

PARISH OF HYTHE AND DIBDEN

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held at the Parish Hall, West Street, Hythe
on Wednesday 28 March 2012
at 7.30pm

Present: Hythe and Dibden Parish Councillors

*Mrs Maureen Robinson (Chairman of the Parish Council) in the Chair

oMr J Binns	*Mr B. Dash
oMr R Guy	oMrs B. Smith
oMr 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: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mr M Kendall (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)

Also present: Mr A McEvoy (County Councillor)
30 Members of the public

1. Young Sports Person of the Year

Darren Binge had been selected as the Young Sports Person of the Year and received his award from Mrs Maureen Robinson. Darren has excelled Kickboxing and has been selected to represent England.

2. Community Spirit Award

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

Crystle Rogers – Crystle was awarded for her continuing volunteer work with the Handy Trust, it was also noted that Crystle had recently won the Prince's Trust Young Achiever of the Year Award for London and the South East.

Mac Mclean – Mac was recognised for his services as the volunteer Town Crier. Mac continues to publicise forthcoming community events in his own inimitable style most Saturdays in Hythe.

Certificates of Commendation were awarded to:-

The New Road Club - The New Road Club received the award for its volunteer work which brings people together on a Sunday.

Isabella Bennett (Ventures Search and Rescue) – Isabella was nominated for the award by the Ventureres Search and Rescue for the effort and enthusiasm she puts in to the organisation through volunteering for charity fund raising and providing First Aid cover at Church fetes.

Presentation to the St John's Young People.

The award was presented in recognition of the work that was undertaken by the young people in order to improve the St Anne's Community Centre at Butts Ash.

Mrs Jean Adams made a brief announcement about the introduction of a new award from Age Concern (New Forest) in memory of Doug Horrill the new annual prize will be called the Doug Horrill Award and will be presented for the first time at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2013.

Nominations for groups or individuals who have benefitted older people will be considered, nominations should be sent to Mrs Adams at Age Concern New Forest.

3. To sign the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 March 2011

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28 March 2011, having been circulated were then signed by the Chairman.

4. Annual Report of the Parish Council

The Chairman presented the Annual Report of the Council, reminding everyone that the reports will be distributed to all households in the parish. In addition copies would be available at strategic places within the parish.

5. Parish Council Accounts for year ended 31 March 2011

The Clerk reported that the Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 had been audited as correct and were available, by appointment, for inspection.

6. Parish Council Accounts for year ending 31 March 2012

The Clerk reported on the Council accounts, as contained in the estimates, for the year ending 31 March 2012. The Clerk highlighted that although income had dropped due to low interest rates and there were less people using the facilities expenditure had also dropped.

7. Reports of the District Councillors

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

8. Report of the County Councillor

The Chairman presented Brian Dash's report, which was in printed form. The County Councillor highlighted that there had been a reduction in Government funding to the County Council and coupled with a requirement for a zero Council Tax increase had resulted in severe reductions in Council spending.

Alexis McEvoy's report reminded local organisations that she has a devolved Members Budget which could provide grants for local groups.

9. Questions arising from the reports

There were no questions arising from the reports.

10. Consideration of Resolutions

No resolutions had been received.

The meeting closed at 8pm