

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 14 September 2011 at 8.05 pm

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

oMr J Binns	*Mr M Short
*Mr 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	*Mr S Wade

In attendance: Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: *Mrs C Huxham – Senior Youth Worker, HANDY Trust
oMrs A McEvoy - Hampshire County Councillor

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

118/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

119/11 Presentation on the HANDY Trust – 10 years on

Mr M Wade and Mrs C Huxham gave a brief presentation on the work of the HANDY Trust over the last 10 years and future aspirations.

The youth service was started in 1999 and formed as a registered charity 2 years later. In 2004 it was expanded to include Marchwood Parish Council and the Netley View area.

Everything that is done by the HANDY Trust is tailored to local need through engaging with the community including working in partnership with pre-schools, children's centres and primary schools as well as social media networking. This has resulted in the anti-social behaviour rate dropping from one of the highest in the District in the early 2000's to the lowest in 2011 and teenage pregnancy on the Waterside falling by 9.7% to the lowest level for a decade.

The annual cost to run the HANDY Trust is £58,000, of this £42,250 is allocated to the Hythe and Netley View Youth Workers. The remainder funds the Marchwood Youth Worker. Funding for the Trust is received from the Parish and District Councils (£13,400.) as well as the Dibden Allotments Fund (£16,425). £12,425 of the annual running costs is funded from trust balances however this is only sustainable for a maximum of two years, therefore it is vital that future sustainable funding is found.

Much of the benefit of the HANDY Trust comes from the fact that the 3 youth workers have over 50 years experience of working in the community with children and young people between them. To keep this wealth of experience within the Trust it is suggested that a half post is created in 2012/3 and another half post in 2014/5 in order to train future youth workers.

Members were advised that a 1% increase each year on the precept would give £16500 in year three and asked to consider whether this could be included in a future budget.

Members agreed to the principle of additional youth worker posts and it was suggested that all parties consider the best ways of funding them.

At the end of the presentation Mrs McLean presented a cheque for £250 to the HANDY Trust which was accepted by Mrs Huxham

120/11 Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 August 2011.

Minute 104/11

Mr Dash stated that he had received many compliments from people who were delighted that the zip wire is now available for use for longer.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that no complaints had been received.

Minute 107/11

Mr Dash suggested that as the original site request for a dog waste bin had been in The Grove gardens the area reserved of St John's Street car park was not acceptable.

Members agreed that the matter had been fully discussed and should not be revisited for 6 months.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10 August 2011 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

121/11 Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

122/11 Chairman's Announcements

A presentation of "New Forest on Film" will be held at Lyndhurst Community Centre on 21 September 2011.

Following consultation a ministerial decision has been made concerning the governance of National Parks. The New Forest National Park will be part of a 4 year pilot which will cover the number of members to be directly elected.

The Street Pastor initiative is to be extended into the Waterside. Mr Dash will attend meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.

123/11 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

The Minerals and Waste Plan is due to be discussed next month. There will be opportunities for deputations to speak at the meeting.

Due to the withdrawal of funding it is thought likely that the Youth Club at Hardley will close.

Mr Dash "called in" the issue of Children's Centres funding so that the Leader of the Council could be asked to make up the £3million shortfall but the suggestion was not contemplated by the Portfolio Holder.

Some modifications have been made to the Claypits Cycle Lane route such as it will no longer run on the verge side of Malwood Road. Work is intended to start from the Applemore end.

The issue of the crossing at Challenger Way has yet to be resolved.

124/11 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

The Housing Revenue Account Task and Finish Group has discussed borrowing £139million to buy out of the current system. Discussions are continuing on the best method of borrowing over a 30 year period. If the plan goes ahead surpluses will start to be accrued which will be ring-fenced for housing.

A Task and Finish Group will discuss the future of the 9 Car Parks in the District which currently do not charge for parking.

Car Parking clocks will continue in the District but a decision on charges has yet to be made.

The Task and Finish Group continue to discuss the future of Dibden Golf Club. The issuing of a 25 year lease seems the most likely outcome at the moment.

A new Corporate Strategy is currently being formulated to cover the next 4 years.

125/11 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Discussions are continuing on the best way in which to utilise Hythe Hospital.

6 re-enablement beds will be provided somewhere in the area. Clinics within the hospital are being improved constantly but it is thought that the whole site may need redesigning.

126/11 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mrs Smith asked Mr Dash whether it would be worth considering an approach to Fawley Parish Council to become part of the HANDY Trust.

Mr M Wade responded that a previous attempt had not worked out.

Mrs Smith asked Mr Dash whether he was aware of the effect road closures have on refuse collections.

Mr Dash replied that he had not thought of the problem but would email the engineer covering the Claypits Cycle Lane project and ask him to liaise with the District Council on the matter.

127/11 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Mrs McLean asked whether the Chairman was aware that Over 60's would have to pay 60p to borrow talking books from the library from 19 September 2011 with very few exemptions.

The Chairman replied that she was not aware but would keep an eye on the situation.

Mr Smith asked the Chairman whether she was aware of proposed changes to the No. 8 bus at off peak times. He had been asked for comments.

The Chairman asked Mr Smith to request that no changes are made.

Mr Dash asked whether the Chairman was aware that the former practice of members walking local Rights of Way footpaths seems to have stopped.

The Chairman replied that she was aware of this fact.

Mr Guy asked whether the Chairman was aware that the bus company on the Isle of Wight is training voluntary drivers to run mini buses to replace withdrawn bus services.

The Chairman responded with interest to this fact.

128/11 **Reports of Committees**

Planning Committee – 10 August 2011

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 August 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 August 2011 be received and adopted.

129/11 **Acceptance of Quotation – Replacement Wood Chipper**

Consideration was given to the acceptance of a quotation for a replacement wood chipper.

RESOLVED

That the quotation of £6166.44 from A T Osbornes Ltd for a wood chipper be accepted.

130/11 **Acceptance of Price – Replacement computer network and telephone network (Minute No. 18/11 refers)**

Consideration was given to the acceptance of price for a replacement computer network and telephone network.

RESOLVED

That the price for a replacement computer network and telephone system of £8328.62 from supplier A be accepted.

131/11 **Acceptance of Quotation – Workshop Security Fence (Minute No. 18/11 refers)**

Consideration was given to the acceptance of a quotation for the provision of a workshop security fence.

RESOLVED

That the quotation for the provision of a workshop security fence for £9333 from T.J.M Ltd be accepted.

132/11 **Traffic Congestion – Hythe Transport Interchange**

Consideration was given to the problem of traffic congestion at Hythe Transport Interchange.

Members had various suggestions for improvement such as Prospect Place and The Marsh being closed to through traffic, purchase of the land and the installation of a "calling system" so that no more than 3 taxis are parked in the area at a time.

Members felt that the issue could only be resolved through consultation with the parties involved.

RESOLVED

1. That Nick Hunt from New Forest District Council be invited to a future meeting.
2. That consultation be made with the taxi owners and bus company.

133/11 **Making Open Data Real – Public Consultation**

Consideration was given to the above consultation document.

RESOLVED

That the Cabinet Office be advised that the Parish Council has no comment to make on "Making Open Date Real: A Public Consultation" at this time.

134/11 **Consultation on the Registration of new town or village greens**

Consideration was given to the above consultation document.

RESOLVED

That any comments be sent to the Deputy Clerk to formulate a response within one week otherwise DEFRA should be advised that the Parish Council has no comment to make on the Consultation on the registration of new town and village greens at this time.

135/11 **Accounts for Payment**

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

Voucher 7141

A member asked whether the removal of an abandoned car should be done free by the District Council.

It was clarified that this is no longer the case, however as this instance involved a car being set alight investigations are being made into the possibility of recovering the cost from the insurers.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 7060-7145 inclusive, totalling £49,671.85, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman

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