

**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 9 November 2011 at 8.05 pm

- Members: \*Mrs M Robinson (Chairman) – in the Chair
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| *Mr J Binns    | *Mr M Short  |
| *Mr B Dash     | *Mrs B Smith |
| oMr R Guy      | *Mr D Smith  |
| *Mr 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)  
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)  
Mr M Kendall (Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor)
- Also present: oMrs A McEvoy - Hampshire County Councillor  
\*Mr M Harris – New Forest District Councillor  
3 Members of the Public
- \* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

**176/11 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**177/11 Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 October 2011.

**Attendance**

Mr M Wade wished it to be clarified that although it was shown that he had attended the meeting he had, in fact, arrived part way through the meeting as he had attended a meeting on behalf of the Parish Council earlier in the evening.

**Minute 157/11**

The Clerk advised members that he had commented on the proposed closure of the acute mental health ward at Woodhaven in Calmore. He was advised that comments will be taken into account when the position is considered.

**Minute 167/11**

Members were advised that there will be a meeting on 10 January 2012 in the Parish Hall for organisations interested in celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12 October 2012 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

**178/11 Public Forum**

Mr Binns spoke of the alterations which are being made to bus timetables and public transport and the difficulties which may be encountered in attending Hythe Hospital.

The Chairman referred him to the discussions held in previous meetings and Mr Smith explained the up to date situation briefly.

Mr Uglow asked whether any further consideration had been given to a 20mph speed limit in Hythe.

Mr Dash told the meeting that he intended to cover this matter in his report later in the meeting.

Mr Wheeler informed the meeting that the Government had stated that 93% of the country would be covered by Practice Based Commissioning Boards but there had been no public statements to say what has been happening.

The Chairman advised him that Mrs McLean serves on a Practice Based Commissioning Board but accepted his point that there is a perceived lack of visibility. She asked Mrs McLean to pass his comments to the PCB.

**179/11 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman was delighted to advise members that Candy Huxham, Senior Youth Worker at the HANDY Trust, had won the inaugural National Youth Worker of the Year Award 2011. She felt it was well deserved and an accolade for the whole community.

The Chairman advised members of the Church Services and Parades which would be taking place on Remembrance Sunday.

**180/11 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Health and Well Being is still in a state of development. A 3 year transition process will last until April 2013.

Progress is being made with traffic calming in Roman Road South.

The County Council is divesting itself of a large number of offices to save money. It is trying to engage in location partnerships with Local and District Councils in order to increase efficiency and save money.

**181/11 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

The Planning and Development Control Committee supported 3 applications which had been refused by the Conservation Officer.

The Housing Revenue Account Task and Finish Group has explored various options for servicing the required £140 million loan. These will now be considered by Officers.

Attempts are being made to find out why a large industrial unit has been empty on Hardley Industrial Estate for 5 years when it could help with employments needs in the area.

Wildground Infant School is trying to start a community garden and are receiving help from the Parish Council.

There has been a delay in the construction of the property at Robinsbush as an adjacent property owns part of the driveway.

The Grant Task and Finish Group is in the process of advising parishes and councillors how much they have available in developers' contributions.

When the Budget Task and Finish Group has finished looking at the current year it will look into potential savings for future years.

The District Council is looking into alternative options for raising revenue at Oak Road Car Park.

**182/11 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

The reopening of St Anne's Centre has been delayed as the work has not been finished. This is partly due to the weather and partly due to the leader of St John's Youth being taken ill.

Ideas on how to recognise the work done by St John's Youth will be welcomed.

There are concerns over how the Friends of Forest Front will obtain certain funding now that English Nature has become Natural England. Previously English Nature would fund certain works in the ponds to protect the dragonflies but this will now have to be applied for.

The Annual Reports at the Annual Meeting of the Youth Club were excellent.

The Drug and Alcohol Awareness Group has stopped using the Centre. 87 people will now have to go to Totton.

There are plans for a computer programme to be launched which it is hoped will encourage people to look for jobs.

The Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Mr M Wade attended a meeting of Marchwood Parish Council to make a presentation on the HANDY Trust.

Mr Dash has been appointed to the New Forest National Park Authority.

183/11 **Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr A Wade asked Mr Dash about the proposed 20 mph speed limit in Hythe.

Mr Dash responded that it is thought to be feasible.

Mrs Smith asked whether the District Councillors could ascertain what is happening with the Citizens Advice Bureaux.

The Chairman advised that there are no longer any councillors appointed to the CAB but suggested that Peter Wales be invited to a future meeting.

Mr Parkes asked Mr Harrison whether he was aware that there is a consultation document devoted to the Hythe Conservation Area and whether it would be worth including for consideration on a future agenda for the Planning and Development Control Committee.

It was agreed that this may be a worthwhile exercise.

184/11 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

The Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor asked the Chairman whether she was aware that a Higher Level Agreement has been agreed with Natural England regarding Forest Front which will guarantee funding for 5 – 10 years or more.

He also advised that the new Chairman of the Friends of Forest Front Nature Reserve is Adrian Hutchings.

Mr Dash asked whether the Chairman was aware of the maps of Rights of Way of the area and asked whether members could volunteer to walk these routes.

The Chairman replied that she was aware of these maps and stated that members had been asked to contact the Clerk in this regard.

Mr A Wade asked the Chairman whether she was aware of the blockades around the tree outside Waitrose.

The Chairman replied that she was aware of this matter and the complaints that it had attracted. It had been impractical to replace the pavers which had been dislodged by tree roots so an artificial membrane which had the appearance of tiger mulch wood chippings had been installed for safety reasons.

The Chairman was asked whether she was aware that Crystle Rogers is on a shortlist for the National Achiever of the Year Award at the Emirates Stadium.

The Chairman replied that she was delighted to hear that news.

**185/11 Reports of Committees****(a) Personnel Committee – 12 October 2011**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 12 October 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 12 October 2011 be received and adopted.

**(b) Planning Committee – 12 October 2011**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 October 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 October 2011 be received and adopted.

**186/11 Internal Audit – Interim Visit 2011/12**

Consideration was given to the Internal Audit – Interim Visit 2011/12.

Credit was given to the Clerk for another problem free report.

RESOLVED

That the Internal Audit – Interim Visit 2011/12 be approved and noted.

**187/11 Financial Monitoring period ending 30 September 2011**

The Clerk presented the financial monitoring for the period ending 30 September 2011.

It was observed that some bookings are down at Clayfields and the Parish Hall. It is expected that vacancies will be heavily advertised in the New Year.

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring for the period 30 September 2011 be accepted and approved.

**188/11 Acceptance of Tender – Play Equipment for Shore Road Recreation Ground**

Consideration was given to the tenders received for the provision and installation of Play Equipment at Shore Road Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED

That a tender of £25,000.00 received from Kompan Ltd be accepted for the provision and installation of Play Equipment at Shore Road Recreation Ground.

**189/11 Clayfields Sports Centre – to receive an update**

Consideration was given to the best way in which to utilise Clayfields Sports Centre.

Members had several suggestions but it was felt that initial investigations should be made by a Working Party.

RESOLVED

1. That a Working Party comprising Mr A Wade, Mr M Wade, Mr Parkes, Mr Short and Mrs Smith investigate ways in which Clayfields Sports Centre could be used in order to maximise its potential.

2. That delegated power be given to the Clerk to waive the 25% commercial enhancement fee for a period of time to allow new commercial hirers of any of the Council's facilities time to establish a client base.

190/11 **Representatives on Outside Bodies – HANDY Trust**

Consideration was given to the appointment of representatives on the HANDY Trust.

RESOLVED

That Mrs McLean and Mr M Wade be nominated as representatives on the HANDY Trust

191/11 **Signing of documents**

– Licence between Hythe and Dibden Sports Club and Hythe and Dibden Parish Council for use of football pitch at Ewart Recreation Ground

RESOLVED

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

192/11 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 7227 - 7303 inclusive, totalling £52,779.65, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm

Chairman

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