

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 December 2010 at 8 pm

Members: *Mr D Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair

oMr J Bennett	*Mrs M Robinson
*Mr W Binns	*Mr M Short
*Mr R Guy	*Mr B Uglow
*Mr G Jones	*Mr P Vickers
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr A Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr M Wade

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mrs J Bevis (Senior Clerical Assistant)

Also present: Mr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor
Mr C Harrison – New Forest District Councillor
Mrs B Smith – New Forest District Councillor
2 Members of the Public
Community Safety Officer Norman Bareham

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

199/10 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

200/10 **Discussion with Inspector Langridge from Hythe Police Station**

Inspector Langridge sent his apologies.

201/10 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1 November 2010.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 1 November 2010 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

202/10 **Public Forum**

There were no questions from members of the public.

203/10 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman read out a letter from Councillor Mrs McLean which congratulated the staff, especially Marcus Kendall, Helen Owers and outside staff and for organising the successful Mistletoe Fayre. The Chairman echoed this sentiment.

204/10 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Mr Brian Dash reported on the County Budgetry position in that there will be a 26% overall reduction to all councils by 2014/15. There will be 7.25% council's average loss of grant in each of the next four years, the biggest cuts being in 2011/12 and 2012/13.

Mr Dash reported on the Taxis and Buses at the Ferry Terminal/Pierhead. Hampshire County Council is investigating alternative taxi accommodation to enable buses to use the bus stop rather than the hard-standing. Due to its bad condition, a claim for injuries against the bus

company is ongoing. The hard-standing is owned by General Estates and was previously leased to the Bus Company.

Hampshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee oversee the development of proposals to redesign the services provided at Hythe Community Hospital. For the purposes of this specific piece of work the members of the Panel have been co-opted from the local community and comprise of Cllr Brian Dash, elected member for Dibden and Hythe (Chairman), Martin Cox, LINK lead for south west Hampshire and John Carr, Chairman of Hythe War Memorial Hospital League of Friends.

Mr Dash reported on the recent snow and the gritting of numerous primary routes and some recently designated secondary routes. The Parish again carried out gritting using Hampshire county Councils supply of grit and salt. There may be issue with older persons accommodation, not being on the specified routes.

205/10 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

Mrs Brenda Smith reported that the District Council saved £80,000 by reducing the refuse collection service by one waste vehicle and two men.

Mr Parkes reported on the street lighting PFI to bring the area up to an economical standard. It would probably reach Hythe in 2013 with a 6 month consultation.

Mr Parkes reported on a review of car parking in Lymington especially in busy times.

Mr Parkes also reported on the staffing of the planning enforcement team which had a backlog due to staff difficulties.

Mr Parkes reported on the Sites and Development Management development Plan Document which was discussed at a joint Planning Development Control committee and Planning and Transportation Panel Meeting on 16 November. Certain modifications were recommended.

The main items affecting the Parish Housing in Hythe and Dibden. There is an identified need for new Greenfield sites to be identified which could provide 50 dwellings within the Parish. Any development of these sites would be subject to a requirement that 70% of the housing provided would be affordable housing.

Sites proposed are – 1. Land at Forest Lodge Farm. 2. Land adjoining Frost Lane. This is within the area accepted as having a flood potential and would require a site specific Flood Risk Assessment before any permission could be granted. 3. Land off Cabot Drive.

There will be a road show detailing proposals from January to February with a showing at Community Centre during February.

206/10 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

David Smith attended the Annual Meeting of Transport Reps. There was to be a reduction in the fuel rebate scheme on buses and a review on the concessionary fare scheme.

Roger Guy attended the New Forest Transport Committee reporting on how it affects the older generation in providing transport in the New Forest for over 65.

There were issues with insurance for the voluntary drivers usually being 65 and over themselves. The elderly passengers saw the trip as a social occasion as well as essential for shops and medical reasons.

Mr Guy reported on the meeting at Southampton Airport regarding issues of noise and increased flights especially when the Olympics are on. Flybe have 140 new aircraft in their fleet with an age of less than 3yrs. They are aiming for 18% of passenger numbers to use public transport. They have a pot of money for grants – mainly for those living nearer to the airport.

The Clerk gave an update on the inaugural meeting of the new Association of Local Councils with Goff Beck being elected Chairman.

Alex Wade attended the New Forest Planning Association and reported on Planning Rules and Regulations.

207/10 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports

Brian Uglow reported that a grit bin by the entrance to Dominy Close had gone missing but found to be up the top end of Dominy Close by the old railway station.

In a reply to a question Brian Dash reported that the Parish Council cannot store the sand/grit but have to rely on Hampshire County Council who were very cautious about allowing the Parish to collect supplies this time as it was just the start of winter.

In reply to a question Brian Dash reported that there would be no concessionary fares for the Hythe Ferry. Hampshire County Council would have to give the concession to everyone in the County which was not viable.

208/10 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26

Graham Parkes reported that the Registrar has ceased attending the Community Centre for registrations of births, deaths and marriages, in fact they have not attended since August 2010. Anyone wishing to register a birth, death or marriage has to travel to Lymington or Ringwood. It was agreed the Parish Council should write to Hampshire County Council about the policy as it is clear that the Registrar should attend Hythe by appointment. It is particularly relevant with the reduction in transport.

209/10 Reports of Committees

(a) Planning Committee – 1 November 2010

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 November 2010.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 November 2010 be received and adopted.

(b) Personnel Committee – 8 November 2010

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 8 November 2010.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 8 November 2010 be received and adopted.

(c) Planning Committee – 15 November 2010

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 15 November 2010. Mr Alex Wade pointed out that an error on comments for Application No. 10/96296 point 4. should read No. 9 Solent Road.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 15 November 2010 be received and adopted.

210/10 Community Safety Update

Consideration was given to the Community Safety Update. It was noted that the email system that Norman Bareham had introduced was working well in getting the public involved to give information and greatly appreciated by the Council.

RESOLVED

That the Community Safety Update be noted.

211/10 Continued Membership of HALC

Consideration was given to the continued membership of HALC in view of the recent decision to increase membership fees by 8%.

RESOLVED

To continue with the membership for the time being but the Clerk to the Council should investigate alternatives in time for the next budget cycle in December 2011.

212/10 Proposed Budget and Precept 2011/12

Consideration was given to the budget papers for 2011/12. It was agreed that there should be no increase in the Parish part of the Council Tax and that the tax for an average Band 'D' property should remain at £70.44 per annum

RESOLVED

1. The proposed budgets be accepted.
2. A water usage charge be introduced on allotments phased over two years.
3. That the fees for 2011/12 as set out be adopted.
4. That the Council Precept upon New Forest District Council for the twelve months commencing 1 April 2011 be £552454.

213/10 Request to switch on lights at Netley View Skate Park

Following a request from the Young Persons Strategy Group consideration was given to switching on the lights at Netley View Skate Park.

RESOLVED

The decision was deferred to be considered again once the new youth provision at Netley View was underway.

214/10 Bus Shelter – Outside Tesco

Further to a request from Hampshire County Council consideration was given to adopting responsibility for the bus shelter in Claypits Lane close to Tesco supermarket.

RESOLVED

1. To accept the bus shelter with a review to replacing it with a stronger more robust type.
2. Seek a larger contribution from Hampshire County Council.
3. Seek a contribution from Tesco.

215/10 Mobile Library Service Survey

Consideration was given to a consultation letter from Hampshire County Council further to its current review of all mobile library services. We are an aging populations and not as IT friendly as the younger generation, also lack of transport preventing travel to the library. Retirement Homes reliant on the library service. The Council would like to work with the County to pinpoint where it would be most used and greatly needed. The Parish Council have not had a chance to discuss the matter in detail.

RESOLVED

That Hampshire County Council be informed of the Council's views.

216/10 **Signing of Documents –**

Lease Agreement between Nick Gilbert of Global IT Solutions and Parish Council in respect of office accommodation – Room 101 at The Grove

RESOLVED

That authority be given to sign the documents as required by the Clerk to the Council.

217/10 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers inclusive, totalling £52,129.90, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

Chairman

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