

Minutes of the Meeting of Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

Held at The Grove, St John's Street, Hythe
on Wednesday 26 April 2017 at 7.00 p.m

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

Councillors:

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

Councillors:

p Cllr. G Parkes
p Cllr. D Poole
p Cllr. M Short
p Cllr. A Wade
p Cllr. M Wade

p = present
a = apologies
n = no apologies received

In Attendance

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

PCSOs Hope Bonner and Laura Willshire

Officers in attendance

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

20 Members of the Public

331/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest made and no requests for dispensation received.

332/16 MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that

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

333/16 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman made the following announcements:

The Chairman is pleased that the community and the council are working together and a positive result of this is the award of Brand New Forest Village of the Year for Hythe and Dibden.

The Chairman is proud of the work undertaken by the council's Maintenance Team which works extremely hard to enhance the appearance of the parish.

Waterside Coaches which is a local family run business has been shortlisted for two awards at the UK Coach Awards in the categories of Top Small Fleet Operator and Customer Service Award. The final results will be announced at an annual presentation ceremony being held on 4th May 2017.

It was agreed to send a letter of congratulations on their nomination, and thanks to Waterside Coaches for the service that "does Hythe proud".

334/16 **HYPHE PIER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION**

Peter King updated Members on the progress made by the Hythe Pier Heritage Association (HPHA) and the future of the ferry.

The immediate future of the ferry service is secure, having been purchased by Blue Funnel (BF). HPHA had a meeting with Lee Rayment, Director of BF when agreement was reached to allow a 2 year period to achieve two main objectives:

- to preserve and protect the pier, train and associated buildings from further deterioration
- to celebrate and share the history and heritage of the Pier, the train and the ferry with the community and wider public.

Mr King asked the Parish Council for its support to help the Association develop proposals for the provision of a Project Worker; the volume of work that is required to help the Association to deliver the two objectives requires some serious project work.

Mr King gave recognition to the huge effort by the community. Fundraising has so far reached in excess of £11,000, towards a target of £20,000 with more fundraising events in the pipeline. The pursuit of attaining charitable status is on-going.

A Newsletter will be produced and a further public meeting is to be arranged.

The Chairman of the Council thanked Mr King and assured him that the request would be taken forward.

RESOLVED that

An extraordinary council meeting is held immediately after the planning meeting taking place on Wednesday 10th May 2017 to consider the support that the Council can offer to the Association

335/16 **INCLUSION NHS**

Gary Hutchings, Sector Lead and Volunteer Scheme Lead from Inclusion Hampshire gave a presentation on the service provided and the benefits to the community of Inclusion – a national organisation which works with individuals, families and communities who are affected by alcohol, drugs, crime and mental health by providing specialist treatment and support to individuals and families.

Inclusion has hubs in Aldershot, Andover, Basingstoke, Eastleigh, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, New Milton, Totton and Winchester. Over 200 people use the service across the New Forest, of which a high proportion of service users are from the Waterside area. Demographics therefore indicate the need for a service in Hythe; a suitable building has been identified which would be set up as a satellite service providing 2 full days of social enterprise and a clinic on one evening per week.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hutchings for his time and requested that the Council be kept informed of progress.

It was agreed to place the presentation on the councils website for the community to have access to the information

336/16 **CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE**

PCSO Bonner from the Hythe Neighbourhood Team gave an update on the parish crime and asb statistics for the last 60 days

Hythe & Dibden: Previous 60 days

Burglaries - 1

Criminal Damage – 11 – no patterns or links various locations

Theft from vehicle – 6

ASB - 28 - No pattern, no location.

Dibden Purlieu: Previous 60 days

Burglaries – 7

Criminal Damage – 19

Theft from vehicle – 4
ASB - 21 No pattern, no location.

In the past 6 days there has been no calls relating to Anti-social behaviour and no calls re Ewart Recreation Ground

337/16 **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT MEMBERS**

Cllr. Malcolm Wade reported that Hampshire County Council is currently recruiting a Fly-tipping Partnership and Projects Officer at a cost of £50,000 per year including salary and on-costs. The role holder will lead on delivering and reporting against the aims, objectives and actions of the fly-tipping strategy and will co-ordinate intelligence sharing and collaboration between partners.

Cllr. Bill Andrews reported changes and improvements to NFDC's website landing page, with more to come, that are just a small part of the work of the Members' ICT Group of which he is a member.

338/16 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr. Chris Harrison gave a potted history of the Dibden Allotment Fund and how the charity operates.

Trustees meet every Wednesday to review fully completed applications and applicants are usually informed of the decision that afternoon. Applications for sums over £1,000, unusual items and those from organisations rather than individuals are considered each month at a full trustee meeting. In the 12 months to March 2016 more than £315k was awarded to individuals and to organisations.

The Charity successfully operates a Garden Scheme, Shoe Scheme and the Sloppy Slipper scheme.

Cllr. Trevor Johnson reported that a donation of £400 had been received from Cllr. K Crisell to Age Concern New Forest and encouraged all to use the Age Concern charity shops.

339/16 **PUBLIC FORUM**

Allan Fairhead, local resident, again stated that the report on the future of the Community Safety scheme was well written and well presented.

He queried whether information will be given to the community once discussions about contracts have been undertaken with the police, and whether councillors will gather the view of their constituents. He further queried whether provision will be made for cross funding should PCSOs, if appointed, are used out of area.

Mr Fairhead suggested that any cost savings arising from the departure of the ACSO service and the possible introduction of a PCSO service be given to the Hythe Pier Heritage Association.

The Chairman stated that it is up to the public to let their ward Councillors know what they want.

The Clerk to the Council advised Mr Fairhead that the Council will receive the outturn report at the May meeting which will show in detail the cost savings. With regard to the PSCO contract, a draft document is with the Police and Crime Commissioner's office; it is hoped that this will also be on the agenda for the May meeting.

Mr David Wickes, local resident, stated that he was unclear on whether the parish would be employing ASCOs or PCSOs as conflicting statements had been printed in the press. The Clerk and Chairman responded that no conflicting statements had been made by the Clerk and Chairman and the Chairman stated that 3 options had been discussed by Members – ACSOs, PCSOs and Community Wardens; the Council has decided to proceed with PCSOs.

Mrs Deb Summers voiced concerns that the reviewed Public Forum Guidance would restrict freedom of speech by the public. The Clerk responded that the document was an amalgamation of 3 existing documents already used at council meetings.

Mrs Summers stated that, contrary to statistics given by a PCSO from Hythe Neighbourhood Team, anti-social behaviour is happening at Ewart Recreation Ground. The Clerk to the Council offered to reissue to ASB log to affected residents; the offer was declined.

340/16 **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS 25 AND 26**

There were no questions asked.

341/16 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 12th April 2017.

RESOLVED THAT

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 12th April 2017 be agreed.

342/16 **AMENDMENT TO MINUTES**

Consideration was given to the request from Mr Fairhead to amend the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22nd February 2017.

RESOLVED THAT

The following amendment to the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2017 is agreed:

‘Allan Fairhead referred to the concerns he raised at the full council meeting on 25th January 2017 and queried whether the public would be consulted regarding the replacement community service’.

343/16 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

Cllr. Graham Parkes presented the draft aims and objectives of the Neighbourhood Planning Group and consideration was given to the report of the Clerk to the Council.

RESOLVED THAT

- a) The draft Aims and Objectives are agreed.
- b) The allocation of £3,471 from reserves to fund the shortfall in Planning Consultant’s costs and other resources necessary for the completion of the Neighbourhood Plan is agreed.

344/16 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP**

Members considered the notes of the Christmas Lights Working Group meeting held on 30th March 2017.

RESOLVED THAT

- a) The notes of the Christmas Lights Working Group meeting held on 30th March 2017 be agreed.
- b) The installation of the same number of solar powered Christmas lights in the same locations as 2016 at a cost of £4,950.00 is agreed.

345/16 **FREEDOM MARCH**

Consideration was given to the report given by the Clerk to the Council and the request by Cllr. Armstrong to hold a Freedom March through Hythe.

RESOLVED THAT

The Freedom March is not progressed at this time.

346/16 **ANNUAL REVIEW OF BUSINESS RISKS AND INSURANCE**

Members gave consideration to the business risks and insurance plan.

RESOLVED THAT

The business risks and insurance plan is agreed.

347/16 ANNUAL REPORT

Consideration was given to the annual report of the Council 2016 – 2017.

RESOLVED THAT

The annual report of the Council 2016 – 2017 is noted.

348/16 ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF A UTILITY TRACTOR AND ACCESSORIES AND A RIDE ON MOWER

Consideration was given to the report by the Deputy Clerk.

RESOLVED THAT

- a) The purchase of 1 no. John Deere 308R Compact Tractor and H165 Loader at a price of £17,495.00 is agreed.
- b) The purchase of 1.no John Deere 1580 Ride on Mower at a cost of £15,750.00 is agreed.

349/16 THE GROVE - ACCESS

Members were informed by the Clerk to the Council that new information which could change the requirements outlined in the report by the Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor had been received and requested that the matter be deferred.

RESOLVED THAT

The matter is an agenda item at a future Council meeting once the new information has been included in the report.

350/16 PUBLIC FORUM GUIDANCE

Members considered the reviewed guidance for the Public Forum.

RESOLVED THAT

The reviewed guidance for the Public Forum is agreed.

351/16 FINANCE 2016 – 2017

Consideration was given to the bank reconciliation for March 2017 and the Schedule of Payments for the period 1st March 2017 to 31st March 2017.

RESOLVED that

- a) The bank reconciliation of March 2017 is noted.
- b) The schedule of payments for the period 1st March 2017 to 31st March 2017 is agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m

Chairman

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