

## Minutes of the Meeting of Hythe and Dibden Parish Council

Held at The Community Centre, Brinton Lane, Hythe  
on Wednesday 8th August 2018 at 6.00 pm

p Maureen McLean (Chairman)  
a E Davey (Vice Chairman)

### Councillors:

p P Armstrong  
p J Binns  
a M Clark  
p J Fowler  
p C Harrison  
a T Johnson

### Councillors:

p G Parkes  
p D Poole  
p M Short  
a A Wade  
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p = present  
a = apologies  
n = no apologies received

### Officers in attendance

Mrs S Bennett (Clerk to the Council)  
Mr S Spencer (Deputy Clerk to the Council)  
Miss C Donnelly (Minute Clerk)

0 Members of the Public

### 87/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

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

### 88/18 MINUTES

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25th July 2018. Cllr Armstrong requested that the 2nd sentence of paragraph 2 of Minute 72/18 be amended as follows: "Cllr Armstrong said he would do his utmost to work with others".

RESOLVED that subject to the amendment above

the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup>  
July 2018 be agreed.

### 89/18 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.

90/18 **VALLEYDENE**

Simon Cramp, Environmental Initiative Manager from Hampshire County Council's Economy, Transport and Environment Department gave an update regarding the scope works commissioned by the County Council in relation to Valleydene. This work includes investigations, surveys, assessments and the development of a concept for solving the issue of the overland flow of the watercourse. Joseph Ozkan Senior Engineer from the Hampshire County Council's Engineering Consultancy answered technical questions from Councillors, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

Mr Cramp explained that the role of the County Council was to support the Parish Council as a lead organisation however the County did not believe that remedial works to repair the broken pipeline and remove the blockage would be financially viable or able to be undertaken in readiness for winter 2018/2019. Mr Cramp recommended that the residents at risk of flooding be encouraged to develop a Flood Risk Action Plan and confirmed that he had asked the appropriate officers at HCC to make contact.

The Clerk emphasised the need to support the residents who are living with this issue on their doorsteps every day; especially those for whom the threat of flooding is a serious worry for them.

Councillors considered the risks to the Council, the number of riparian owners identified, the likely complexity of developing the concept to a specification with the number of riparian owners identified, the workload of the officers, and the requirement on the council to work within the cover of the underwriters.

RESOLVED that

- a) A Communication and Engagement Strategy in relation to Valleydene be developed, considered and adopted by the Council as soon as possible;
- b) A drop in briefing session be arranged in September, hosted by the Parish Council with Hampshire County Council providing information on their findings and their concept for resolving the issue of the overland flow. The drop in session is to be open to all;
- c) Hythe and Dibden Parish Council to write to all riparian owners and those at risk of flooding to inform them of the recommendations and planned work of Hampshire County Council;
- d) Hythe and Dibden Parish Council to facilitate the residents at risk of flooding in their consideration, development and implementation of a flood risk action plan;

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

Chairman

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