

Minutes of the Meeting of Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

Held at The Grove, 25 St John's Street, Hythe
on Wednesday 25th October at 7.00 pm

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

Councillors:

p P Armstrong
p M Clark
a E Davey
p J Fowler
p C Harrison
a 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)
p 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)
Miss C Donnelly (Minute Clerk)

3 Members of the Public, 2 PCSOs

126/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

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

127/17 MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th October 2017.

RESOLVED that

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th October 2017 be agreed

128/17 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman made the following announcements:

The Council are sorry to hear that Cllr Trevor Johnson is unwell. A card will be sent on behalf of the Council to wish him a speedy recovery.

Hythe Pier Heritage Association's Train Day event will take place on Saturday 28th October, 10.30am – 4pm, to celebrate the 100th birthday of the locomotive. The Chairman hopes everyone will support this event and cheer on a piece of history.

On 31st October there will be a Halloween Walk around Hythe starting at 5.30pm. Participants are encouraged to dress up.

Hythe Community Fireworks event will take place at Ewart Recreation Ground, Jones Lane on Thursday 2nd November. This event is run by the Friends of Hythe Primary School, Hythe & Dibden Cricket Club and the Handy Trust. Gates open at 5pm. Hot food and refreshments will be available.

129/17 CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

PCSO Howard Oakley presented the report from the police for the period 28 September – 25 October 2017.

- Police are targeting hotspots where young people are gathering and signposting them to more suitable alternatives. These measures have been increased during the half term holidays.
- Police will be out engaging with the community on Halloween and giving out sweets.
- This year's Junior PCSO scheme is about to start.
- Older people in residential homes have had talks from guest speakers about online scams and fraud.
- Presentations have been given to the secondary and junior schools by PCSOs regarding anti-social behaviour at Halloween and firework safety
- The police continue their work with the local partners including the Handy Trust

130/17 HYTHE PIER HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

Peter King presented an update from HPHA

- It has been a year since he first asked for support from the Council. He expressed his thanks on behalf of the group for the Council's collective support.
- In the last 3 months Rambold have completed a survey on the pier and the draft report indicates that the upper structure remains in a sound condition.
- Community fundraising efforts have raised £25,000 so far.
- HPHA have had meetings with a business advisor and a solicitor, supported by the Council. As a result the HPHA are moving towards becoming a Community Benefit Society.
- Helen Melia will be maintained as a business advisor. She has developed a short term action plan.
- On 30th November 2017 the HPHA will invite discussion and debate at a public meeting in the Parish Hall.

- The results of the financial audit on the first six months will be made available shortly. The Clerk to the Council has a copy and it is available on request to Members.
- Peter King thanked the many extraordinary individuals supporting the project. He also thanked Council officers for their courtesy, advice and support.
- The Train Day fundraising event will take place on Saturday 28th October to celebrate 100 years of the pier train.
- There is an opportunity to vote for HPHA to receive a grant from the Aviva Community Fund. Voting is open from 24/10/17 until 21/11/17.

131/17 **HYTHE AND DIBDEN TOURISM WEBSITE**

Council received a presentation from Elizabeth Deadman about developing a tourism web presence for the parish. The proposed name of the website is www.lovehytheandwaterside.co.uk. It will be a guide for visitors and residents of things to do in the local area in an accessible, user friendly mobile website. The plan is for the website to be live by 1st March 2018.

Consideration was given to the report costing the provision of such a web presence. The Council thanked Elizabeth and Louise Martin for their work to support Hythe and Dibden and

RESOLVED that

Support for the development of the web presence will be given and the council will contribute £1,875 towards the start up costs.

132/17 **REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Malcolm Wade reported that he had visited the Multi Agency Hub which has HCC, the Police and NHS all in one room dealing with an increasing volume of child protection referrals.

He attended a presentation at Totton Highway depot on how highway management and construction is going to change. He also saw a demonstration of a Highway Patch Dragon, a new vehicle designed to fill in pot holes more effectively.

Cllr. Malcolm Wade attended the Children and Families Advisory Panel which included the formation of a Corporate Parenting Panel, to which he was appointed along with two other councillors.

He also attended the 2017 Livex Emergency Planning exercise held at Hampshire Police HQ where he observed the how emergency services would react to a major incident within our county boundaries.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Bill Andrews reported that he attended the Joint NFDC/HCC Traffic Management Scheme meeting where Beaulieu Road, Frost Lane, Mousehole Lane and Atheling Road were discussed.

Cllr. Andrews attended a workshop on emerging housing development sites on the Waterside.

He is investigating the provision of a Data Protection Officer.

Cllr. Andrews will be attending a further Monitoring and Performance Review discussion with the Golf Centre and a Customer Service Review Task and Finish Group.

Cllr. Kate Crissell reported that she attended the Joint NFDC/HCC Traffic Management Scheme meeting where she requested improvements to the Frost Lane pathway.

Cllr. Crissell also gave a brief update on the progress of the new housing development on Frost Lane.

Cllr. Dan Poole reported that he attended the Traffic Management Scheme meeting to discuss TMS applications for Totton and the Waterside. He submitted an application for parking restrictions in the Atheling Road and Mousehole Lane areas and this will be considered once an NFDC officer has revisited the area. The meeting was positive in that Cllr. Malcolm Wade and fellow district councillors supported each other's applications in order to get the best outcome for the residents of this Parish.

Cllr. Poole also attended a session with the NFDC planning team to discuss proposed housing site allocation for Totton and the Waterside. It was reported that there were no current plans for housing development in this Parish. Smaller sites (under 100 homes) will be taken into consideration in Part 2 of the Local Plan.

Cllr. James Binns reported that memberships to Applemore Leisure Centre were up.

The NFDC Peer Review report will be coming out in December. The only concern is Neighbourhood Plans and all Local Authorities will find it difficult to meet the targets for new homes.

Cllr. Binns also reported that with the new Data Protection Laws, Leisure Centres will need to spend time looking at protocols within NFDC.

Cllr. Alex Wade gave a report on the Electoral Task and Finish Group. His suggestion to make the bi monthly meetings more important and a showpiece by having debates on key issues and final policy agreement in the public meetings, has been agreed.

Cllr. Alex Wade commented on the housing paper sent to all councillors. He remarked that the policy reflects some key concerns but it's going to be difficult to find spaces for all houses, suitable starter homes and the council must work with the national park who are the planning authority.

133/17 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr. Jo Fowler gave a report from the New Forest Environmental Protection Liaison Committee. She gave an update of the flaring from the Fawley Gas Plant and informed Members that this is part of their normal safety system. Cllr. Fowler also reported on the Solent Oyster Restoration Project.

Cllr. Dan Poole announced that a new trustee, Tina James, has been co-opted on to the Dibden Allotment Fund. She brings on board valuable financial experience from her career in banking. He, along with the two district councillors and Cllr. Alan Alvey have been requested to liaise with NFDC over the time, effort and red-tape required to replace the sash window to the listed building after the burglary in July.

134/17 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no matters raised.

135/17 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS 25 AND 26

Cllr. Graham Parkes asked that all County and District Councillors take up the issue of the new lighting in the parish with the powers that be. He noted that lights have been heightened above the trees and the illumination power has been lowered. This has resulted in areas such as Beaulieu Road, opposite Tesco Express, being very poorly lit. Cllr. Malcolm Wade responded that the lower illumination levels were due to budget cuts and therefore would not be changed.

Cllr. Mark Clark asked the Chairman if the council had responded to the South Western Railway Timetable Consultation. Members stated that they were not aware of the consultation. Cllr Malcolm Wade responded that the Executive Members and officers of Hampshire County Council will be involved. Cllr. Malcolm Wade suggested any comments be emailed to him and he will pass them on.

Cllr. Chris Harrison asked the Chairman if she was aware that two empty shops in Hythe centre will start trading in January. One will be a Film and TV museum and the other will sell model cars and local crafts. The Chairman replied that she wasn't aware.

Cllr. Peter Armstrong asked if Cllr. Mark Clark could send the South Western Railway Timetable Consultation website link to the council offices so that it could be distributed to Members. Cllr. Mark Clark agreed to do this.

Cllr. Alex Wade asked the Chairman is she was aware that the Halloween Walk on 31st October is in aid the charities: Chance for Charlie, Duchenne Uk and Tommy's. He also stated that they were looking for donations for raffle prizes. The Chairman responded that she was aware that the walk was for charity.

136/17 PLANNING COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 11th October 2017.

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11th October 2017 be agreed.

137/17 GRANTS

Consideration was given to the recommendation of the Grant Working Party.

RESOLVED that

With the condition that the grant payment to the British Trust for Ornithology supports activities only in the parish of Hythe and Dibden, the following grants are paid

- British Trust for Ornithology £250.00
- Hythe and Dibden Football Club £500.00
- Cruse Bereavement Care £250.00

138/17 **PLAY EQUIPMENT & OPEN SPACES WORKING PARTY**

Members received the notes of the Working Party meeting held on 21st September 2017. The Deputy Clerk gave an update of the costs for the provision of Wi-Fi.

RESOLVED that

- a) Wi-Fi is made available to the site at a cost of £1750. A 10pm limit to be given in the first instance, however officers are delegated the power to liaise with the board of the youth club to reduce the time that Wi-Fi is available should it be necessary.. Also, modifications to the youth shelter to be progressed.
- b) The request from Hythe and Dibden Cricket club to relocate their clubhouse from Ewart Recreation Ground to the Hythe Skate Park site is refused.

139/17 **THE HANDY TRUST**

Council received the quarterly report of the Handy Trust.

Two positions were available for external representatives of the Council on the Handy Trust. Cllr. Maureen McLean, Cllr. Dan Poole and Cllr. Malcolm Wade were nominated. A vote took place and it was

RESOLVED that

Cllr. Maureen McLean and Cllr. Dan Poole to be external representatives of the Council on the Handy Trust for a three year period from 1st December 2017.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Malcom Wade for all his hard work with the Handy Trust.

140/17 **HOUSING STRATEGY**

Consideration was given to the report of the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED that

The Clerk was instructed to give the recommended consultation response.

141/17 **FINANCE 2017 – 2018**

The Chairman announced that the Council had received an exemplary interim audit report. This report will be available at the next Full Council meeting.

The Clerk asked that Beverley Edwards, the Finance Officer, be recognised for her efforts at reconciling the online payments for allotments using new software and processes and that Janis Bevis and Claire Donnelly be recognised for their work in preparing the Allotments database for software changes and on-line payments.

Consideration was given to the bank reconciliations for September 2017 and the Schedule of Payments for the period 1st September to 30th September 2017

RESOLVED that

- a) The bank reconciliation for September 2017 be noted.
- b) the accounts for payment as detailed totalling £38,950.51 (gross) be agreed and paid

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Chairman

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