

**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 1 November 2010 at 8 pm

Members: \*Mr D Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair

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

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  
oMrs A McEvoy - Hampshire County Councillor  
\*Mrs B Smith – New Forest District Councillor  
\*Mr S S Wade – New Forest District Councillor  
3 Members of the Public

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

156/10 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

157/10 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11 October 2010.

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Council held on 11 October 2010 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

158/10 **Public Forum**

There were no questions from members of the public.

159/10 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman attended the opening of the Waterside Cancer Charity at The Grove. The event was very successful and the Chairman offered support.

The Chairman advised the meeting of the update emails which he and other members have been receiving from ACSO Norman Bareham. They are finding them very informative and praised the way in which he is engaging within the community.

Following the petition which was sent to the County Council concerning the potential loss of jobs at Hythe Library, a reply was read to the meeting by the Chairman. It appears that there is no more money for the library service and it has to live within its means. However, every effort is being made to ensure that the service runs effectively and is of benefit to as many residents as possible.

The Mistletoe Fair will be held in Hythe on 27 November 2010.

**160/10 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

The South East Plan has been revoked so local plans will once more come into force. These will include the Minerals and Waste Plan which will be re-prepared incorporating parts of the old plan with the overall target being self sufficiency. Engagement with stakeholders will begin in December 2010, revision of the plan will take place in April to June 2011, statutory consultation in October/November 2011 leading to Public Examination in Spring 2012.

The Cycle Route in Claypits Lane will result in a car parking area being lost.

The County Council is continuing to make significant cuts. This has resulted in a freeze on recruitment. 20 vacancies a week are not being filled which equates to a loss of approximately 1500 posts per annum. There will be a 25% cut in management Post 5 in all directorates which will produce an overall 8% saving.

Solent Blue Line wishes to use a bus stop at the Ferry Yard which will result in the displacement of a taxi rank. There needs to be consultation on this matter and a meeting will be chaired by the County Councillor in the near future in order to reach an equitable solution.

The County Councillor attended a presentation on Trading Standards supporting vulnerable consumers in Hampshire. The information received was passed to the Clerk for distribution to any interested members.

**161/10 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

The District Council has already tried to find £500,000 savings as some grants have already been drawn back.

The District Council budget excluding benefits is just under £40 million and current grants total £11.6 million. The total loss expected as part of the comprehensive spending review over 4 years is £3 million which equates to 26%.

Ring fencing to revenue grants ends 2011/2012 and 4700 targets are to be removed. More information should be available at the December meeting.

Changes to the rounds and work patterns in refuse collection have resulted in savings of £80,000.

Six workstreams have been introduced to look at how to make reductions. Included are Partnership and collaboration, reduction in senior management costs, revitalising ways of working, income generation and a review of services.

The District Council is looking at ways to generate affordable housing in the area.

The Crime and Disorder Review Panel received a presentation of the Crime and Disorder Partnership Plan and considered the effects of government spending reviews. In order to maintain the level of service to the public it is thought that different ways of going forward need to be explored rather than simply reducing staff numbers.

From 9 December 2010 National Park Authority Planning documents will be made in accordance with the new core strategy.

**162/10 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

The Chairman attended the AGM of Hampshire Association of Local Councils on 23 October 2010. He spoke against the motion to increase affiliation fees but an increase of 8% was carried. A further emergency motion of increasing fees automatically if the County Council were to remove its subsidies was not put to the meeting.

The Chairman attended a meeting of the New Forest Road Safety Council. The County Council's Road Safety Officer advised that there is no statistical evidence to show that there is an increase in safety in 20 mph speed limit areas.

Attempts are being made to merge local safety committees. It is thought that the New Forest will be merged with Test Valley and Winchester.

The Hythe Hospital Stakeholders Groups has been disbanded and its objectives undertaken by the Totton and Waterside Practice Based Commissioning Stakeholder Group. A copy of its statement was given to the Clerk for distribution.

The current inpatient bed closure at Hythe Hospital has been extended but staff are being kept informed of long term plans. It is hoped that consultations within the community regarding the future of Hythe Hospital will take place at various sites including care homes so that the views of those who will be using the services can be heard. The process will start in January 2011.

163/10 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mrs Robinson asked whether it was felt that the larger councils within HALC are subsidising the smaller ones for a service the smaller councils find essential but the larger ones do not. Mr Parkes asked whether costs should be shared equally between member councils.

It was agreed that the matter should be discussed on a future agenda in conjunction with the up to date position concerning NFALC.

Mrs Robinson asked whether the concerns that Trading Standards have regarding vulnerable consumers within Hampshire could be pointed out to the Older Persons Steering Group.

It was agreed that a member of Trading Standards should be invited to make a presentation to the Older Persons Steering Group. It was also suggested that the group could be involved as part of the consultation process regarding Hythe Hospital.

Mrs McLean asked Mr Dash whether he was aware of the strength of feeling regarding the issue of the bus stop and taxi rank at the Ferry Yard as she had received 47 pages of emails on the subject which she passed to him.

Mr Dash responded that the consultation meeting would need to consider the needs of the whole community along with the issue of traffic management.

Mr Guy asked how a new method of refuse collection had suddenly resulted in considerable savings.

It was explained that the matter had been under review for some time after new houses built in the area over many years had resulted in rounds being uneven. A more efficient way of collecting refuse together with other efficiencies such as the way refuse lorries are driven had resulted in the savings.

Mr A Wade asked Mr Smith whether one way systems in town centres had been discussed as a road safety tool as well as 20 mph limits.

Mr Smith replied that one way systems are generally regarded as a traffic management issue but in terms of road safety it is often thought that they encourage greater speed.

Members wished to continue with a campaign to introduce 20 mph speed limits and it was suggested that this was done through the County Councillor.

164/10 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

There were no questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26.

165/10 **Reports of Committees**

**Planning Committee – 11 October 2010**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 October 2010.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 October 2010 be received and adopted.

**166/10 Financial Monitoring – Period ending 30 September 2010**

The Clerk presented the Financial Monitoring for the period ending 30 September 2010.

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring for the period ending 30 September 2010 be accepted and approved.

**167/10 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Plan 2011 -2014 – Public Consultation**

Consideration was given to the above document.

RESOLVED

That a Working Party comprising Mr Smith, Mrs Robinson, Mr M Wade and Mr Short respond to the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service Plan 2011 -2014 – Public Consultation.

**168/10 Appointment of Additional representative – Totton and Waterside Practice Based Commissioning Stakeholder Group**

Consideration was given to the appointment of an additional representative on the Totton and Waterside Practice Based Commissioning Stakeholder Group.

RESOLVED

That the Totton and Waterside Practice Based Commissioning Stakeholder Group be asked for their terms of reference and times of meeting in order that an additional representative can be appointed.

**169/10 Internal Audit Report (Interim) 2010/2011**

Consideration was given to the Internal Audit Report (Interim) 2010/2011.

RESOLVED

That the Internal Audit Report (Interim) 2010/2011 be noted.

**170/10 Accounts for Payment**

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

Vouchers 6321 and 6334

A member asked whether any savings could be made in subscribing to magazines online.

The Clerk responded that any savings would be negligible.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 6318 - 6369 inclusive, totalling £56,196.82, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairman

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