

Minutes of the Meeting of Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

Held at The Grove, 25 St Johns Street, Hythe
on Monday 21 September 2015 at 7.00pm

p Cllr C Harrison (Chairman)
p Cllr Mrs M McLean (Vice Chairman)

Councillors:

a P Armstrong
p J Binns
p M Bovey
p E Davey
p Mrs J Fowler
p T Johnson

Councillors:

p G Parkes
p D Poole
p M Short
p A Wade
p M Wade

p = present
a = apologies

In Attendance

p Cllr Mr W Andrews (NFDC)
p Cllr Mrs K Crisell (NFDC)
a Cllr Mr P Fawkes (HCC)
a Cllr Mrs B Thorne (NFDC)

Officers in attendance

Mrs S Bennett (Clerk to the Council)

123/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations made.

124/15 MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 August 2015.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Council held on 12 August 2015 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

125/15 PUBLIC FORUM

Maggie Riddett of Hythe addressed the meeting in connection with the memorial bench as follows:



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Cllr. Malcolm Wade encouraged the Council to reconsider the application to place the memorial bench at Prospect Place.

It was agreed that the Clerk to the Council will contact Members to seek their views on a special resolution to the Memorial Bench application.

Cllr. Alex Wade encouraged the Council to reconsider its decision.

Cllr. Graham Parkes asked if the Council would undertake a survey of what the community feels as the Council is being quoted a figure of 99% of the community in support of this.

Mr Brian Dash recommended that councillors visit the Memorial Hospital and Prospect Place to count the wreaths in order to gauge public opinion on where the memorial focus is.

Carolyn Miller of Dibden Purlieu stated that a survey would be a waste of taxpayers' money.

Deborah Summers asked the Council why she was not receiving emails from the ASCO service. The Clerk explained that the ASCOs are not currently working at the same level of service as previously and that they are endeavouring to keep the emails dispatched, sometimes in their own time.

126/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman informed Members that all Members are invited to attend the Remembrance Service at St. Anne's, to be held on 8th November 2015.

The Chairman and Clerk to the Council have visited a consortium of Parish Councils in the east of Hampshire to discuss the potential for Hythe and Dibden Parish Council to provide them with an ACSO service. Further information is awaited from these Parish Councils.

The Chairman informed Members that he had attended the Hythe Hospital Stakeholders group (also attended by Cllr. Malcolm Wade) and is pleased to report that the new hospital is going to be NHS funded rather than PFI. They are looking to submit a planning application in May 2016, building in 2017 and opening in 2018.

127/15 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

It was clarified that the submission of written reports from County and District Councillors and representatives on outside bodies was a voluntary arrangement. However, the Chairman reminded Members that a 1 minute verbal update was agreed under the pilot arrangements.

Malcolm Wade had previously submitted a written report but gave a verbal update concerning HCC's Children's Services facing a £23.5 million reduction over the next year. Members were clear that vulnerable young people should be protected and the proposed budget reductions reflected this and were agreed by all opposition members.

128/15 REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Alex Wade has requested that the potential move of the taxi rank in Hythe be included in the 2016/2017 work programme at NFDC.

Cllr. Wade has met with Jamie Burton to investigate ways of re-invigorating the young sports person of the year award in Hythe and Dibden.

Cllr. Daniel Poole provided a comprehensive update on the situation regarding the transfer and recycling of paper waste.

Cllr. Bill Andrews attended the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting and wished to remind the community that NFDC no longer provides sandbags.

Cllr. Kate Crisell is part of a working group looking at CCTV provision in Hythe and the improvement of CCTV performance information to Parish Councils.

129/15 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Trevor Johnson attended the New Forest Consultative Panel meeting at which dog waste bins were an agenda item. The Forestry Commission will investigate the worst areas and return to the Panel with its findings in October.

130/15 QUESTIONS TO DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES ARISING FROM THEIR REPORTS

Cllr. Malcolm Wade asked Cllr Dan Poole how much it costs to send a container of paper from Hampshire to China and is this factored into the return figures. Cllr. Poole replied that he would look into this.

Cllr. M Wade asked Cllr. Kate Crisell what is the aim of the CCTV working party. The portfolio holder has previously threatened to remove the CCTV – is it likely that an outcome might be to remove the CCTV? Cllr. Crisell replied that NFDC could withdraw their support for the CCTV provision.

Cllr. M Wade asked Cllr. James Binns when NFDC would be able to make known the impact of the budget on NFDC services and that HCC has already gone public with their information. Cllr. Binns replied that he was not yet in possession of that information but believed it would not be as big an impact as the cuts at HCC; he believed it to be in the region of 10% over 4 years.

Cllr. Alex Wade asked Cllr. Trevor Johnson about dog waste bins in wooded areas in Cllr. A. Wade's ward. Cllr. Johnson explained that the consultative panel was looking at the Forestry Commission land only in October.

131/15 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL**

Cllr. Eric Davey asked if the Chairman was aware that the website does not show the future Council dates. The Chair replied that the dates could not be given as Council was again debating when Council should meet.

Cllr. Alex Wade asked if the Chairman was aware that the minutes of the Council meeting were not in depth and do not reflect detailed discussion. The Chair responded that he was aware.

Cllr. Malcolm Wade asked if the Chairman was aware that all councillors should be registered with the Information Commissioner's Office. The Chairman replied that he was and that all bar one councillor had been registered.

Cllr. Trevor Johnson asked if the Chairman was aware that he had attended the raising of the ensign at NFDC in commemoration of the Merchant Navy (MN) and that there was no memorial to the service in Hythe despite Hythe having an historical link to the MN and three of the current Sea Scouts leaving to join the MN. The Chairman replied that we should consider this matter at a future meeting.

Cllr. Maureen McLean asked if the Chairman was aware that lots of people appreciate the flowers and open space areas throughout the summer that are provided through the hard work of our Maintenance Team. The Chairman responded that he was and agreed to Cllr. McLean's request that a letter of thanks be sent to the team.

132/15 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committees held on 12 August 2015, 26 August 2015 and 9 September 2015.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 August 2015 be received and adopted.
- b) the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 26 August 2015 be received and adopted.
- c) the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 September 2015 be received and adopted.

133/15 **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Members considered a report from the Clerk following receipt of a special resolution.

RESOLVED that

- a) the decision made under Minute 102/15 to move full Council meetings to the 3rd Monday of each month be rescinded.
- b) future full Council meetings be held on the 4th Wednesday of each calendar month.
- c) the Chairman may choose to convene Council on another Wednesday of the month if the Chairman feels that this is appropriate.
- d) additional planning committee meetings are convened to consider urgent planning matters that require attention before the next scheduled planning meeting following the Council meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

134/15 **FLY A FLAG FOR THE COMMONWEALTH**

The Clerk to the Council reported on the nominated Commonwealth Day on 14th March 2016 and a request from His Excellency Kamalesh Sharma to fly the Commonwealth flag on this day, with a Commonwealth Affirmation followed by the raising of the flag at 10.00 a.m.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Commonwealth flag be flown on 14th March 2016.
- b) an Commonwealth Affirmation be undertaken at 10.00 a.m on 14th March 2016.

- c) the national flags of the United Kingdom be flown in place of the Union Jack on the relevant National Days.

135/15 **SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

Members considered the redraft of the Social Media Policy. Members were advised that they are recommended to be guided by the Social Media Policy, however, they are responsible for their own social media communications and are overseen by the Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED that the revised Social Media Policy be agreed with the following changes:

- a) the removal of the word wikis
- b) the introduction to Section 4 to be 'Members of staff are made aware that all social media communications must be considered permanent and intractable'.

136/15 **SHORE ROAD**

Cllr. Jo Fowler reported on the impact of the 'retreat' policy for Shore Road.

RESOLVED that

- a) a sub-committee be set up to look at the issue of erosion along Shore Road
- b) Members of the sub-committee are Cllrs. Jo Fowler, Trevor Johnson, Graham Parkes, Dan Poole.

137/15 **BIRD RINGING**

Cllr. Eric Davey reported on a request received to permit bird ringing on Parish Council land.

RESOLVED that

- a) the project to mist net and ring birds in the defined area within the Navy Playing Fields, Shore Road be approved.
- b) signage be set out when mist netting and bird ringing is being carried out.
- c) Cllr. Davey to report annually to the Council on the data and outcomes of the project on behalf of HDWWG.

- d) future requests for mist netting to be considered under delegated powers to the Clerk to the Council.

138/15 **VEHICLE TENDER**

Members considered a vehicle tender report.

RESOLVED

That the tender supplied by Freeborn Southampton in the sum of £13,790.00 be accepted.

139/15 **ROYAL GARDEN PARTY**

Members considered a nomination for the Royal Garden Party in 2016.

RESOLVED

That Jill Ritchens be nominated for her work to introduce the Waterside Cancer Support Centre in Hythe.

140/15 **FINANCE 2015 - 2016**

Consideration was given to the Bank Reconciliation for July 2015 and the Schedule of Payments for the period 1st August 2015 to 31st August 2015.

RESOLVED that

- a) The bank reconciliation for July 2015 be noted.
- b) Accounts as detailed totalling £80,236.17 be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

Chairman

Date

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The bench will not be funded by the Waterside Poppy Makers, and in my application I never said it would be. I said it would be funded by the people of Hythe and Waterside, of which 99% think it should be place in Prospect Park, not at Hythe Hospital. When people from Hythe and Waterside ask me why the bench cannot be placed in the park, I cannot answer them, as there was no reason given at the meeting. Although it was stated that the park is not an official war memorial (not mentioned in the minutes), but my answer to this is "it is where most people go to show their respect on Remembrance Sunday".

Secondly, I am a little surprised that the minutes you have supplied **AND AGREED** do not give the correct account of what was said at the meeting. There is no mention of the objection raised due to maintenance, which was stated at the meeting to be at a cost of £250 every 6 years, which I don't find too outrageous at all.

No mention of the memorial stones in the park being Navy, and one of the councillors stating that this bench only signified army (all the more reason for placing it there then).

But maybe these comments were left out because they would not reflect well on the council. I have also been asked to mention that the council are there to represent the local people.

I would also like to add that people are asking to petition your decision, so we will be bringing this application back to the table after the allotted time has passed.

Thank you.