

**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 6 September 2010 at 8 pm

- Members:           \*Mr D Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair
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| oMr J Bennett | oMrs M Robinson |
| *Mr W Binns   | *Mr M Short     |
| *Mr R Guy     | *Mr B Uglow     |
| *Mr G Jones   | oMr P Vickers   |
| *Mrs M McLean | *Mr A Wade      |
| *Mr G Parkes  | oMr M Wade      |
- In attendance:   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  
2 Members of the Public  
Moraig Forrest -Charde - Clinical Services Manager, Hampshire Community Health Care  
Sue Harriman - Director of Clinical Excellence and Delivery, Hampshire Community Health Care  
Vicky Wilson – Head of Communications, Hampshire Community Health Care
- \* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

**101/10 Discussion with Inspector Langridge from Hythe Police Station**

Inspector Langridge began his report by introducing himself to the meeting and stating his pleasure at the healthy working relationship which exists between the Police and the Parish Council team.

Members expressed concern that, in the current economic climate, there would be a reduction in manpower and Hythe Police Station may even be closed.

Inspector Langridge responded that a review of all aspects of policing in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight area is currently being undertaken but it is his personal view that the closure of Hythe Station is unlikely due to its good geographical position. He also felt that basic numbers of officers and PCSOs would remain around the current level.

Following a question from a member, Inspector Langridge advised the meeting that one of the reasons for losing so many PCSOs to becoming full time Police Officers is that there is little chance of progression in Hampshire under the current PCSO structure.

Members are still concerned over the excessive speed of traffic in some areas of the parish and were advised to report their concerns so that action can be taken.

Inspector Langridge was asked whether any closure of the Magistrates Court in Lyndhurst would deplete the available manpower in the parish if officers were involved with transporting prisoners further afield. He felt that this was extremely unlikely to cause such problems.

**102/10 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**103/10 Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 August 2010.

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Council held on 9 August 2010 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

**104/10 Standing Orders**

It was proposed and subsequently resolved that Standing Order 16.1 be invoked in order to allow a verbal update on the issues concerning Hythe Hospital.

**105/10 Hythe Hospital**

Moraig Forrest-Charde, Sue Harriman and Vicky Wilson of Hampshire Community Health Care updated the meeting on the current position concerning the closure of Hythe Hospital to inpatients.

The feasibility study is still being conducted. This is a far larger task than originally anticipated due to the need for structural alterations. These alterations are anticipated partly due to the need for same sex accommodation and access and use of toileting facilities.

As the building does not lend itself to modern needs a member asked whether rebuilding or extending the hospital had been considered.

It was agreed that this would be an option but funding would need to be explored alongside other alternatives. The aim is to produce an affordable facility providing what people need and want. With this in mind consultation is still taking place with GP's and stakeholders and the practice based community groups will be combining with the Hampshire Community Health Care stakeholder group in October.

Since the last meeting of the council a member of staff has been recruited in anticipation of the re-opening.

Outpatient clinics are still flourishing with around 200 blood tests a week being taken saving patients a journey to Southampton or Lymington.

**106/10 Public Forum**

There were no questions from members of the public.

**107/10 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman read a letter to the meeting from the Waterside Cancer Support Centre which thanked members for their support and generosity and advised that they are working towards opening on 29 October 2010.

**108/10 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Mr Dash began by expressing his regret at the recent death of David Kirk, Cabinet Member for Children's Services, and paid tribute to his dedication and expertise which will be sadly missed.

Mr Dash spoke of the list of suggested highway schemes to be made with developers' contributions and advised that he would be attending a meeting the following day to approve the list. It will take time for priorities to be decided upon. He has asked for the list to be circulated to members.

**109/10 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

The £81,000 which was spent on investigations into council housing will be taken from the housing revenue account.

When council houses are sold in the future the money will be paid to the housing revenue account. It is hoped that this will result in more council houses being built.

Mrs Smith attended the 'call in' meeting regarding the withdrawal of free swimming for 8-17 year olds and over 60's but was disappointed that it was unsuccessful.

110/10 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies.

111/10 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

There were no questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports.

112/10 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Mrs McLean asked the Chairman whether he was aware that some residents are unhappy that the zip slide at Ewart Recreation Ground is still taken out of use at weekends and asked when a decision will be made on its future.

It was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting of the council.

Mr Short asked the Chairman whether he was aware that the concessionary bus pass scheme has been taken over by Hampshire County Council.

The Chairman directed him to the minutes of the previous meeting when the matter was discussed.

113/10 **Reports of Committees**

**Planning Committee – 9 August 2010**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 August 2010.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 August 2010 be received and adopted.

114/10 **Final Accounts 2009/10 – Final Audit**

Consideration was given to the final accounts 2009/2010 final audit.

RESOLVED

That the Audit Commission comments be noted.

115/10 **New Forest District Council Transport Schemes – Hythe**

Consideration was given to a request from the District Council to remove 2 items from the NFDC Transport Scheme.

RESOLVED

That the District Council be informed that this council has no objections to items HY/T/50 and HY/T/54 being removed from the NFDC Transport Scheme.

116/10 **Policing in the 21<sup>st</sup> century: reconnecting police and the people – Consultation document**

Consideration was given to the above consultation document.

RESOLVED

That any comments which members may wish to make be forwarded to the Deputy Clerk for submission.

117/10 **National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey**

Consideration was given to the above survey.

RESOLVED

That the National Highways and Transport Public Satisfaction Survey be completed by the Clerk and the Chairman of the Council.

118/10 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 6150 - 6183 inclusive and those on the supplementary list, totalling £36,700.18, be approved and paid.

119/10 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

120/10 **Lease Arrangements – Office Accommodation – The Grove**

Members were given a verbal update on the current leasing arrangements of office accommodation at The Grove.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

Chairman

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