

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 4 April 2011 at 8.05 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 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

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

318/10 Declarations of Interest

Mr Smith disclosed a personal interest in Minute 329/10 as he is a member of Hythe Community Association which houses the registration service in Hythe. He did not consider his interest to be prejudicial and remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Mr Parkes disclosed a personal interest in Minute 329/10 as he is the Chairman of Hythe Community Centre which houses the registration service in Hythe. He considered his interest to be prejudicial and, having left the meeting, took no part in the discussion or vote.

319/10 Minutes

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

RESOLVED

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

320/10 Public Forum

Mr Dash asked whether policies could be reviewed to allow charities to display posters advertising events such as garden openings for a maximum of 2 weeks around the parish.

The Chairman replied that this is against policy but it is possible to review policies periodically.

It was agreed that the matter could be included on a future agenda if necessary.

321/10 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman read letters to the meeting from Hythe Marina Association and a member of the public, both of which congratulated the Parish Council on the magnificent displays of daffodils around the Parish.

As it was the Chairman's last full committee meeting in the Chair he thanked the officers and staff for their help and support over the past 2 years and also extended his thanks to his fellow councillors.

322/10 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

The ongoing dispute over the closures of Children's Centres now concerns the legality of the decision being taken before the consultation was completed.

Budgetary cuts and the removal of ring fencing from grants has already resulted in 178 in year managements cuts.

Hampshire Action Team Highways are still trying for a permanent solution to the traffic problems in the Ferry Yard and Prospect Place. The moving of one taxi space from the bus station is not considered sufficient.

The Buildings, Land and Procurement Panel which runs improvements in efficiency has made savings of £160 - £170 million. The Chief Executive is now leading a national committee.

£2million is to be spent on new boiler controls. This aims to give a 10-12% reduction in energy in schools – around £1/2 million. Energy meters have also been added to make it easier for schools to control consumption.

323/10 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

Mrs Robinson thanked the Chairman for his two years of fair and hard work.

The proposed extraction of gravel from Forest Lodge Farm according to the Gravel Extraction Consultation Document will be objected to once again.

The Crime and Disorder Review Panel reviewed 20 different community safety issues which had been tackled in the last 4 years. It appeared that several decisions had been made without reference to the Panel.

Any future new build houses will consider the use of solar panels. Any revenue received from their use will go to the housing revenue account.

Further consideration has been given to the issue of hand car washing licences in District Council owned car parks. Car Parks in Hythe and Dibden are not included on the list.

324/10 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

The Butts Ash Community Association held an AGM on 29 March 2011. John Barnes was re-elected as Chairman and Brian Dash as Vice Chairman.

Consideration was given to the possibility of changing the name from BACA to St Anne's Neighbourhood Centre.

There will be an open afternoon/evening at St Anne's Centre on 18 June 2011. It is hoped that this will also include an exhibition to celebrate the 50 years since the first house was built on Netley View.

A competition will be held to design a new logo for the centre which is open to all ages.

The practice based commissioning committee held a dementia workshop.

52.3% of residents of the New Forest are over 45 years old. Dementia in men over 65 in the New Forest is 5.8% more than the national average. In women over 65 it is 8.4% more than the national average.

People typically live with dementia for 7-12 years. There are 700,000 sufferers in the UK and the cost of treatment is £17 billion annually. Although medication can slow the progress of the disease there is currently no cure.

A consultancy is being set up in Hythe Hospital to deal with dementia with several agencies working together.

Residents from Mauves sur Loire will be visiting Hythe for the weekend of 2 – 5 June 2011. As this will be the 20th anniversary of the first twinning visit the Mauves sur Loire Twinning Association would like to present Hythe with a milestone which it is hoped will be sited in The Grove gardens.

325/10 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mrs Smith advised the Chairman that BBC4 would be showing a documentary on the birth of the council house the following week and hoped it may be of interest to the BACA Netley View Exhibition.

Mr A Wade asked Mr Parkes whether the press had been invited to cover the Twinning Association visit.

Mr Parkes replied that he was sure the matter was in hand.

Mr Uglow reminded Mr Dash that they had both attended a demonstration over the Sure Start Children's Centres and asked whether the children the centres were originally intended for were still attending the centres.

Mr Dash felt that although some decisions had been made in haste, essentially the centres were fulfilling the original function.

Mr Guy pointed out that the Waterside Centre deals with over 970 children.

326/10 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Mrs Robinson asked whether the Chairman was aware of the parking problem encountered at the Catholic Church in Langdown Lawn which was causing difficulties for residents.

It was agreed that the Clerk should add the area to the next parking review.

327/10 **Suspension of Standing Orders**

It was proposed and subsequently resolved that Standing Orders 25 and 26 be suspended.

Mr S Wade asked if the Chairman was aware that at a recent meeting of the New Forest National Park Authority North East Parish Councils 3 presentations were made. These concerned the Land Management Team, the 4 Rangers and development.

328/10 **Reports of Committees**

Planning Committee – 7 March 2011

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

RESOLVED

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

329/10 **Hampshire County Council Registration Service – Proposed Closure of Hythe Outstation**

Consideration was given to a request for comments from the County Council on the proposed closure of Hythe outstation.

The Chairman reported that when his wife had tried to register a relative's death she was told that it is not possible to register a death in Hythe. Members agreed that this would flaw the statistics presented and another member felt that these figures only covered 7 months of 2010 and would, in fact, show that there was an increase in usage from 2009.

It was further felt that the service should be offered for the convenience of residents who are elderly, disabled, in ill health or have no transport etc irrespective of the numbers involved.

Contrary to the reasons given for closure it was felt that the quality of accommodation offered is more than adequate and members were unable to understand the comment that the IT infrastructure would need improving.

RESOLVED

That Hampshire County Council be advised that this Council strongly objects to the proposed closure of the Hampshire County Council Registration Service Hythe Outstation.

330/10 **Annual Review of Business Risks and Insurance**

Consideration was given to the Annual Review of Business Risks and Insurance.

RESOLVED that

- (a) the schedule of risks be agreed
- (b) the schedule of insurance be agreed
- (c) the council continue with the self insurance of play equipment.

331/10 **Bus Subsidy Review – Consultation**

Consideration was given to the consultation on Bus Subsidy Review.

RESOLVED

That a working party comprising Mr Smith, Mr Guy, Mr Binns and any interested party respond to the Bus Subsidy Review Consultation.

332/10 **Review of Policy documents**

Consideration was given to the review of policy documents.

RESOLVED

That the policy documents are fit for purpose.

333/10 **Accounts for Payment**

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

Vouchers 6714-8

Clarity was sought over the separate entries and different amounts for fire extinguisher inspections.

The Clerk advised that the inspections were for separate locations with differing numbers of fire extinguishers.

General

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 6663 - 6731 inclusive, totalling £68,761.47, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.06 pm.

Chairman

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