

Minutes of the Meeting of Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

Held at The Grove, 25 St John's Street, Hythe
on Wednesday 26 July 2017 at 7.00 pm

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

Councillors:

p P Armstrong
a 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)
n Cllr K Crisell (NFDC)
n Cllr A McEvoy (HCC)

Officers in attendance

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

9 Members of the Public

53/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Peter Armstrong made a declaration regarding agenda items 13 and 16. He was the previous Chairman of Butts Ash Community Association. He did not remove himself from the meeting and engaged in discussion at each agenda item.

54/17 MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th June 2017.

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th June 2017 be agreed

55/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

The Parish Council will be displaying the Lidl plans in the Council Chamber at the Grove on the 1 August, 2017 from 0930 to 1930. We encourage people to attend and they can leave their comments for the Parish council Planning Committee however we advise people to make their views known to the District Council by letter or by using their online planning service.

Also Hythe Hospital plans were available for viewing at the open event and we anticipate that the proposals will be considered at the Planning Committee in the Autumn.

John Towndrow is being presented with the Legion D'honneur. John was a previous Clerk and Chairman of the Parish Council, and Vice Chairman of New Forest District Council. A letter of congratulations will be sent.

We are sad to report that the Cherry Blossom tree that was provided by the Waterside Cancer Support Centre has failed. We believe this was due to malicious action by persons unknown.

56/17 **HYTHE PIER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION**

Peter King presented the update from HPHA:

- Fundraising events continue and we anticipate that by August HPHA will have raised just short of £18,000;
- The first day of the survey by Rambold has been completed and a second day will be undertaken in a weeks time by boat;
- £4800 has been allocated for the survey and £3,000 has been allocated to the Project Development post for which funding bids are being made to seek the remaining monies needed;
- HPHA will shortly be taking up the office space at the Grove;
- On the 18 July HPHA received advice from a specialist solicitor and is now looking to adopt an appropriate constitution and consider developing into a Community Benefit Society and exempt charity. This model is more flexible and is the model adopted by the Hastings Pier. Assistance for this work is currently being sought from the Plunkett Trust
- Walk the Plank is being held on the Pier on the 19 August and HPHA are aiming to attract as many people as possible to the Pier
- Peter King thanked the Council for their support

/17 **CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

PC Alison Cross presented the report from the police for the period 26th June 2017 to 26th July 2017 and explained that police do not have powers to move homeless people on but any offences they were found committing would be dealt with accordingly. Where possible police will signpost to support agencies/ CAB and night shelters. Alison also

explained the definition of arson and presented the Hardley and Hythe Fire Service call out fire data for the period 3rd June 2017 to 13th July 2017

57/17 **REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Malcolm Wade had previously submitted a written report and updated Council on the The Adults' Health and Care T19 savings target of £56m (c19% of the £302m cash limit) and how it represents the largest and most complex programme ever attempted by the Authority. Cllr Wade set out the consequences on the services by such cuts.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Bill Andrews reported that:

- NFDC new Chairwoman is to abseil the Spinnaker Tower and undertake a skydive to raise funds for charity
- That he is working with EMT, officers & others to update NFDC's digital performance especially with a view to more effective access for our customers and easier, quicker and more satisfying experiences
- He continues to monitor Dibden Golf Club matters and next meet with their management in early August
- He shall attend the joint HCC/NFDC Totton & Waterside Traffic Management meeting on 17th October

Cllr. Peter Armstrong had previously submitted a written report. He requested that if anyone is aware of a business that should be nominated for a Brilliance in Business Award please could the details be forwarded to him. He also passed on a message from a local facebook group who have requested that councillors respect the group's request not to use the page to post political or self promotion information.

Cllr. James Binns was pleased to report that NFDC has been awarded the South East Water Quality award for their swimming pools and that the display at New Forest Show has been well attended. NFDC are looking to improve the traffic management at Applemore Recreation Centre as part of the ongoing refurbishment preparations. James reported that he and Jo Fowler had met the Police and Crime Commissioner at the Show and that the PCC had assured them that the Hythe and Dibden PCSO proposal was on his desk and that he would look at it shortly.

Cllr Alex Wade reported that the Parish had been invited to nominate areas for Traffic Management improvements and that he was assigned on to the following working groups , democratic engagement party meeting next Monday 31 July, the leisure services review task group meeting soon and the citizens advice group which met last week for the first time.

58/17 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr. Eric Davey explained the performance data that had been provided in his written report. The Council asked Eric to convey their thanks to the selfless work of the bird ringers.

Cllr James Binns reported that he had attended Families Matter

Cllr Maureen McLean reported that she had attended Dibden Allotment Fund along with Cllr Dan Poole for his first meeting

59/17 PUBLIC FORUM

Maureen McLean read a written submission to Council from Maggie Riddett that explained that the fund raising for the second memorial bench had reached over £622 and asked if car parking could be made free for the Raft Race day run by the RNLI. Cllr James Binns agreed to take this request to NFDC.

Allan Fairhead explained that the ladies that usually attend apologised for their absence that was due to their required attendance at a choir rehearsal.

Elizabeth Deadman asked if the 20mph signs painted on the road could be refreshed and could the Village be provided with '20 is plenty' signs? Cllr Malcolm Wade agreed to take these requests to HCC.

Louise Martin raised the issue with people cycling in the pedestrianised High Street and the uneven surfaces. Council was advised that the uneven paving had been reported to HCC and that previous requests to make the No Cycling signs more visible had been refused. Cllr Alex Wade agreed to take the issue of signage to the Traffic Management group at NFDC and the Clerk will notify the Neighbourhoods Team about the issue.

60/17 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS 25 AND 26

Cllr Malcolm Wade asked if the Chairman was aware that there is an issue with parked cars causing an obstruction in Beaulieu Road and that he would be putting in an application to NFDC Traffic Management to place waiting restrictions in the location.

Cllr Malcolm Wade asked Cllr James Binns what the impact of the central government funding cuts would be on NFDC. Cllr Binns responded that NFDC was working through a program and that information would be available at the end of that program.

Cllr Peter Armstrong asked if the Chairman was aware that the issue of the budget cuts was on the agenda a year ago.

Cllr Eric Davey asked Cllr Malcolm Wade about whether HCC could put in place a better quality check of roadworks undertaken. Cllr Wade

replied that he would enquire but that he doubted this would be possible.

Cllr Graham Parkes asked if the Chairman was aware of the Traffic Management opportunity for people to flag up potential schemes and asked if the Parish could co-ordinate a response. The Chairman said she was aware and it was agreed to do this virtually in light of the very tight timescales.

Cllr Trevor Johnson asked if the Chairman was aware about how good the roundabout is looking with the beautiful flowers. The Chairman said she was aware and asked that a message of thanks be passed to the Maintenance Team for all their work.

61/17 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 12TH July 2017.

RESOLVED that

- a) The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14th June 2017 be agreed.
- b) Delegated power be given to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Planning in the event that a deadline could be missed.

62/17 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS WORKING GROUP**

Members received the notes of the Working Group meeting held on 4th July 2017 and a report from the Chairman of the Working Group and

RESOLVED that

The decision on whether to commission a Christmas tree or an alternative festive decoration in the Marsh be passed to the working group for decision in consultation with the traders

63/17 **EXTERNAL BODIES**

RESOLVED that

- a) Butts Ash Community Association be adopted as an External Body with Cllr James Binns appointed as the representative to be advised as required by Cllr Peter Armstrong in the matter of the direct lease;
- b) The Waterside Infrastructure Group be adopted as an External Body with the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of Planning appointed as representatives;

- c) The Ports Consultative Committee be adopted as an external body with the Chairman of Planning appointed as the representative.

64/17 **CONSULTATIONS**

RESOLVED that

- a) The response to the NPA Recreation Strategy Consultation be agreed and submitted
- b) The response to the Forestry Commission Long Term and Future Visions be agreed and submitted

65/17 **MACHINERY**

RESOLVED that

The Hyundai be disposed of.

66/17 **ST ANNES NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**

The report of the Clerk to the Council was considered and

RESOLVED that

- a) Notice to terminate the lease and sub lease is given
- b) Up to £4,000 be made available from reserves to remove the roof windows and make good the structure
- c) A cost be sourced for a Building Condition Survey with a further report to Council
- d) £2,000 be allocated from reserves for legal fees in relation to the development of a direct lease between the Church and BACA

67/17 **ELECTRONIC RECEIPTS**

The report of the Clerk to the Council and the recommendations were considered

RESOLVED that

- a) Council to enter into a 51 month contract with Lloyds bank for a mobile card reader at a monthly cost of £22.98 per month and a minimum monthly transaction fee of £15
- b) Council to enter into a licence with Lloyds Bank for Virtual terminal at a cost of £10 a month and £0.10 a transaction
- c) Council to encourage electronic payments across all income

68/17 **FINANCE 2017 – 2018**

Consideration was given to the bank reconciliations for June 2017, the Schedule of Payments for the period 1st June to 30th June 2017 and the Variance Report

RESOLVED that

- a) The bank reconciliation for June 2017 be noted.
- b) the accounts for payment as detailed totalling £87,827.00 (gross) be agreed and paid
- c) The Quarter 1 variance be noted

The meeting closed at 9.03pm

Chairman

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