

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RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 5 September 2005 be received and adopted.

(c) Amenities Committee – 5 September 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 5 September 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 5 September 2005 be received and adopted.

(d) Planning Committee – 19 September 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19 September 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19 September 2005 be received and adopted.

(e) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 19 September 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 19 September 2005.

(i) Minute 189/05

Mr Dawson advised Members that, although he left the meeting for this item, he did not declare an interest.

(ii) General

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 19 September 2005 be received and adopted.

208/05 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 1632-1663 inclusive, totalling £31,493.04, be approved and paid.

209/05 **Signing of Documents – Lease to Site Steel Storage Container on Shore Road Playing Field**

RESOLVED

That two Members of the Council be authorised to sign the above document.

210/05 **Proposed Amendments to District of New Forest (Off-Street Parking Places) Order – Formal Consultation.**

Consideration was given to the draft response circulated by the Clerk to the above Consultation.

The Clerk also advised Members of a recent meeting held with himself, the District Council and the operators of Hythe Ferry which proposes that a short stay £8 clock can be used in long stay spaces in Hythe if bought with a minimum 10 journey season ticket for Hythe Ferry. There were concerns that this could destabilise parking in Hythe.

RESOLVED

That the response be amended to highlight concern over security for Office staff at The Grove who will be collecting large amounts of cash for the clocks, the need for a long stay only clock (not to include amenity car parks) and concerns over how it can be ensured that short stay parkers will not use long stay spaces.

The extension of short stay parking should also be welcomed and the draft response recirculated for approval.

(Mrs Smith, Mr Harrison, Mrs Robinson, Mr M Wade and Mr Podesta declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

The Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairman

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