

Minutes of the Meeting of Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

Held at The Parish Hall, West Street, Hythe
on Wednesday 27th June at 7.00 pm

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

Councillors:

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

Officers in attendance

Mrs S Bennett (Clerk to the Council)
Mrs J Bevis (Administration Assistant)

5 Members of the Public

32/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

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

33/18 MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 23rd May 2018.

RESOLVED that

- a) The words "following which Cllr M Wade withdrew his nomination" be removed;
- b) Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd May 2018 be agreed subject to a).

34/18 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked the maintenance team for the display of flowers around the parish.

Councillors were getting some good reports from the people for the work done to clear the path by St Johns Church. Many thanks to Cllr Dan Poole for working to resolve this.

Family Matters AGM will be held at Cornerstone 11th July at 7pm.

The Police and schools are joining together to work on reducing drug use.

Councillors were asked to consider whether they wished to meet in August and a decision will be taken at the July Council..

The Chairman reported that Hampshire County Council has agreed to fund the consultant engineers work in drawing up a recommendation for the issue regarding the overland flow at Valleydene however they have been unable to provide a timeframe for when this will be available. They have agreed to speak to ourselves once the recommendation is available and are committed to work with the Parish Clerk. The Chairman thanked the Clerk, Sean and Marcus for their hard work in securing the help and Cllr Perry thanked the Council for their work on this issue..

The Council has provided footballs and tabards to PCSO Mark Atrill for the World Cup football tournament that the police are organising.

35/18 CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

A report was read out as the police were unable to attend.. The ongoing arson issue is being tackled through investigation and fire setting intervention work and the overall anti-social behaviour levels are low. Reports regarding parking issues outside of schools has reduced and the police are available at the Hythe market every other Tuesday from 10 – 12.

36/18 LOVE HYTHE AND WATERSIDE

Louise Martin and Elizabeth Deadman presented the new Love Hythe and Waterside (LHW) website, launched at the end of April. LHW is a not for profit organisation dedicated to promoting Hythe and the Waterside as an ideal destination for visitors and holidays. It has been registered, has five directors and so far signed up 37 businesses. It is striving to get 50 businesses signed up to enable it to run sustainably. Each business has a profile and in the case of cafes etc. they can display their menus. There are links to various other organisations with many more planned for the future.

37/18 REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Malcolm Wade gave a report on HCC having to save £560 million from its budget. He stressed that it was more important than ever for the members of the council and the public to fill in the Hampshire County Council consultation on street lighting, passenger transport and concessionary travel schemes.

After 5yrs effort the flooding in Butts Ash Gardens is being resolved by HCC this summer.

As a member of the corporate parenting board, he met alongside other members, a group of children in care and it was a very illuminating and at times a very poignant event listening to their personal experiences of entering the care system. There is a piece of work for the board to do in improving the situation for the young people entering the system as a result of child protection issues.

Cllr Wade attended the Children and Families Advisory panel and one of the topics was Hampshire's new children's homes, which received very good or excellent Ofsted approval ratings. Credit to the hard work of the officers involved and the excellent design and model the new style children's homes have become.

However it is clear increasing demand despite the County's initiatives to keep children out of care will eventually lead to a need to build more and with that the need for the funding to do so.

He also had an update on the Family Support system, which whilst having some positive response cannot cover all the issues the old children's centres did. Despite working with agencies to supplement HCC efforts there is the ongoing concern that young people with problems slip through the net and the issues get worse. The panel will be continuing to monitor the situation to see how it progresses.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Dan Poole reported that he had attended an inaugural Housing Panel to look at the homelessness situation.

He also attended a multi agency forum for homelessness. He will send a written report next council meeting.

Cllr James Binns reported that there was no major housing allocation for Hythe and Dibden in the Local Plan. He reported that the Leisure Centre is open and the refurbishment came in on budget.

In the outline planning of Fawley Waterside, Barker Mills, NFDC and other associated organisations are looking at the infrastructure of the Waterside and it is not proposed to develop the chimney at this stage.

NFDC is planning to relocate the money used on B and B and hotels for the homeless and invest it in building hostels and accommodation. They think it is a better way of using the funds available.

It is now possible to enforce against people throwing litter from cars.

Cllr Alex Wade reported that he had attended the air quality meeting at NFDC.

Cllr Bill Andrews reported that Save Hythe Pier had received the sum of £15,000.00 from the Bright Ideas Fund for the 2019 restoration.

He also reiterated on littering from the public, the efforts being made to prevent heath fires in this hot weather and to advise the public to be extra diligent and also to check on and help elderly neighbours to keep cool.

Cllr Andrews gave his apologies in advance for not attending the forthcoming Council meetings in July and August.

38/18 **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr Eric Davey represented the Parish Council at the Hampshire County Council annual civic service held at Winchester Cathedral last Sunday and attended the reception that followed.

Cllr Chris Harrison attended New Forest Consultative Panel meeting and met several organisations and parish representatives. He received a presentation from Country Watch, detail that the Government is reviewing National Parks and that there is concern with parking on the forest and commercial dog walkers.

Cllr James Binns reported on the transport committee. £1 million of public money has to be saved possibly by reducing the length of time the street lights are on, reducing the ferry service and bus services and printed materials, introducing the introduction of 50p per journey for all bus pass owners.

Cllr Mark Clark reported that the Sea Scouts had started the sea defences and that there will be some large plant machinery movements.

39/18 **PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Alan Fairhead requested that more information be made available to the community regarding the PCSO service and the funds that the council has allocated for the service. It was agreed that the Clerk would prepare a press release and the Lymington Times (who were in attendance) offered to assist with getting the message out.

40/18 **QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS 25 AND 26**

Cllr Malcolm Wade asked the Chairman why Valleydene was to be discussed in a closed session. It was explained that closed items are only included on an agenda when the business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information eg liability or contractual information. It was noted that there have been meetings regarding Valleydene in open session when the public have attended.

41/18 **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13th June 2018.

RESOLVED that

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13th June 2018 be agreed.

42/18 **GRANTS**

Council considered the grant application and questioned the amount of money spent on pest control as the Council undertook considerable work in this area on pest control and shrubbery removal.

RESOLVED

- a) Cricket Club to provide receipts totalling £1050 for pest control works only; and then grant can be paid subject to c)
- b) If pest control works only receipts do not total £1050 receipts and application to be referred back to council in July.
- c) Cricket Club to submit supporting documents as required by grant process

43/18 **BATTLE'S OVER WORKING GROUP**

Notes were received and noted.

44/18 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

Cllr Graham Parkes reported that the Neighbourhood Plan has reached its statutory pre submission consultation stage and that the Group was planning to reach as many of the public as they are able through the Website , emails, copies of plan and survey being held in the office and Herald, and four roadshows on 27th July at Hythe Marina, 4th August at Taste of the South Market, 7th August at Hythe Tuesday Market and 26th August, at the Raft Race

There were two maps to be included, which were the flood risk map and Dibden Bay buffer zone from ABP. It is critical to get all information in by end of August and Cllr Parkes encouraged everyone to have their say by filling in the survey.

45/18 **BEACH BUS**

Councillors discussed the cessation of the Beach Bus and agreed it was a very poor situation and made without any consultation with the councillors or the community. It was agreed to monitor the new extended service to Lepe and any community feedback.

46/18 **STANDING ORDERS**

Consideration was given to the Standing Orders.

RESOLVED that

The Standing Orders be adopted by the Council.

47/18 **FINANCE 2018 – 2019**

Consideration was given to the bank reconciliations for May 2018 and the Schedule of Payments for the period 1 May 2018 to 30 May 2018.

RESOLVED that

- a) The bank reconciliation for May 2018 be noted.
- b) The accounts for payment as detailed totalling £77,707.79 be agreed
- c) The revised invoice from the Handy Trust be paid

48/18 **EXCLUSION OF 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.

49/18 **VALLEYDENE**

The Council considered the 2 complaints received regarding the Council's work to help in resolving the overland flow at Valleydene.

An in depth discussion took place acknowledging that the Clerk, Deputy Clerk, Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor and the maintenance team had worked extremely hard to deliver the agreed actions of the Council in its work to resolve the issue that was not the sole responsibility of the Council and for which all bar one of the Valleydene adjacent to the open space households were responsible. It was recognised that more communication was required with the residents to enable them to recognise their own responsibilities and to set out the exact nature of the work that the council has undertaken. Councillors wished to make clear that the only work undertaken to date is investigative and that all future actions will be jointly commissioned by the appropriate riparian owners.

The Clerk reported that due diligence by the Council had provided the council's insurers with confidence that we were managing the situation appropriately and that our insurance cover for 2018 – 2019 had been agreed.

The Chairman recommended that a holding letter be sent to the residents of Valleydene explaining what has been done and how we

can proceed once we get all the answers and have their co-operation. A meeting of the council and the residents will be arranged once the recommendations of Hampshire County Council are received.

50/18 **SECURITY CONTRACT**

Consideration was given to the security contract.

RESOLVED that

The costs be agreed for the period to the end of 2019 - 2020.

The meeting closed at 9.32pm

Chairman

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