

**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 December 2011 at 8.05 pm

- Members: \*Mrs M Robinson (Chairman) – in the Chair
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| oMr J Binns    | *Mr M Short  |
| *Mr B Dash     | *Mrs B Smith |
| oMr 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)
- Also present: oMrs A McEvoy - Hampshire County Councillor  
\*Mr M Harris – New Forest District Councillor  
PCSO Mark Atrill (Hythe Police Station)  
1 Member of the Public
- \* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

**200/11 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**201/11 Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 November 2011.

**RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 November 2011 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

**202/11 Public Forum**

PCSO Mark Atrill attended the meeting and advised members that compared with this time last year the statistics for crime in the area are unchanged. The only exception to this is vehicle crime which is greater due to a weekend of problems recently. However, this has been linked to the fact that cars were left open and vulnerable. A campaign of knocking on doors and making residents aware of the dangers of leaving vehicles unsecured was undertaken.

Youth nuisance has calmed down following the arrest of a youth recently.

Operation Nemesis is ongoing with high visibility patrols at night being very successful.

Mrs McLean asked what the current situation was regarding theft of lead from roofs. PCSO Atrill responded that the situation is calm at the moment.

The Clerk advised members that attempts are still being made to remove lead from the roof at The Grove although there is no lead left. This is causing problems as roof tiles are being damaged. Attempts are being made to stop access to the roof.

Mr M Wade spoke of the emails sent out by the ACSOs and it was agreed that these are beneficial to the Community Safety Team, the Parish Council and residents.

**203/11 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman advised members that Crystle Rogers was voted the London and South East Young Achiever of the Year through the Prince's Trust.

Members were delighted to hear this news and it was agreed that the Chairman should write a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Council.

The Clerk advised the meeting that a video on the Prince's Trust website about Crystle's achievements was worth watching.

**204/11 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

Mr Dash advised members that he had accompanied Crystle Rogers to her awards ceremony and praised the work that she does within the Parish, stating that young people find her credible and respond to that.

The Minerals and Waste Plan has been passed after an amendment to reduce the amount extracted was rejected.

The pedestrian crossing at Dibden has been delayed as a safety assessment meant that it was unable to proceed as planned. There will now be 2 islands when work starts in mid January 2012.

The traffic calming measures in Roman Road appear to have slowed traffic. Modifications will be made following consultation with local residents and cyclists.

A traffic management meeting has suggested that a 20 mph limit may be feasible around the centre of Hythe and speed checks will be carried out to confirm this. However budget cuts mean that no work can be carried out for at least a year.

**205/11 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

The Housing Revenue Task and Finish Group have decided that there will be no repayment of the £140 million loan in the first 5 years.

The Asset Management Group is to review the options for Oak Road Car Park which includes leasing to the Church or Parish Council or using part for social housing. It is suggested that there is a plan at the District Council which shows that part of Oak Road Car Park was previously designated for 7 social houses.

If passed by Council taxi drivers will be issued with laminated cards which display rates of fares.

Residents in sheltered accommodation are concerned about the changes to be made on 1 April 2012. Mr Harris attended a meeting at Whitecroft in Furzedown and felt that the residents had been reassured but will continue to monitor the situation.

Grass on amenity land at Tern Close has remained uncut for some time and the matter is being investigated.

Dates have been made available in January 2012 for discussions about the Hythe Transport Interchange.

The tendering process for the running of Dibden Golf Centre is progressing with several outside contractors involved in negotiations.

A review has suggested that there will be some cutbacks in the Tourist Information Service. Modern media means that offices are less busy and there may be some redundancies.

**206/11 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

The Hythe Ferry Users Group was told that use of the Hythe Ferry is down, probably due to the fact that a senior citizens bus pass cannot be used on it.

There is concern over the condition of the end of the pier.

Several members of the Hythe Ferry Users Group had ideas on how to improve the area as it is the "Gateway to the National Park". It was suggested that they contact the Parish Development Officer for further discussion.

Further to the announcement that the 112 bus service to Lymington will be cut to 3 days a week it has been noted that this service is used to access health services in Dibden Purlieu. It is hoped that amendments can be made.

Further to Mr Dash's appointment to the New Forest National Park Authority it has been noted that the New Forest Tour Bus does not call in Hythe so he has indicated that he will investigate the matter.

**207/11 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports**

Mr A Wade asked Mr Harris to clarify the problems which had been encountered over grass cutting at Tern Close.

Mr Harris explained that there is a problem with the ownership of a piece of amenity land which has resulted in the grass remaining uncut. The grass has now been cut and he is trying to set up a meeting to move the matter forward. Any historical knowledge of the situation which members may have would be of assistance.

Mr M Wade asked Mr Harris for his opinion on the fact that the District Council took away support for sheltered housing without consultation with members.

Mr Harris stated that new contracts have not yet been agreed but the County Council is not prepared to pay the amount which is currently paid. There are concerns that there will be less staff time on sites but he will continue to monitor the situation.

Mr Parkes asked Mrs McLean whether the plan found suggesting that 7 social houses could be built on Oak Road Car Park was a Policy Document Plan or an officer proposal as a potential for revenue returns.

Mrs McLean stated that this was not specified.

**208/11 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Mr S Wade asked the Chairman whether she was aware that the contractors working on Claypits Lane are storing a large amount of heavy equipment at Clayfields which is causing damage to the Car Park.

The Chairman replied that she was aware of this and had received assurances that the area would be reinstated when the contractors had finished.

Mr A Wade asked whether the Chairman was aware that the area known as Barry's Field would not be included in the Sites and Development Management Development Plan Pre-submission Document.

The Chairman responded that she was aware of this and understood that the area of land close to the Seadown Veterinary Practice would be included instead.

Mr M Wade asked the Chairman whether she was aware of any negotiations taking place with the District Council concerning the Oak Road Car Park situation.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to update members and he informed them that there may be a covenant on the land which would have implications on any plans. It is anticipated that a meeting will be held between the Parish Council, the Church and the District Council to discuss available options.

**209/11 Reports of Committees**

**Planning Committee – 9 November 2011**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 November 2011.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 November 2011 be received and adopted.

210/11 Renewal of SLA with Hampshire County Council in respect of the Accredited Community Safety Officer Service

Consideration was given to the renewal of the SLA with Hampshire County Council in respect of the Accredited Community Safety Officer Service.

RESOLVED

That the SLA with Hampshire County Council in respect of the Accredited Community Safety Officer Service be renewed for a further 3 years.

211/11 Proposed Budget, Fees and Charges and Precept for 2012/13

Consideration was given to the proposed budget, fees and charges and precept for 2012/13.

RESOLVED

1. The proposed budgets be accepted.
2. That the fees and charges for 2012/13 as set out be adopted..
3. That the Council precept upon New Forest District Council for the twelve months commencing 1 April 2012 be £571907.
4. That up to £25,000 of balances be earmarked to enable capital works at Hythe Library to be implemented in order to enable the current opening hours to be maintained.

212/11 Acceptance of Tender – Workshop Compound Fence (Minute No: 18/11 refers)

Further to the tenders for the Workshop Compound coming in over budget members were advised that it had been agreed that a 1.8 metre galvanised fence could be erected without planning permission.

RESOLVED

That a 1.8 metre galvanised steel fence be provided at the Workshop Compound within the £8800 budget already agreed.

213/11 Power of “Well-Being” – To formally pass a resolution that confirms the Council’s ability to exercise the power of well being

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council formally confirms its eligibility to exercise the power of well-being.

214/11 Signing of documents –

Lease between Oaklands Residential Lettings and Hythe and Dibden Parish Council in respect of office accommodation at The Grove

RESOLVED

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

215/11 Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 7304 - 7390 inclusive, totalling £40,878.13, be approved and paid.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Chairman

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