

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 7 March 2011 at 8 pm

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mrs 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	*Mr M Wade

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

Also present: Mr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor
Mrs B Smith – New Forest District Councillor
Mr S S Wade – New Forest District Councillor
Inspector Reading – Hythe Police Station

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

292/10 Apologies for absence

Mr Paul Vickers sent his apologies.

293/10 Discussion with Inspector Reading from Hythe Police Station

Inspector Reading was introduced to the Council. He indicated that he would attend quarterly meetings unless requested otherwise.

It was reported that there was very little crime in our particular area. Anti-social behaviour reported figures had gone down compared to last year i.e. from 360 to 242 for the year and from 51 to 43 from January to March of this year. It was also proposed to do a health check on prevention practices and to bring in a Marine Prevention Team for the time of year when the owners are launching their boats. He was also investigating the possibility of introducing a Community Speed Watch.

The Police Force as a whole will restructured from April 2011.

Inspector Reading also spoke of the good partnership workings with Candy Huxham of the HANDY Trust, Norman Bareham, ACSO and the Parish Council.

Indiscriminate parking and speeding at the local schools was also discussed and that he would work with Norman at ways to improve the situation.

294/10 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

295/10 Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 7 February 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 7 February 2011 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

296/10 Public Forum

There were no questions from members of the public.

297/10 Chairman's Announcements

There were no announcements from the Chairman.

298/10 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

Councillor Brian Dash commented on the Hampshire County Council's budget especially the cuts affecting organisations that cater for vulnerable children and families, and also the proposals for schools.

It was reported that there was to be a cycle way from Southampton Road to Claypits Lane, through Applemore and Oak Lodge School to encourage safe cycling to the schools and Applemore Recreation Centre.

To help slow down the traffic along Roman Road it is proposed to narrow parts of the road.

299/10 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

Councillor Maureen McLean commented that with housing benefits being cut and rent going up it would affect a lot of people.

Councillor Brenda Smith reported that the planning application for an extension to the Heath Hotel had been refused but suspected that they would submit a revised application in due course.

Councillor David Smith attended the last meeting of the Road Safety Council which will now be changing from 13 to 3 Councils.

There had been a reduction of animal casualties on the roads in the New Forest.

Councillor Malcolm Wade and Councillor David Smith attended the first meeting of the new Association of Local Councils. They were impressed with the number of Parish Councils attending and gave credit to David Shimpe and Terry Simpson for setting up the new Association.

300/10 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

Councillor Maureen McLean commented on the meeting with Dibden Allotments Fund and the speaker from Victim Support and June Richens of Waterside Cancer Support Centre who gave excellent accounts of their organisations.

Unfortunately due to economic times there will be cut backs in the number of grants being issued by the Dibden Allotments Fund.

301/10 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports

Mr M Wade welcomed the news of traffic calming measures reported by Mr B Dash and asked if Hampshire County Council could introduce a 20 mile speed limit to Challenger Way and Water Lane.

Mr Dash said he would ask the question but the problem would be if the Police could enforce it.

Mrs M McLean asked Mr Dash why the vouchers for taxis were cut back from £40.00 to £32.00.

Mr Dash replied it was agreed in the budget and that also concessionary fares would start from 9.00 am.

302/10 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26

It was reported that there was persistent vandalism in Netley View with an air rifle being shot at the CCTV camera.

The Chairman and Clerk were unaware of this and would speak to the ASCO and to Mrs Anne MacDonald to see if this could be stopped.

303/10 Reports of Committees**Planning Committee – 7 February 2011**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 February 2011

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 February 2011 be received and adopted.

Personnel Committee – 7 February 2011

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 7 February 2011

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 7 February 2011 be received and adopted.

304/10 Community Safety Update

Consideration was given to the community Safety Update. Members were informed that the "shift" changes for the ACSO's from April 2011 will result in additional cover for the Parish. Members also considered the renewal of the SLA for the Police Community Support Officer.

RESOLVED

That the SLA for the Police Community Support Officer be renewed for a further two years.

305/10 Grant Applications – final Batch 2010/11

Members agreed the recommendations of the Grant Working Party that

Hampshire Youth Band be awarded	£100.00
4 th New Forest East/Hythe Sea Scouts be awarded	£200.00
New Forest Victim Support be awarded	£400.00
New Forest Disability Information Service be awarded	£670.00
Oakhaven Hospice Trust be awarded	£600.00
Remainder to CAB to be used for replacement server	£264.00

306/10 Tree Management Scheme

Members noted the update and the new partnership arrangement with New Forest District Council.

307/10 Code of Recommended Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency – Consultation Document

Members felt that the Parish Council was already open and transparent and the Statement of Accounts on the website already contained all payments made by the Parish.

RESOLVED

That these comments be sent to the Government.

308/10 Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 6595 to 6662 inclusive, totalling £52,175.05, be approved and paid.

Chairman

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