

## **HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the  
Hythe and Dibden Parish Council  
Held at The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe  
On Monday 10 May 2004 at 7.30 pm

Members: \*Mr D Smith (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr R Podesta
*Mr G Dawson	*Mrs M J Robinson
oMr R Guy	*Mr M Short
*Mr C Harrison	*Mrs B Smith
*Mrs M McLean	*Mr M S Wade
*Mr G Parkes	*Mr S S Wade

\* Indicates attendance  
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor  
Mr D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)  
Ms S A Maitland (Deputy Clerk to the Council)  
Mrs C Patterson (Minute Clerk)

Also present: 10 Members of the Public  
1 Member of the Press

The Chairman began the Meeting by presenting Matthew Dann with a Community Spirit award for his work with the Venturers Search and Rescue Team. Matthew was one of the youngest ever recipients of the award.

### 1/04 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs Robinson declared an interest in Minute 21/04, as she is the Parish Representative on New Forest Victim Support and a Director of Victim Support Hampshire. Mrs McLean declared an interest in Minute 21/04, as she is the Chairman of Dibden Allotments Charity. Mr Parkes and Mrs Smith declared an interest in Minute 11/04, as they are Members of the Waterside Arts Festival Committee.

### 2/04 **Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED

That Mr David Smith be elected as Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming Council year.

Mr Smith signed his declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### 3/04 **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

RESOLVED

That Mr Michael Short be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the forthcoming Council year.

### 4/04 **Appointment of Committees**

RESOLVED

That the following Committees be appointed for the coming Council year:-

**Amenities Committee**

Mr J Bennett	Mr M Short	(ex officio)
Mr R Guy	Mr D Smith	(ex officio)
Mr C Harrison	Mr M S Wade	
Mrs M McLean	Mr S S Wade	
Mr G Parkes		

**General Purposes and Finance Committee**

Mr G Dawson	Mrs B Smith	
Mr C Harrison	Mr D Smith	(ex officio)
Mr R Podesta	M M Wade	
Mrs M Robinson	Mr S Wade	
Mr M Short	(ex officio)	

**Planning Committee**

Mr J Bennett	Mrs B Smith	
Mr G Dawson	Mr D Smith	(ex officio)
Mr R Guy	Mr M S Wade	
Mr G Parkes	Mr S S Wade	
Mr M Short	(ex officio)	

**Accommodation Committee**

Mr J Bennett	Mrs M Robinson	
Mr R Guy	Mr M Short	(ex officio)
Mr C Harrison	Mr D Smith	(ex officio)
Mr G Parkes	Mr M S Wade	
Mr R Podesta		

**Personnel Sub Committee**

Chairman of the Council  
 Vice Chairman of the Council  
 Chairman of General Purposes and Finance Committee  
 Chairman of Amenities Committee  
 Chairman of Planning Committee  
 Mrs M McLean  
 Mrs M J Robinson  
 Mr M S Wade

**Woodland Management Working Party**

Mr J Bennett  
 Mr G Dawson  
 Mr S Wade  
 Ms S Maitland, Deputy Clerk  
 Mrs J McCormack

5/04 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15 March 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15 March 2004 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

6/04 **Chairman's Announcements****Dibden Bay**

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank the many people involved in the fight against the development of Dibden Bay. Those singled out were Mr B Dash, the County Councillor, Mr G Dawson for the initial work carried out when he was Chairman of New Forest District Council Planning and Development Control Committee in 1995/1996, Mr G Parkes, Mr B Beaven, the Residents Against Dibden Bay led by Mr P Vickers, the District and County Council Officers and the Inspector.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr B Beaven thanking him for his efforts when he was Clerk to this Council.

**7/04     Reports of District Councillors**

Mrs Robinson reported that the long-standing plan to close both toilet blocks at Calshot and open a new block combined with a Restaurant has been cancelled. It is now hoped to open a new toilet block at the eastern end of the Car Park in the autumn, with the possibility of a catering kiosk. The future of the block at the western end is uncertain, but it is hoped it will be maintained until a new block can be opened.

A motion is to be put before the District Council's Scrutiny Panel preventing the erection of TETRA Masts on District Council land.

A Review of Scrutiny has been taking place at the District Council. Proposals have not been favourably received by many Members, but a way forward is still anticipated.

A Review of Housing Stock is under way to decide whether it should be retained or put into Housing Association ownership under the Decent Homes Programme. It is progressing well but many tenants are not keen on the proposals. There will be a Roadshow on 22 June 2004 with a caravan parked in the St John's Street Tuesday Market first and then Tesco Car Park to allow tenants to give their views.

The land under District Council ownership at Langdown Lawn is to be transferred to Hampshire Voluntary Housing Society with the Capital receipt being used to fund development.

John Rainbow has left the District Council. He has been a good friend to the Parish with his willingness to help and troubleshoot.

The Community Warden Project Working Party gave a presentation to New Milton Parish Council last week.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Working Party is looking at ways of lowering the threshold for action to be taken and varying punishment.

Mr Harrison attended a conference in London on Crime and Disorder concerning partnership and involving the community. He reported that many District Councils have a zero tolerance policy on anti-social behaviour and some employ "Street Pastors". He also advised that the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 covering drinking in public places only covers designated public places, but there has been some progress on this matter.

The District Council Planning Development Control Committee has written to the Deputy Prime Minister objecting to the planning guidance given for the density of housing on brownfield sites and asking for it to be lowered, as it is detrimental to this Parish and those in the proposed National Park.

**8/04     Report of County Councillor**

A motion had been brought to the County Council concerning the effect of TETRA Masts on the County. The County Council regretted government advice that health concerns of the community were not taken into account on applications and advised that TETRA is not the only system capable of providing the required service.

Mr Dash advised that he is still pursuing the issue of the short cycle route in Hythe and is hopeful of progress soon.

There are plans to improve the surface texture of the road at the junction of Deerleap Way and Langdown Lawn.

Mr Dash asked Members to write to the Area Surveyor in support of a scheme for a pavement or walking surface along Roman Road.

Mr Dash gave the Report of the New Forest Highway Transport Advisory Panel to the Clerk to enable him to extract sections relevant to the Parish.

9/04 **Questions to District and County Councillors arising from their reports**

**A. A326 – Traffic Congestion**

The County Councillor was asked why contractors were able to remove cones after a road closure, but not the temporary traffic lights, which resulted in considerable traffic congestion on the morning of Monday 10 May.

Mr Dash had no answer, but suggested sending an e-mail to the Area Surveyor for his views.

**B. Support over brownfield site building**

Mr Parkes was asked whether the Chairman of the Planning Development Control Committee would appreciate further support from this Parish over the Government's guidance on density on brownfield site building.

He responded that he would be pleased to contact the Chairman and make any necessary arrangements with the Clerk.

10/04 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

**Butts Ash Community Association**

The Chairman announced that Mr Brian Uglow has been elected Chairman of the newly re-formed Butts Ash Community Association.

**New Forest Consultative Panel**

Mr S Wade had recently addressed the above panel on the benefits of being a Member of the New Forest Consultative Panel.

**Environment Agency Seminar**

Mr S Wade attended the above seminar recently and stated that the present maps are totally incorrect. He advised a move to GSI Maps.

He also advised the seminar that the tidal wave from large ships could flood Shore Road.

11/04 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

**Promenade – Waterside Arts Festival**

Members were advised that the start date for the refurbishment of the Promenade has been deferred to allow the Waterside Arts Festival to take place. However, due to the safety concerns of the large crowd expected it seems that the Police are unlikely to grant the necessary licences for the closure of the Promenade.

The Emergency Planning Officer will meet with Members of the Waterside Arts Group next week in order to organise a satisfactory solution.

It was suggested that all escape routes were highlighted, even if it was necessary to make arrangements to use private land.

(Mrs Smith and Mr Parkes declared a personal interest in this item but remained in the Meeting)

**Whitewater Rise**

It was requested that a strong letter be sent to the Area Surveyor asking for the problem of potholes in the road surface to be addressed once and for all.

**Parish Planting**

Mrs Smith praised the planting of bulbs around the Parish but asked whether some of the bulbs may need replacing to keep the displays in peak condition.

It was agreed to pass the matter to the Amenities Committee for consideration.

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At this point the Meeting was adjourned to allow the Public Forum to be held.

#### **Forest Front – Path**

Mr Uglow thanked the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and the Maintenance and Facilities Supervisor for expediting the construction of the path from Holly Close to the Forest Front track.

#### **Parental Responsibility for Vandals**

Mr Uglow asked Members what action would be taken to follow the Deputy Chief Constable's advice on encouraging parents to look after vandals.

He was advised that the Family Action Group and Families Matter had been encouraging this kind of behaviour for many years with excellent results.

#### **Parking – Beaulieu Road**

Mr Wheeler advised Members of a road accident caused by on street parking close to the Doctors Surgery in Dibden Purlieu.

It was agreed to write to the Highway Authority.

#### **Dibden Purlieu Enhancement Scheme**

Mr Bennett advised Members that the barriers at the ends of the walkways alongside St Andrew's Church had been removed leaving users vulnerable to cycling or walking straight into the road.

It was agreed that a barrier against the kerb would provide the best solution for all users but Members were uncertain as to whether the barriers may have been removed as part of the ongoing Dibden Purlieu Enhancement Scheme.

Mrs Smith agreed to investigate the matter.

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The Annual Council Meeting then resumed.

### 12/04 **Reports of Committees**

#### **(a) Planning Committee – 15 March 2004**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 15 March 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 15 March 2004 be received and adopted.

#### **(b) Planning Committee – 5 April 2004**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 5 April 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 5 April 2004 be received and adopted.

#### **(c) Amenities Committee – 5 April 2004**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 5 April 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 5 April 2004 be received and adopted.

**(d) Planning Committee – 19 April 2004**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19 April 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 19 April 2004 be received and adopted.

**(e) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 19 April 2004**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 19 April 2004.

**(i) Minute 530/03 - Anti Social Behaviour Problems**

The Clerk advised Members that Superintendent Talbot and the Acting Inspector will attend the Meeting of the General Purposes and Finance Committee on 21 June 2004. It was suggested that consideration be given to using a larger venue, as there may be greater public interest in this meeting.

**(ii) Minute 532/03 - Senior Community Advisor**

It was suggested that the second paragraph should begin differently.

RESOLVED

That paragraph 2 should be amended to read, "Members agreed that previously Advisors..."

**(iii) General**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 19 April 2004 be received and adopted.

**(f) Special General Purposes and Finance Committee – 20 April 2004**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Special General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 20 April 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Special General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 20 April 2004 be received and adopted.

**(g) Accommodation Committee – 21 April 2004**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on 21 April 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on 21 April 2004 be received and adopted.

13/04 **Accounts for Payment**

The Clerk submitted a Schedule of Accounts for Payment, together with a supplementary list.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed, totalling £29308.25, be approved and paid.

14/04 **To appoint representatives to serve on Outside Bodies**

RESOLVED

That the following representatives be appointed to serve on the Bodies indicated for the forthcoming year: -

1. **Age Concern (New Forest East)**  
Mr S S Wade
2. **Butts Ash Community Association**  
Mr D Smith
3. **Friends of Forest Front**  
Mr J Bennett
4. **Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils**  
Chairman or Vice Chairman of Council or nominated substitute
5. **Hythe and Dibden Twinning Association**  
Vice Chairman of Council  
Mrs B Smith
6. **Hythe and Dibden Woodland and Waterside Group**  
Mr D. Smith
7. **Hythe Centre Advisory Group**  
Chairman of Council  
Mrs M McLean  
Mr G Parkes  
Mr R Podesta  
Mrs M Robinson  
Mr M S Wade  
Mr S S Wade  
Plus Representatives from Hythe Business Partnership  
Hampshire County Councillor
8. **Hythe Youth Club Management Committee**  
Mrs. M. McLean
9. **Local Representatives for Transport Liaison/Hythe Ferry User Group**  
  
Mr R Guy  
Mr D Smith
10. **New Forest (East) Sports Council**  
Interested non Parish Council Member
11. **New Forest Consultative Panel**  
Mr S S Wade
12. **New Forest District Association of Local Councils**  
Mr S S Wade  
Mr C Harrison

**13. New Forest District Council Environmental Protection Liaison Committee**

Mr J Bennett  
Mr S S Wade

**14. New Forest Road Safety Council**

Mr S S Wade

**15. New Forest and Romsey Victim Support**

Mrs M Robinson

**16. Community First New Forest**

Mrs. B. Smith

**17. St Andrew's Centre Management Committee**

Mr R Guy

**18. St. John's Hall Management Committee**

Mr G Parkes

**19. The HANDY Trust Advisory Group**

Mr. M. S. Wade

**20. Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau Management Committee**

Mr R Guy  
Mr. M. Short

**21. Waterside Heritage Trust**

Mr J Bennett

**22. Waterside Joint Councils Group**

Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Council  
Chairman of the Planning Committee

**23. Waterside Youth Steering Group**

Mr. C. Harrison  
Mrs M McLean  
Mrs M Robinson  
Mr M S Wade

**24. Woodland Management Working Party**

Mr G Dawson  
Mr J Bennett  
Mr S S Wade  
Deputy Clerk to the Council  
Mrs J McCormac (Tree Warden)

**15/04 Signing of Documents**

RESOLVED

That two Members of the Council be authorised to sign documents if required by the Clerk to the Council.

**16/04 Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils – 57th Annual General Meeting**

Consideration was given to potential resolutions for the Annual General Meeting of HAPTC, which is to be held on 16 October 2004.

RESOLVED



That the Clerk draft two resolutions and circulate them for approval concerning;

- (a) This Council's disapproval of the government's guidelines on density in planning.
- (b) A tax on chewing gum to cover the cost of it's removal.

17/04 **Community Wardens Workshop – 21 May 2004**

Consideration was given to the nomination of two representatives to attend the above workshop together with the Clerk to the Council.

RESOLVED

That Mrs McLean and Mr Short attend.

18/04 **Survey of Hackney Carriage Stands (Taxi Ranks)**

Consideration was given to the completion of a survey concerning Hackney Carriage Stands.

It was agreed that signing for the taxi ranks is not satisfactory and the area around the Pier is too crowded. The main problem appears to concern the area near Waitrose where taxis stopping near the dropped kerb cause problems for lorries which then cause traffic jams in the village centre.

It was suggested that the taxi bay and loading bay should be swapped over and the dropped kerb increased for a few yards to make it more convenient for customers.

RESOLVED

That the survey is completed detailing Members' comments.

19/04 **High Hedges Consultation – Implementing part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act**

Members were advised of the availability of documents issued by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister concerning complaints about high hedges.

Mr Bennett took a copy so that any comments could be made by 30 June 2004.

20/04 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

RESOLVED

That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972.

21/04 **Office Accommodation, Ground Floor – The Grove**

Members were advised that the occupants of the ground floor at The Grove were having problems in securing funding for the current year rental costs.

Mrs Robinson advised Members that Victim Support are due to leave their present premises and it is felt that this could represent the ideal opportunity for the organisation to bring all its branches together in one building. However, as it would take a little time to apply for grants and organise funding she asked for a period of grace to allow for this.

RESOLVED

That the matter is put on the agenda for the Council Meeting on 2 August 2004 and Community First are advised that the issue will be reviewed on 1 September 2004.

(Mrs McLean declared an interest in this item and left the Meeting during consideration thereof. Mrs Robinson declared an interest in this item and remained in the Meeting to speak, but not to vote)

The Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Chairman

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