

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 10 August 2011 at 8.05 pm

Members: *Mrs M Robinson (Chairman) – in the Chair

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

In attendance: Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)
Mr M Kendall (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)

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

94/11 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr S Wade disclosed a personal interest in Minute 105/11 as he is a member of Friends of Forest Front Nature Reserve who receive a regular policy grant towards public liability insurance. He did not consider his interest to be prejudicial and remained in the meeting for the discussion.

Mrs Smith disclosed a personal interest in Minute 105/11 as her husband is a volunteer at Waterside Heritage. She considered this interest to be prejudicial and took no part in the discussion or vote.

Mrs McLean disclosed a personal interest in Minute 105/11 as she is a trustee of Hythe Skate and Ride. She considered this interest to be prejudicial and, having left the meeting, took no part in the discussion or vote.

Mr Parkes disclosed a personal interest in Minute 105/11 as he is Chairman of Waterside Heritage. He considered this interest to be prejudicial and took no part in the discussion or vote.

95/11 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 July 2011.

Minute 65/11

It was clarified that officers from Police Stations at Lyndhurst, New Milton and Fordingbridge will be relocated within the next 6 years.

Minute 67/11

The Clerk advised members that the 112 service will be reduced from a 6 day service to a 3 day service. It appears that 5 people a day use the bus stop at Lymington Hospital, although it is unknown where they have travelled from.

Alternative forms of transport will need to be explored such as a voluntary car scheme operated with Parish Council support.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13 July 2011 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

96/11 Public Forum

There were no questions from members of the public.

97/11 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman drew members' attention to a series of emails detailing various road closures and alternative arrangements to be implemented during the construction of the Claypits Lane/Southampton Road shared use cycleway.

The Clerk had raised concerns over the route of the No. 8 bus during the closure and access to the Post Office and Drapers Copse.

98/11 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

In his absence, Mr Dash's report was read by the Clerk.

Previously mentioned bus service cuts have been confirmed.

All the Primary and Junior schools in the area have received a "Good" report from OFSTED with the Waterside Children's Centre being marked as "Outstanding".

Whilst Minerals and Waste Local Development Plan invites comments, the Parish Council has recently reaffirmed its position.

The bus stop at Prospect Place has been re-marked, but the congestion issue is still outstanding. An item will be included on the next Parish Council Agenda.

99/11 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

The District Council is starting the task of decommissioning sheltered housing units including the bungalows at Deerleap Way. Letters concerning the removal of alarm cords and fire alarms have been sent to residents. Unfortunately this has not been co-ordinated with information on the alternatives available which has caused some distress to residents. The matter is in the process of being rectified and if further assistance is required Pauline Lewis at the District Council can give the appropriate information.

Mr M Wade arrived at the meeting having attended a Members Forum re policing in the local area earlier in the evening.

Despite the 25% cut in the Policing budget there is still a commitment to Safer Neighbourhood teams and local policing, however there is concern that a lack of infrastructure will cause operational problems for front line officers.

Officers from the New Forest and Southampton areas will be deployed in either area as operational reasons dictate.

Only Totton and Lymington Police Stations will operate a front desk which can be used for presenting documents or attendance further to court orders.

A dvd on the future of policing was shown highlighting more technology driven methods of contacting the police and reporting crime in the future. A new website, www.crimereport.co.uk, will go live on 7 September 2011 on which it will be possible to check on crime in an area within 200 houses and there will also be links to crime statistics and how to protect yourself from burglary.

100/11 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no reports from representatives on outside bodies.

101/11 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mrs McLean asked Mr Wade whether any Police Officers from the area had been sent to London to help control the recent riots.

It appears that around 70 officers had been redeployed although the exact area they had been taken from was not known.

102/11 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

The Chairman was asked whether she was aware that Hythe Registration Office has now been formally closed.

The Chairman responded that she had not been aware of this fact but thought that it was a great shame. She thanked Mr Parkes for bringing the matter to members' attention initially and for his work in trying to keep the Registration Office open.

103/11 **Reports of Committees**

Planning Committee – 13 July 2011

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13 July 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 13 July 2011 be received and adopted.

104/11 **Review of arrangement for the operation of the zipwire at Ewart Recreation Ground – Minute 140/10 refers**

Consideration was given to extending the hours that the zipwire at Ewart Recreation Ground is available for use as requests from members of the public continue to be received.

Members were keen that a facility requested by children in the Parish should be available for them to use although they were mindful of the complaints which had been received in the past. However it was felt that the presence of the youth workers and ACSOs would be beneficial as they could identify any problems early on and hopefully rectify them.

RESOLVED

1. That the opening hours of the zipwire at Ewart Recreation Ground be extended as follows between 12 August 2011 and 2 October 2011:-

Fridays until 6.30 pm
Saturdays 8.15 am until 6.30 pm
Sundays 8.15 am until 6.30 pm

2. That Lowes Security be employed to close the zipwire on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday during this period.
3. That delegated powers be given to officers in consultation with the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council to take appropriate action should the need arise.

105/11 **Grant Applications 2011/12**

Consideration was given to the allocation of Grant Aid in conjunction with the recommendations of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee.

Hythe Skate and Ride

The Clerk advised members that enquiries had been made from the Parish Council's insurers and it would be possible for the Parish Council to arrange insurance for Hythe Skate and Ride for considerably less than the amount requested as a contribution.

RESOLVED

1. That grants be made to the following organisations for the amounts stated, from the 2011/2012 Grant Aid budget:-

(a)	CAB	£1623
(b)	Community First Direct	£1203
(c)	Friends of Forest Front Nature Reserve	£ 490
(d)	Waterside Heritage	£ 294
(e)	Waterside Out of School Club	£ 150
(f)	Forest Education Centre	£ 250
(g)	New Forest Victim Support	£ 400
(h)	Hythe and Dibden Short Mat Bowls Club	£ 75
2. That the Parish Council arrange insurance for Hythe Skate and Ride through their own insurers.

106/11 **Parish Enhancement Plan 2011-2015**

The Clerk gave a short presentation on "The Way Forward 2011 - 2015" and asked if membership could be agreed for the proposed task and finish groups.

It was suggested that the presentation could be shown to various community groups in order to let them know what the Council already does and what plans it has for the future.

It was further suggested that some form of community engagement be implemented such as the Love it /Hate it Survey, possibly on the 10th anniversary of the original survey.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk and Deputy Clerk for all the work which had been put into planning "The Way Forward".

RESOLVED

That "The Way Forward 2011 – 2015" be agreed and members contact the Clerk with their preferences for membership of the proposed task and finish groups.

107/11 **Request for Dog Bins at Grove Gardens and Ladycross Road**

Consideration was given to the provision of dog bins at Grove Gardens and Ladycross Road.

Following objections from residents to a dog bin in the Grove Gardens and bearing in mind that most dog fouling is done on the beach rather than in the Grove Gardens it was suggested that a bin be provided in the area of St John's Car Park so that it can be used by owners who exercise their dogs in the urban area.

RESOLVED

That dog bins be provided in Ladycross Road and in the area of St John's Car Park.

108/11 **Open Public Services – Government White Paper**

Consideration was given to the above document.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council respond to the document according to the comments made.

109/11 **Signing of Documents --**

Formal Variation Agreement between NFDC, Tesco Stores and Hythe and Dibden Parish Council to allow contribution for Dibden Distributor Road to be paid towards a pedestrian and cycle route on Claypits Lane/Cumberland Way and other pedestrian/footway improvements on Challenger Way

RESOLVED

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

110/11 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 6999 -7059 inclusive, totalling £38,313.50, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman

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