

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 Wednesday 13 June 2012 at 8 pm

Members: *Mrs M Robinson (Chairman) – in the Chair

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

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mrs B Edwards (Administration Assistant)
Acting Sergeant Adrian Woodhead

Also present: *Mr M Harris (New Forest District Councillor)
oMrs A McEvoy (Hampshire County Councillor)
1 Member of the Public

38/12 Declarations of Interest

Mr G Parkes, declared an interest in Agenda Item 15, as Chairman of the Community Association who operate 4 mini-buses in the community. Mr Parkes left the meeting when this item was discussed and took no part in the vote.

39/12 To consider and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 May 2012

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 May 2012.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 9 May 2012 be signed by the Chairman as correct with amendment to Item 16/12 point 12, that Representatives for the New Forest District Council Environmental Protection Liaison Committee should read Mr R Guy and Mrs B Smith.

40/12 Public Forum

Community Safety Update

The Chairman welcomed Acting Sergeant Adrian Woodhead who updated the Council on incidents within the Parish to 31 May 2012. He advised that the number of incidents were still quite low. Matters of note were a suspect wanted in connection with drug crime who was apprehended by 2 local PCSOs and young people engaging in drug use at Ewart Recreation Ground and Hythe Marina. Acting Sergeant Woodhead stated that Police patrols were targeting these areas.

Hythe Police are holding a crime prevention event in Hythe on 26 June 2012 when UV pens, leaflets and a limited number of shed alarms would be available. Acting Seargeant Woodhead stated that the majority of crime is opportunist and the aim of this event was to reduce this. They are also working with the Fire Service and ACSOs to prevent arson.

Alex Wade queried whether any progress had been made regarding the duck incident at Frost Lane. Acting Sergeant Woodhead advised that although lots of names had been suggested via social networks, there had been no positive eyewitness evidence.

Road Surface at South Street/St John's Street and Shore Road

It was reported that a grating in the road at the New Road/South Street junction, which is far lower than the road surface, is causing problems when approached by either car or bicycle. The surface at the junction of South Street, St John's Street and Shore Road also requires attention. The Clerk to the Council advised that it is the responsibility of the road users to report any problems to the Highways Authority but such information will be forwarded on behalf of the public should they be reported to the Parish Council.

41/12 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman encouraged Members to attend consultation meetings on the future of Hythe Hospital.

42/12 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

Brian Dash reported that following changes to Children's Centre arrangements, only 2 staff now remain at the Waterside Children's Centre and Action for Children is not yet up and running. Staff morale is very low. Maureen Robinson commented that monitoring and auditing of the new system should be public and not internal.

Provision of a 20 m.p.h limit in the village centre should be in place during the first quarter of 2013.

Progress was being made on making the High Street 'No Cycling'.

A Community Grant of £2,500 is available from Hampshire County Council for use on a Project.

The cycle way along Roman Road/Butts Ash/Hardley is circuitous and there should be provision made directly on the A326. He was to request this again and asked for support from the Parish on this matter.

The survey taken at Hythe Hospital Fete indicated preference for a new hospital, rather than refurbishment, with the war memorial element to be retained. The NHS have capital funding available, part of which would be generated by some of the Hospital land being sold for housing. Brian Dash expressed a desire for this to take the form of extra care housing.

43/12 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

Chris Harrison reported that a planning application in respect of 11 Cumberland Way which was supported by the Parish Council was refused by the District Council. A retrospective application submitted in respect of 7 Dale Road which the Parish Council objected to had been granted by the District Council.

He announced that Age Concern – New Forest East was to be known in future as Age Concern New Forest.

Maureen Robinson reported that agreement had been reached for proceeds from the right to buy scheme to be reinvested locally.

St Andrew's Church will take over responsibility for the Oak Road car park, with the Parish Council assisting with maintenance. This will continue to be a non-paying facility.

Due to technical difficulties, re-development of the old Cussen's site had been held up. However, an application for housing will be submitted soon.

Michael Harris reported that he is part of a Task and Finish Group for procurement, ensuring that expenditure is effective and not wasteful.

There would soon be development regarding the empty Unit 8 on Hardley Industrial Estate.

44/12 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

Maureen McLean reported that the Forest Bus organisation have been asked to undertake research into the mental health of the gypsy population, a sector of the community which has a very low uptake in healthcare services.

Brenda Smith reported she had attended a meeting of the New Forest Environmental Protection Committee where Exxon announced it was mothballing part of its plant as a consequence of the world's current economic situation.

Graham Parkes reported that a small party from the Twinning Association went to France at the end of the May and that the best wishes sent by the Council were reciprocated. A good time was had by all.

45/12 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Maureen Robinson commented that it is good news for the NHS to commit to investing in Hythe Hospital.

Malcolm Wade asked Michael Harris to clarify the remit of the task group. Michael Harris stated it covered all areas of procurement including policy and whether it was carried out efficiently.

46/12 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Brenda Smith asked the Chairman if she would consider writing to all Schools in the Parish who provided bunting for the Jubilee. The Chairman agreed and extended thanks to all Parish staff who helped put the bunting up.

Brian Dash requested that some form of ceremony take place annually on 6 June at the memorial stone at Prospect Place. Ex-servicemen are keen to continue in liaison with the Royal British Legion. The Clerk to the Council stated that previously there had been difficulties in engaging the Royal British Legion. Maureen Robinson stated that the Council should play its part.

Alex Wade expressed his thanks to Marcus Kendall for the speed with which he followed up a query in respect of play equipment for Shore Road. He also queried what time scale is involved.

47/12 **To receive and adopt the Attached Minutes of the following Committees**

(a) **Planning Committee – 9 May 2012**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 May 2012.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 May 2012 be received and adopted.

48/12 **The Localism Act 2011 and the New Standards Regime**

Additional information was received prior to the Meeting in respect of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. Deadline for feedback is 1 July 2012. Members agreed to adopt the New Forest District Council's Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED that

(a) The Code of Conduct used by NFDC be adopted.

(b) The Clerk to the Council to amend Standing Orders and submit to the next Council meeting.

49/12 **Consultation – Older People's Mental Health Services**

This presents an opportunity for Members to be aware of what is happening within the NHS in this area. Members agreed to consider the document and let the Clerk have any comments.

50/12 **Retendering of subsidised bus services in Romsey, Totton and Waterside area**

Consideration was given to the Consultation.

RESOLVED that

- (1) The existing services to and in the Parish be maintained
- (2) Improved services between Hythe and Marchwood at weekends be included
- (3) A Saturday service on routes H1 and H2 be introduced.

51/12 **Transport for the Community – Well Being Events – Horrill Centre**

Consideration was given to a request for funding.

RESOLVED

That the request for funding be met in full to the sum of £1,300.

52/12 **Consultation on appointment of External Auditor for 2012/2013 and future years**

Consideration was given to the appointment of an External Auditor

RESOLVED

The Council has no objection to BDO being the External Auditors for 2012/13 and future years.

53/12 **Funding Arrangements for Localising Support for Council Tax**

Consideration was given to the funding arrangements for Localising Support for Council Tax and its impact on Parish and Town Councils.

RESOLVED that

- (a) The Clerk to the Council will respond to the Consultation Paper to reflect the discussion that took place.
- (b) Representation be made to the District Council to ensure that local Councils are involved in the design of any new scheme.

54/12 **National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Service) Regulations 2005**

Consideration was given to the application by Tesco Stores Ltd to operate a Pharmacy Service at Sizer Way, Dibden. Members were concerned about the impact of opening such a pharmacy would have on the existing pharmacies which provided more than just a dispensing service.

RESOLVED

To object to the application as it is likely to have an adverse effect on existing local pharmacies.

55/12 **Accounts for payment**

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed totalling £36,796.81, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.41 pm.

Chairman _____

Date

11th July 2012

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