

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 February 2012 at 8 pm

- Members: *Mrs M Robinson (Chairman) – in the Chair
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| *Mr J Binns | *Mr M Short |
| oMr B Dash | *Mrs B Smith |
| *Mr R Guy | *Mr D Smith |
| *Mr C Harrison | *Mr A Wade |
| *Mrs M McLean | *Mr M Wade |
| oMr 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
oMr M Harris – New Forest District Councillor
2 Members of the Public
PCSO Mark Attrill
PCSO Dan Carlin
- * Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

250/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

251/11 Minutes

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11 January 2012.

Minute 235/11

The Chairman clarified that 60 new affordable homes were built in the District Council area last year, of these 9 were built by the District Council.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11 January 2012 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

252/11 Public Forum

PCSOs Mark Attrill and Dan Carlin attended the meeting and spoke to members.

Between 1 January and 8 February 2012 incidents of vehicle crime, damage and burglary were all down in comparison with the same period last year. Incidents of anti social behaviour had increased but this was thought to be due to the change in the way the statistics are compiled.

It is hoped that recent problems in The Grove gardens are now under control.

After a small spate of vehicle crime in late January when 3 cars were broken into there have been no further problems. Operation Nemesis is continuing with heightened patrols.

Following a question from a member PCSO Attrill stated that he was not aware of any further problems with the theft of lead from roofs in this area.

Members noted the improved crime statistics with pleasure and commended the entire Community Safety Team for their efforts in the community.

Mr Eric Pass handed the Chairman a folder of photographs depicting the Queen's Silver Jubilee year in Hythe and asked what arrangements the Parish Council are making for the Diamond Jubilee.

The Chairman explained the Council's role as a facilitator for any parties interested in organising events to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and directed Mr Pass to the next meeting which will be held at the Parish Hall on 21 February 2012 at 10 am.

It was agreed that Mr Pass's photographs would be retained in the short term while thought is given to how best they can be utilised.

Mr Pass suggested that consideration should be given to raising funds for a statue of the Queen.

253/11 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman advised members that Dave Yates of New Forest District Council and Steve Avery of the New Forest National Park Authority will be attending a meeting of the Association of Local Councils on Thursday 1 March at 6.30 pm at Appletree Court to discuss the Localism Bill. Any members who wish to attend should advise the Clerk.

254/11 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish

No reports were received from the County Councillors.

255/11 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

Mr Binns advised members that he had donated £350 of his District Councillors grant to Wildground Infant School in order that they can proceed with a planned Organic Garden with outdoor learning space.

The contract for running Dibden Golf Centre has been awarded to Mytime, a registered charity which has its roots in Bromley Council. Under the terms of the contract matters such as applying for planning permission to add a balcony at the rear and altering the frontage, patio and driving range have to be attended to within 5 years. A lake will be included at the 10th hole with an ornamental bridge.

User fees at the Golf Centre must stay the same for the first year and any future increases agreed with the District Council.

The District Council will hold a second presentation for the Association of Local Councils to discuss the new arrangements for the Standards Committee with the aim of creating a common approach across local councils.

There will be an average rent rise of 7.2% for New Forest District Council tenants. Social housing rents and District Council rents are to be aligned gradually until the government's target date is reached.

The housing maintenance budget has allowed for £5.3 million on planned maintenance and £1.4 million on cyclical maintenance improvements.

The role of the Tenants Standards Authority will be changing in 2012. A change in tenancy agreements means that tenants will no longer be able to stay in the same property for life if circumstances change.

Mrs McLean and Mr S Wade attended training for the new rules on licensing. Temporary event notices will now last for 168 hours instead of 96 hours and Environmental Health and the District Council can add conditions.

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act states that the persistent selling of alcohol to underage purchasers will result in fines of between £10,000 and £20,000. Premises can also be closed down completely. There will be restrictions on the sale of alcohol in shops in the early morning.

Cabinet has proposed that the District Council element of the Council tax remain unchanged when the matter goes before the Full Council.

256/11 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

Mrs McLean referred members to the latest edition of the Parish Picture which contains up to date information on the situation concerning Hythe Hospital.

The Practice Based Commissioning Group has a West Commissioning Group of which Hythe and Dibden is a part. Dr Nick Arnold of Forestside Surgery has been appointed the Health and Wellbeing Board Clinical Director.

There have been suggestions that pharmacies can provide 24 hour care and carry out blood tests.

A further suggestion is that District Nurses are given a base in Hythe Hospital to provide pulmonary rehabilitation for out of hour's services.

Mrs McLean attended a talk concerning palliative care and teenage youth cancer at Southampton General Hospital in which she learned that the rates of lymphoma, leukaemia and brain tumours in the young has increased in the last 10 years. Oakhaven Hospice will now accept people over 16 years.

ACSO Norman Bareham gave a talk at a recent meeting of BACA which was greatly appreciated.

Mr Guy took part in a site visit at Fawley Refinery recently where significant upgrades are planned.

The local MEP gave a talk to the Environmental Liaison Committee at Appletree Court recently which was interesting and informative.

257/11 Questions to District and County Councillors and Representatives on Outside Bodies arising from their reports

Mr A Wade asked Mr Harrison whether Mytime is suitably equipped to protect the business at Dibden Golf Centre.

Mr Harrison replied that, whilst nothing can be certain, Mytime seems as secure as possible.

258/11 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26

There were no questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26.

259/11 Reports of Committees

(a) Personnel Committee – 11 January 2012

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 11 January 2012.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Personnel Committee held on 11 January 2012 be received and adopted.

(b) Planning Committee – 11 January 2012

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 January 2012.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 11 January 2012 be received and adopted.

260/11 Financial Monitoring – Period ending 31 December 2011

The Clerk presented the financial monitoring for the period ending 31 December 2011.

RESOLVED

That the financial monitoring for the period ending 31 December 2011 be accepted and approved.

261/11 Review of Direct Debit Payments

A review was made of the payments made by direct debit.

RESOLVED

That the payments made by direct debit be agreed.

262/11 Potential extinguishment of Highway Rights – Frost Lane

Consideration was given to a request from Hampshire Highways to consider the potential extinguishment of Highway Rights on a small area of land at Frost Lane.

RESOLVED

That Hampshire Highways be informed that no problem can be seen with the extinguishment of Highway Rights on a small area of land at Frost Lane.

263/11 Alternative site for new Netley View Youth Club

Consideration was given to a revised location for the new Netley View Youth Club.

Concern was expressed at the financial implications of using a new site but it was thought that there would not be a significant difference.

RESOLVED

That the new Netley View Youth Club be situated at Forest Front Open Space.

264/11 Accounts for Payment

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 7445 -7508 inclusive, totalling £67,354.39, be approved and paid.

265/11 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The Deputy Clerk and the Minute Clerk also left the meeting at this point.

266/11 Staffing Matters – Clerk to the Council

The Clerk to the Council presented a report concerning the possible flexible retirement of the Clerk. The Council were complementary about both the Clerk and Deputy Clerk's service to the Council and after answering questions on the report the Clerk left the meeting whilst the discussion took place.

It was unanimously resolved that the proposals set out in the report be adopted.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chairman

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