

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 Wednesday 8 June 2011 at 8 pm

Members:	*Mr J Binns	oMr M Short
	oMr B Dash	*Mrs B Smith
	*Mr R Guy	*Mr D Smith
	*Mr C Harrison	oMr A Wade
	*Mrs M McLean	*Mr M Wade
	*Mr G Parkes	oMr S Wade
	oMrs M Robinson	

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: oMrs A McEvoy - Hampshire County Councillor
oMr M Harris – New Forest District Councillor
2 Members of the Public

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

The Clerk advised members that both the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council were on holiday.

It was agreed that Mr Smith would take the Chair for the meeting.

43/11 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Smith disclosed a personal interest in Minute 55/11 as she has held discussions with Mr Patel of Jays Pharmacy in Merriemeade Parade in connection with the matter. She considered this interest to be prejudicial and, having left the meeting, took no part in the discussion or vote.

44/11 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18 May 2011.

Matters arising

Minute 16/11 – New Forest District Council Environmental Protection Liaison Committee

The Clerk advised members that Mr M Wade is now the New Forest District Council appointed representative on this committee which leaves a vacancy for a Parish Council representative.

It was agreed that Mrs Smith should become the Parish Council representative on the New Forest District Council Environmental Protection Liaison Committee.

Minute 16/11 – St John's Hall Management Committee

The Clerk confirmed that there is no Management Committee at present as the running of the Hall is included in the running of the Church. An option was given to join the Friends of St John's Church.

It was agreed that no action should be taken at present.

Minute 22/11

A response has been received from New Forest District Council stating that no decisions will be made until the Sites and Development Management Development Plan Document – Public Consultation Document has been prepared but the views of the Parish Council will be considered during the consultation.

It was agreed to include the matter on an agenda at the beginning of 2012.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 18 May 2011 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

45/11 **Public Forum**

Mr Binns expressed concern that the public are not being kept informed of the current situation regarding the re-opening of Hythe Hospital and the perception is that this will result in closure.

Mrs McLean advised the meeting that the matter is in the process of public consultation and many questionnaires have been completed and are being co-ordinated.

The Practice Based Commissioning Group comprises 6 local Doctors and representatives of many interested local organisations. It is working very hard to find a solution, however there are concerns that running the hospital with only 8 beds may not be a viable proposition. Investigations will be made to consider whether more consultant led clinics may be a better use of local facilities.

The League of Friends has donated money for a new scanner which is used for 2 days a week and it is hoped that this will be increased to 5 days a week in the near future as it is well used. The hospital also has its own diabetic nurse.

The Clerk assured members that the Primary Care Trust is still positive on local provision and maximising the use of the site. Discussions are still taking place on the format that this will take.

46/11 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

47/11 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

There were no County Councillors present.

48/11 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

Mr M Wade advised members that he will be serving on the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel as spokesman on the environment and New Forest Environmental Protection Liaison Committee.

Mr Binns will also serve on the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel and hopes to be able to revive interest in young people. He recently attended an introduction to the Panel which he found interesting.

The District Council is to adopt the use of Solar Photo Voltaic Panels on its property and housing stock if they have roofs which face predominantly south. This will be of benefit to the environment, District Council and the tenants and could save District Council tenants around £100 pa.. It is thought that sheltered housing will have panels installed after properties such as Appletree Court.

An internal review of Dibden Golf Centre was held recently which has resulted in an option to run alongside the private sector. The suggestions are a medium term lease to a golfing company or management contract.

A final decision will be made by the Scrutiny Panel.

49/11 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

There were no reports.

50/11 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mrs Smith stated that solar panels have their own cost to the environment – Mr Guy indicated that the carbon debt of manufacturing is 7 years - and asked all the District Councillors to ensure that they continue the good work of the Green Audit Panel.

Mr Parkes asked Mr Harrison why tenants who have solar panels fitted to their property should benefit from a reduction in energy costs when all tenants should be included.

Mr Harrison was unable to answer this question as it was not included in his report.

Mr Guy asked Mr Harrison to request that sensitivity testing be done on the photo voltaic panels chosen for installation as he felt that they were not the best option due to the fact that they don't supply energy at night.

51/11 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Mr M Wade asked the Chairman whether he was aware of the new Scrutiny process.

The previous process used two committees but now the same amount of work will be covered by one committee and it is felt that it will have less impact.

The Chairman replied that he is now aware of this process.

52/11 **Reports of Committees**

Planning Committee – 18 May 2011

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 May 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 May 2011 be received and adopted.

53/11 **Internal Audit Report (Final) 2010/2011**

Consideration was given to the Annual Audit Inspection Report and the proposed response.

RESOLVED

That the Annual Audit Inspection Report be noted and the response be agreed and approved.

54/11 **Final Accounts and Annual Return Year ending 31 March 2011**

(a) Accounts

Consideration was given to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 along with the Annual Return for the same period. The Clerk reported that during the preparation of this year's accounts it became apparent that the general balance carried forward from the previous year had been understated by £4005.90. This had resulted in the Income and Expenditure account and balance sheet for the previous year being restated. Details were contained in the notes to the Annual Accounts.

RESOLVED

That the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2011 along with the Annual Return for the same period be approved.

(b) Statement of Assurance (Annual Governance Statement)

Consideration was given to the Statement of Assurance which forms part of the Annual Return.

RESOLVED

That the Statement of Assurance be approved.

55/11 Application for preliminary consent prior to inclusion in the pharmaceutical list of Hampshire PCT in respect of premises situated in the Red and Green Practice Waterside Health Centre, Beaulieu Road by the Co-operative pharmacy

Consideration was given to the above application.

Members expressed concern that this application would result in unfair competition for the existing pharmacies in the area which also provide other services which may be lost if they are unable to compete. It may also discourage users from crossing the road to use the parade of shops opposite.

There was also concern that this application differed significantly from the one originally lodged. It was thought that opening hours should coincide with those of the doctor's surgery and only allow Sunday opening as part of a Sunday opening rota.

RESOLVED

That Hampshire PCT be advised that the Parish Council objects to this application.

56/11 Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 6857-6912 inclusive, totalling £14,138.53, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman

Date

mncou143