

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 12 December 2012 at 8 pm

- Members: *Mrs M Robinson (Chairman) – in the Chair
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| *Mr J Binns | *Mr M Short |
| *Mr B Dash | *Mrs B Smith |
| *Mr R Guy | *Mr D Smith |
| *Mr C Harrison | *Mr A Wade |
| *Mrs M McLean | *Mr M Wade |
| *Mr G Parkes | *Mr S 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 M Harris – New Forest District Councillor
2 Members of the Public
- * Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

191/12 Declarations of Interest

Mr Dash disclosed a personal interest in Minute 201/12 as he is a trustee of St Anne's Neighbourhood Centre. He considered his interest to be prejudicial and, having left the meeting, took no part in the discussion or vote.

192/12 Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 November 2012.

Minute 168/12

The Chairman clarified that members who own their own property in the Parish would be required to complete a Request for Dispensation form.

RESOLVED

That, subject to the above, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 November 2012 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

193/12 Public Forum

John Barnes, Chairman of BACA, spoke to the meeting about perceived problems with parking outside St Anne's Neighbourhood Centre as he had been under the impression that a resident would be attending the meeting to air his grievances.

Mr Barnes acknowledged that there are problems with parking near the Centre, particularly with parents who park nearby when dropping off their children. However BACA also recognises it's responsibility to the neighbourhood and has been working to make users aware of the problem and have agreed with the County Council that verges will be strengthened to allow for responsible parking.

194/12 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman advised members that there will be a Christmas Extravaganza at St Anne's Neighbourhood Centre on Saturday 15 December 2012 between 2 – 4 pm.

In the absence of PCSO Atrill the Chairman read his report to the meeting.

There was no change in burglaries or vehicle crime in recent months but anti social behaviour is down 25% and criminal damage down 45%.

A large amount of alcohol was stolen from Tesco in Sizer Way – enquiries are ongoing. There was a serious assault on a lone female on Shore Road – investigations are ongoing. There have been problems with anti social behaviour by youths outside Rider Court.

The Junior PCSO scheme is now half completed.

The Hythe Police Twitter account is in the running for a national award, the results are to be announced on 14 December 2012.

195/12 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Mr Dash attended a meeting on the reablement process and left an information pack with the Clerk for interested members to view. It was agreed that a briefing on the process should be arranged for a future meeting.

The 6 reablement beds at Little Haven have been in use for a while but delivery problems with the other 10 have meant that they are now imminent.

Mr Dash referred to the proposed pedestrian crossing at Langdown Lawn which is to be unlit due to financial constraints and indicated that he would be willing to discuss with Tesco Stores the possibility of contributing funds to enable it to be lit.

Hythe Library is due to reopen on 15 January 2013.

The pavement at School Road close to the school is being widened which should allow for the easier passage of pushchairs.

196/12 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

Following a meeting of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel it has been agreed that Young People's Services should be targeted. The County is to focus on drop in centres and a Youth Advisory Service has been set up.

The Boundary Review has been ~~scrapped~~ ^{revised} with New Forest gaining part of Test Valley but losing Sway and Boldre.

Following a consultation on sheltered housing to which only 50% responded the main causes of dissatisfaction concern the lack of wardens and key codes on entrance doors.

The new 5 year fixed term housing contracts have been approved.

The Housing Policy Group gave an update on the changes to council tax benefit and how they would affect New Forest District Council tenants who earn a working wage.

20% of the housing priority list will be given to those who are in work but there are concerns over how this will impact on those who are seeking employment.

If a government grant for kerb side glass recycling is received it is hoped to improve recycling rates to 38% which would be around 6% more than it has been in previous years. However, the District has one of the best records in landfill rates.

Progress is being made very slowly on the efforts to make the old Racial site available for use again with the rent arrears being the first thing that needs clearing.

Tesco Stores have advised neighbouring residents that they intend to change the former public house, The Croft, into a Tesco Express Convenience Store. Planning permission will only be needed for any alterations to the building such as storage areas and installation of a cash machine. Tesco will be leasing the site.

197/12 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Mr Smith and several District Councillors attended the New Forest Passenger Transport Forum. Key areas for discussion were supporting development in the community transport sector and the local sustainable transport fund.

Aims for the next few years include a better connected South Hampshire while supporting growth and reducing carbon, improvements to Hythe transport interchange, real time information at key interchanges, an additional New Forest Tour Bus route and sustainable transport solutions for England's two newest National Parks.

Talks with representatives of the New Forest National Park indicated a willingness to promote Hythe as a gateway to the area.

Following a recent meeting of the Clinical Commissioning Stakeholders Group Mrs McLean left an information pack with the Clerk for members' use.

Mr A Wade attended the AGM of the Hythe Youth Club and commented on the good work that is being done with assistance on cv writing and updating links to available jobs.

198/12 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mrs Smith asked the District Councillors what the District Council's commitment to continuing the kerbside glass recycling scheme would be once the initial government funding ceases.

It was agreed that District Councillors would investigate this matter.

199/12 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

There were no questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26.

200/12 **Reports of Committees**

(a) Personnel Committee – 14 November 2012

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 14 November 2012.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 14 November 2012 be received and adopted.

(b) Planning Committee – 14 November 2012

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14 November 2012.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14 November 2012 be received and adopted.

201/12 **St Anne's Neighbourhood Centre, Warry's Close, Hythe**

The Clerk advised members that a resident of Warry's Close had been claiming problems with access to his home due to inconsiderate parking by visitors to St Anne's Neighbourhood Centre. The peak time for this happening appeared to be Thursdays.

Following consultation with the County Council it has been agreed to install dragon's teeth and reinforcement to the verges in an attempt to alleviate the problem.

Another source of problem seems to be that a covered area and small play area at the Centre have been installed without planning permission however this has now been applied for.

Members felt that the facility provided by BACA at St Anne's Neighbourhood Centre is of great benefit to the community and has already been there for some years but appreciated that as the leaseholder BACA has a responsibility to local residents to make sure any disruption is kept to a minimum. It appears that the actions already taken by BACA and the County Council should improve the situation and it was stressed that it would keep talking to users and requesting consideration towards neighbours.

202/12 **To receive the notes of the Clayfields Working Meeting**

Consideration was given to the notes of the Clayfields Working Meeting.

RESOLVED

That the notes of the Clayfields Working Meeting be received.

203/12 **Localising Support for Council Tax – Verbal Update**

The Clerk gave an update on Localising Support for Council Tax.

204/12 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 8231 – 8297 inclusive, totalling £52,114.74, be approved and paid.

Chairman

Date

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9th January 2013