

**PARISH OF HYTHE AND DIBDEN**  
**REPORT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**held at the Parish Hall, West Street, Hythe**  
**on Wednesday 18 March 2015**  
**at 7.30pm**

Present: Hythe and Dibden Parish Councillors

\*Mrs Brenda Smith (Chairman of the Parish Council) in the Chair

Mr J Binns	Mr B. Dash
Mr R Guy	*Mrs B. Smith
*Mr C. Harrison	Mr M Short
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr M Wade
*Mr A Wade	Mr D. Smith
Mr G Parkes	*Mr S. Wade

\* Indicates attendance

o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mrs S Bennett (Clerk to the Council)  
Mr M Kendall (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)  
Mr D Melsome (Assistant Clerk and Finance Officer)  
Ms H Bradley-Owers (Parish Council Projects Officer)

Other apologies: Mr M Harris (Hampshire County Council)  
Also present: 16 Members of the public

**1. 10 year Update on Parish Development**

Helen provided an overview of the initial fact finding undertaking in 2004 and the subsequent improvement and regeneration work that she and community members have been undertaking.

Presentation :

**2. Community Spirit Award**

The Chairman reported that this year's winners of the Community Spirit Award were;

**Nicky Hopkins** – Nicky is recognised for her volunteer work with the Brownies and her organisation of the Hythe Fete. Nicky is also the chair of the Hythe School Governors and is a key organiser of the Mistletoe Fayre playing a particular role organising the Santa Grotto and co-ordinating with parents of children with special needs to ensure their visit is appropriately managed giving a happy experience.

**Caroline Hesketh** – Caroline is recognised for 25 years of voluntary work at Waterside Primary School (formerly known as Langdown Junior School). Caroline listens and helps children with their reading and spelling, running and supporting the PTA and running the school book shop; Caroline is also a dinner lady at the school.

The awards are provided by the Waterside Herald and were presented by Brenda Smith

**3. Special Award**

A special award was presented to **Linda Threadgold Briers** for her work co-ordinating the Waterside Poppy Makers. The volunteers knitted poppies and displayed them along Prospect Place to commemorate the centenary of the beginning on WW1. The display also raised in excess of £4000 for the Royal British Legion.

**4. Certificates**

- A certificate of Commendation was awarded to **Pat Canning** who has climbed Mount Kenya and raised £5,000 for the guide dogs. Pat has also walked 17 guide dog puppies and raised funds for Cancer Research by undertaking three Moonwalks.
- A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to **Deryk Noble** in recognition of his gift of a Christmas Tree for Hythe for the last four years

**5. Presentation of the Doug Horrill Award**

The Doug Horrill award from Age Concern (New Forest) is in memory of Doug Horrill and was presented by Jean Adams from Age Concern New Forest to **Linda Gear** who was unfortunately unable to attend due to illness.

Jean introduced Linda to the meeting by reading from the nomination letter that Age Concern had received. A summary by Jean:

“Linda lives in Holbury, she really looks after older people she comes into contact with as part of her work. She often helps with bathing, doing their feet, tidies their gardens and many other things beyond the call of duty. All of this she does despite having serious health problems of her own that most people would give into. She often helps people up to end of life. She is always jovial and has a laugh and a joke with people.”

**6. To sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26 March 2014, having been circulated were then signed by the Chairman.

**7. Annual Report of the Parish Council**

The Chairman presented the Annual Report of the Council. The Chairman advised that the report had been included in the Herald and was available to pick up in various locations throughout the Parish including the Library. The Report is also available on the website

**8. Parish Council Accounts for year ended 31 March 2014**

The Clerk reported that the Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 had been audited as correct and were available, by appointment, for inspection. The Clerk highlighted a reserve value of £442,353.00 of which £226,336.05 had been earmarked for projects.

**9. Parish Council Observations on Accounts for year ending 31 March 2013**

The Clerk reported on the Council's accounts for the year ending 31 March 2013. The Clerk reported that the precept for a Band D property was £78.38. This had allowed the Council to continue to provide its services as well as provide an inhouse Accredited Community safety Officer Service, summer and winter flower displays and the continuation of the Council's Woodland Management Policy.

**10. Reports of the District Councillors**

The Chairman presented the reports of the District Councillors, which were in printed form.

**11. Report of the County Councillor**

The Chairman presented Malcolm Wade's report, which was in printed form.

**12. Questions arising from the reports**

There were no questions arising from the reports.

**13. Consideration of Resolutions**

No resolutions had been received.

The chair recorded thanks for the hard work that has been undertaken by those Parish Councillors who are standing down at the forthcoming elections; and to the staff who had kept the 'ship on course' during the period that the Council had been without a Clerk.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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