

Minutes of the Meeting of Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

Held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Wednesday 22 March 2017 at 7.00 p.m

p Cllr M McLean (Chairman)
p Cllr James Binns (Vice Chairman)

Councillors:

p P Armstrong
a M Clark
p E Davey
p J Fowler
p C Harrison
p T Johnson

Councillors:

n G Parkes
p D Poole
p M Short
p A Wade
p M Wade

p = present
a = apologies
n = no apologies received

In Attendance

p Cllr B Andrews (NFDC)
n Cllr K Crisell (NFDC)
n Cllr P Fawkes
n Cllr B Thorne

PCSO Vicki Pressey

Officers in attendance

Mrs S Bennett (Clerk to the Council)
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk)
Mrs B Edwards (Minute Clerk)

10 Members of the Public

Prior to the start of the meeting, a minute's silence was held in memory of those who lost their lives at Westminster today.

305/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

The Clerk to the Council stated that following receipt of a written request dispensation had been granted by the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman to Cllr. Chris Harrison in relation to the planning application by Lidl.

306/16 MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22nd February 2017.

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 22nd February 2017 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

307/16 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

It was a pleasure to give out awards at the Annual Parish Meeting to Daniel Nutland (Young Person's Endeavour Award) and Peter King (Community Spirit Award). Runners up certificates were also awarded to Amanda Broomfield, Phil Gittings, Dave Moore and Mike and Donna Osman.

A commemoration event will be taking place for 'The Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute' on Sunday 11th November 2018 at 7 p.m. Specific details are still to be decided however the event will include the lighting of the beacon used to commemorate the Queen's 90th Birthday. The Queen's Pageant Master has thanked Hythe and Dibden for supporting the nationwide event that he is organising.

On a more sombre note, the application to make Hythe Pier and its associated buildings a Community Asset was refused by New Forest District Council. The Appeal process is being investigated.

The Chairman proposed a change to the order of business and this was agreed.

308/16 CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

PCSO Vicki Pressey from the Hythe Neighbourhood Team gave an update on the parish crime statistics for the last three months.

15 calls were received in connection with the High Street. The number continues to reduce partly due to the Shopwatch scheme in operation.

5 calls were received regarding issues at Southampton Road; there was no pattern to the issues.

At Tesco, Sizer Way there has been an increase in shoplifting but lower incidents than at the High Street. A monthly beat surgery has been established there.

Public order incidents were dealt with at Knightstone Grange using community resolution.

Criminal damage has been reported at Dibden Purlieu.

With regard to anti-social behaviour (ASB) there has been 4 calls in the last 3 month period relating to the High Street and a few in the last two weeks relating to Ferry Road. The public are calling in index plates of the perpetrators.

There have been incidents of ASB between neighbours at Langdown Lawn.

There are currently 4 suspects and offenders being monitored within this parish for which the police are working with partner agencies.

On-going work continues with the parish schools with regard to Child Sexual Exploitation.

There is a survey on Survey Monkey which the public are encouraged to report any concerns. This will be available until the end of March.

309/16 **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT MEMBERS**

Cllr. Malcolm Wade read an extract from Hampshire County Council's (HCC) report for the Executive Member for Environment and Transport dated 22/7/16:

'In light of the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy and the savings target for 2019 of £120 million, further savings from the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) service may be required. Following implementation of the options already discussed, a process of monitoring and review will take place over the coming months. These evaluations will feed into the on-going review of what further savings may be needed. The savings are likely to arise from a reduction of the network through full site closures, with redevelopment of existing sites and re-provisioning of the network where needed to deliver a fit for purpose HWRC service across Hampshire'.

Cllr. Bill Andrews reiterated the announcement made by the Chairman that the application for making the Hythe Pier and surrounding lands a Community Asset had been rejected by NFDC.

Cllr. Peter Armstrong updated Members on developments with the Brand New Forest (BNF) scheme and urged everyone to keep promoting the scheme. Further reporting will follow with regard to the Local Enterprise Partnership.

310/16 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr. Eric Davey had previously submitted a written report. He had nothing further to add.

311/16 **PUBLIC FORUM**

Allan Fairhead referred to the burglary at Dibden Purlieu raised at the full council meeting in February and stated that an update should have been given at this meeting. Since PCSO Pressey had already left, he was unable to ask her for an update. He queried minute 283/16 and it was explained that the minutes had already been agreed.

Mr Fairhead stated that he had queries relating to the Community Safety Report but that he would wait until after the Chairman of Personnel had delivered his report at this meeting and then ask questions at the full council meeting in April.

312/16 **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS 25 AND 26**

Cllr. Malcolm Wade asked if the Chairman was aware that a 30 metre section of Footpath 10 from West Street to Veals Lane did not have a public right of way and requested that a letter is sent to HCC asking for a public right of way to be granted. The Chairman agreed.

Cllr. Peter Armstrong asked if Cllr. Malcolm Wade was aware that there were 3 Hampshire Waste Recycling Centres in the New Forest and not 2. Cllr. Wade responded that he was not aware and queried the location of the third HWRC. Cllr. Armstrong replied that it was located at Somerley.

313/16 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 16th February 2017 and 8th March 2017.

RESOLVED THAT

- a) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16th February 2017 be agreed.
- b) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 8th March 2017 be agreed.

314/16 **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 14th March 2017.

RESOLVED THAT

The Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 14th March 2017 be agreed.

315/16 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th March 2017.

RESOLVED that

- a) The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 15th March 2017 be agreed.
- b) At future awards ceremonies there will be no reports prior to the the presentation of the awards

316/16 THE BATTLE'S OVER

Members considered the draft Terms of Reference for the new Working Group.

RESOLVED that

The draft Terms of Reference for the new Working Group be agreed.

317/16 COMMUNITY SAFETY

Consideration was given to the report given by the Clerk to the Council and the presentation of the work of the Personnel Committee by the Chairman, Cllr Davey

RESOLVED that

- a) The Community Warden option is not further investigated.
- b) Subject to consideration of contractual terms and operational arrangements, support of the PCSO option is the best route to providing a community safety service.
- c) The Clerk to the Council to develop a draft contract with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Council to consider

318/16 THE GROVE - ACCESS

Consideration was given to the report by the Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor.

RESOLVED that

- a) The Council suspends Standing Order 72.2 and Financial Regulations 11.2 iv (security access) in order to proceed with recommendation (c);

- b) The development of a recommendation on replacement of the hearing loop and the provision of a sound system in the Council Chamber of The Grove be delegated to the informal meeting of Council to take place on 4th April 2017;
- c) The Council installs a new access system in The Grove as recommended by ADT at a cost of £8500.00;
- d) The Council agrees to the annual service contract for the access system at a cost of £600.00 per annum.

319/16 **MARKET**

Members considered the report of the Clerk to the Council.

RESOLVED that

- a) Officers are instructed to investigate the potential to expand the trading space of the Tuesday street market, events to run alongside the French and Italian events and one off event proposals and report back to Council with options and resource requirements;
- b) Officers are instructed to develop Vintage Events to be held on the four Saturdays as listed in 4.2 of the report;
- c) Officers are instructed to develop Farmers' Markets for the Bank Holidays in 2018.

320/16 **FINANCE 2016 – 2017**

Consideration was given to the bank reconciliation for February 2017 and the Schedule of Payments for the period 1st February 2017 to 28th February 2017.

RESOLVED that

- a) The bank reconciliation of February 2017 is noted.
- b) The schedule of payments for the period 1st February 2017 to 28th February 2017 is agreed.

321/16 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that

The press and public be excluded from the Council Meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

322/16 HANDY TRUST

The Chairman of the Personnel Committee presented his report.

RESOLVED that

The Chairman of the Personnel Committee continues to liaise with the Chairman of the Handy Trust, develop recommendations, as presented, with the Personnel Committee and bring the Service Level Agreement recommendations back to Council.

323/16 VALLEYDENE

Members received the report of the Clerk to the Council.

RESOLVED that

- a) Letters containing individual household data be sent to the residents concerned inviting them to attend a meeting with the Clerk of the Council and Cllr Eric Davey;
- b) Officers to investigate the appointment of a suitable drainage consultant and report back to Council;
- c) Notices of termination of lease be served on all leased land within the Valleydene Open space area
- d) The Parish Council be responsible for fencing the boundary between the residents' properties and the Parish Council land.

The meeting closed at 9.00 p.m

Chairman

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