

Minutes of the Meeting of Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

Held at The Grove, 25 St John's Street, Hythe
on Wednesday 28 June 2017 at 7.00 pm

p Maureen McLean (Chairman)
p James Binns (Vice Chairman)

Councillors:

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

Councillors:

p 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)
a Cllr K Crisell (NFDC)
a Cllr A McEvoy (HCC)

Officers in attendance

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

5 Members of the Public

30/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations made.

31/17 MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 24th May 2017. Cllr Armstrong asked for a correction that he had asked for A4 Brand New Forest flyers to be made available

RESOLVED that subject to the correction above

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 24th May 2017 be agreed

32/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

Hythe Hospital is holding an event on the 4 July 2017 from 3.30pm to 6.30pm in the Education room whereby the community can view the proposals for the new hospital.

Following the Grenfell Towers fire the Chairman has written to Sadiq Khan to thank the Fire Service and to Cllr Paget-Brown, "to express our deepest sympathy with the people of Grenfell Towers and their friends and families".

It was agreed to write in sympathy to the previous information officer whose husband had recently passed away.

33/17 **CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE**

The Chairman read the report from the police who were unable to attend due to operational demands

Hythe & Dibden: Previous 60 days

Arson-1- Currently under investigation, occurred at a local. Believed to be deliberate. Police have a named Suspect.

Burglaries – 7- No patterns or specific locations, six have occurred during daytime hours. Super cocooning conducted by police, reassurance patrols in targeted areas also conducted.

Criminal Damage – 10 – 3 linking to Oaklands way whereby three vehicles were damaged and reported to us in a three hour period. Believed to be linked. Remaining 7 show no patterns.

Shop lifting – 5 – larger stores – Sharing information through Shop watch.

Theft from vehicle – 6 No specific location or trends

ASB - 57 No pattern, no specific location. Due to the recent good weather we have had groups of youths hanging about in various locations. The identity of youths have yet to be determined but hotspots and popular areas are being patrolled by Police.

Majority of the calls relate to small pockets of youths playing loud music, and being louder than what they find acceptable.

Dibden Purlieu: Previous 60 days

Burglaries-7- Similar trend to the burglaries in Hythe area. Suspect has been identified and now currently in HMP

Criminal Damage – 7 minor criminal damage incidents that nevertheless affect people's lives

Theft – 1- No recent patterns or specific locations. Isolated incident

Theft from vehicle – 1 No recent patterns or locations. Isolated incident.

ASB - 26 Ongoing issue regarding recreation ground off Haynes Way with youths congregating in and around the area to be addressed today (PACT meeting). Trends suggest again because of the recent good weather and the lighter evenings youths are hanging about in various locations. Hotspots and popular areas are being targeted by Police

34/17 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Malcolm Wade reported that by 2019/20 HCC will no longer receive Revenue Support Grant from central government and together with other budget pressures this will require a saving of £140M. HCC is looking at a 3.99% precept rise year on year.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Bill Andrews reported that he had engaged with several parishioners and a local school on matters of planning and community life and that the Task & Finish Group that he chairs has concluded negotiations with MyTime at Dibden Golf Club to secure their rental agreement for the next 5 years.

New Paybands 1 - 4 have been recommended to Council for Council employees.

Cllr. Peter Armstrong had previously submitted a written report. He reported that the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership has met in the Parish Hall that morning; their first meeting on the Waterside. Cllr Armstrong reported that he has been proactive in helping the LEP with connections on the Waterside and that there is potential for helping businesses prosper; he looks forward to developing the relationship and engagement with the LEP.

Cllr Armstrong also reported that he was surprised when he spoke to people at the New Forest Business Expo to find many people had not visited Hythe and did not know about the Pier, Train or Tuesday Market.

Cllr. James Binns reported that NFDC had set up Film Forest and that it was proving successful and had already received around £43,000 for a £7,000 investment.

Cllr Binns reported that the work with businesses continues in order to deliver the Christmas Lights.

35/17 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Trevor Johnson attended a meeting of Age Concern New Forest and it was reported that the office at Dibden Purlieu had 136 new clients last month and £82,000 benefits had been secured. Last month there were 341 appointments for foot care.

Cllr. Jo Fowler reported that the Environmental Protection Liaison Committee meeting had been cancelled

Cllr Mark Clark attended the Twinning Association and reported that the Twinning went well. He thanked the Council for their support.

36/17 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no representations.

37/17 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS 25 AND 26

Cllr Mark Clark asked Cllr Peter Armstrong if he felt that the Town Centre Management Initiative could help the towns around the New Forest come together possibly having a business development officer. Cllr Armstrong replied that the Parish has a parish development officer and that type of work is covered by that role.

Cllr Malcolm Wade asked Cllr Bill Andrews what was the % rise in salaries created by the new salary scales. Cllr Bill Andrews replied that he would find out.

Cllr Malcolm Wade asked Cllr Peter Armstrong if there was any organisation that we could work with to see what we can do to help businesses. Cllr Peter Armstrong explained that the Solent Growth Hub refer people to sources of help and that the New Forest Business Partnership manager is keen to work with anyone. However he felt that networking will assist this area.

Cllr Peter Armstrong asked Cllr Malcolm Wade how many gully sensors are fitted in the Parish. Cllr Malcolm Wade reported that there are none as the Parish does not have appropriate gullies in which to fit the sensors.

Cllr James Binns asked if the Chairman was aware that there is speculation around the drugs and alcohol recovery provision in Hythe Centre and that some of the community are anxious about what is to be provided and where it is to be sited. The Chairman responded that we would ask to be kept informed on progress however no planning application had yet been received for any location.

38/17 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14th June 2017.

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14th June 2017 be agreed.

39/17 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 23rd May 2017 and the draft Service Level Agreement with the Handy Trust

RESOLVED that

a) The Minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 23rd May 2017 be agreed.

- b) The Service Level Agreement for the Handy Trust be agreed with an initial period until 31 May 2023 and subsequent periods of 4 years

40/17 **AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING**

RESOLVED that

The August Council meeting not be convened

41/17 **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Cllr Peter Armstrong reported on the Community Resilience event that was convened by NFDC and explained the focus on Community Resilience Plans that communities were encouraged to develop.

RESOLVED that

The Council includes Emergency Planning and Community Resilience Planning in its strategic issues planning process

42/17 **PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND PLAY EQUIPMENT WORKING GROUP**

Members received the notes from the Play Equipment and Open Spaces Working Party and considered the recommendations.

RESOLVED that

- a) The Council accepts the tender submitted by Gravity Engineering Ltd at a cost of £70,000
- b) The Council notes the content of the RoSPA reports
- c) The Council receives the notice to terminate the Jones Lane lease from the Hythe Skate and Ride trustees
- d) The Council will continue to inspect the Jones Lane skatepark daily and if there are issues of safety the park is to be closed and dismantled at a cost not exceeding £5,000.
- e) The Jones Lane skatepark site to be referred to the Public Open Space and Play Equipment Working Party to undertake consultation and development work and prepare options for Council to consider

43/17 **WATERSIDE INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP AND PORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED that

- a) The two groups are presented to July Council for adoption as external bodies and nomination of external representatives
- b) Until formal adoption the Council to be represented by the Chairman of Council for the Port Consultative Committee and the Chairman of Council and Chairman of Planning at the Waterside Infrastructure Group

44/17 **COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Council were informed that the draft agreement for PCSOs was awaiting a report from the Chief Inspector to be prepared for the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Clerk to the Council presented an updated action plan for tackling the reported issues at Noads Way play area and Haynes Way Open space..

RESOLVED that

- a) A report to be prepared for Council to extend the palisade fencing to complete the fence line alongside Haynes Way;
- b) A report to be prepared for Council detailing the work and costs necessary for assessment of whether fencing Haynes Way open space would decrease noise related disturbance to neighbours

45/17 **FINANCE 2017 – 2018**

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

RESOLVED that

- a) The bank reconciliation for May 2017 be noted.
- b) the accounts for payment as detailed totalling £61,651.14 be agreed and paid.

The meeting closed at 8.44 pm

Chairman

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