

HYTHE AND DIBDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the
Hythe and Dibden Parish Council
Held at The Grove, 25 St. John's Street, Hythe
On Monday 12 July 2004 at 8.00 pm

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

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| *Mr J Bennett | oMr R Podesta |
| *Mr G Dawson | oMrs 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 D J Shimpe (Clerk to the Council)
Ms S A Maitland (Deputy Clerk to the Council)
Mrs S Rothwell (Finance Officer)

Also present: 7 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

98/04 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Harrison declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 111/04 as he is a Governor of Applemore College.

99/04 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 10 May 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 10
May 2004 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

100/04 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman referred to the successful Waterside Arts Festival that had just been held and requested that the Clerk write to the Festival Co-ordinator and the committee to acknowledge the effort and to express appreciation of the event.

101/04 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

A review of Taxi Fares had been discussed at the meeting of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee. It had been agreed that the taxi companies could levy a fare increase of up to 8% this year and that they would need to apply the RPI in the subsequent two years.

The results of a Housing Needs survey showed that the average price in this area was £210,000 and the terraced house average was £154,300 with the average income being £24,100. There was a need for 986 new affordable dwellings a year to remove the backlog of need and to meet newly arising need by 2006.

The Housing Road show that was held on 22 June 2004 in St. John's Street car park was well attended and when questioned, the majority of District Council Housing tenants wished to remain as tenants of the District Council.

The National Park boundary had been defined and Dibden Bay had not been included within the boundary.

Concern had been expressed at the loss of the green space between this Parish and the refinery in Fawley.

The loss, on appeal, of the Berkeley Garage Site was of concern due to the fact that two major service facilities have been lost in the area. The loss of this facility now means that people have to travel outside of the Parish to have their vehicles serviced.

Progress is being made with the Community Warden Project. The bases for the Wardens will be at the Fire Station in New Milton and at Parish Council Offices in The Grove in Hythe. The project team are now looking to select suitable vehicles and a pre-budget report will go to the Cabinet for discussion in November.

102/04 **Report of the County Councillor on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

The County Councillor submitted a written report which was read out by the Chairman.

A recent report of last year's budget outturn had shown an overall underspend. Some of the underspend had been allocated to schools.

Low cost remedial works have been completed at the junctions of Fawley Road/Beaulieu Road, Southampton Road/Main Road and Southampton Road/Jones Lane. The aim of the works is to reduce accidents.

There is a delay in the implementation of a scheme for South Street due to this now being planned in with other associated works.

Roman Road is to have white lines to reduce the apparent width of the carriageway. These lines should be effective in reducing speed.

Work on the redevelopment of the Promenade has been delayed because the Tenders came in higher than anticipated.

Mr Dash was disappointed that Dibden Bay had not been included within the National Park Boundary.

Congratulations were offered to the Parish Council for the floral displays on the approach roads to the Parish.

103/04 **Questions to District and County Councillors arising from their reports**

Mr Dawson commented on the County Councillors report and asked if there was information on how much money had been paid into the County Council's reserves by residents of this Parish and stated that he would like it to be repaid.

Mr Dawson expressed concern about whether strategic gaps and green belt boundaries could be lost due to the new National Park boundary. He requested that Mr Parkes, as a member of the District Council's Development Control Committee bear this in mind when the District Council's Local Plan and County Council's Regional Strategy are reviewed.

104/04 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Mrs McLean reported on the activities of the Dibden Allotments Charity. The charity has been active in providing shoes for local school children, gardeners for elderly residents and donations to alleviate local hardship. A grant to support the employment of youth workers had also been made to the HANDY Trust. Two local schools and Oakhaven Hospice had also received grants.

Mr M S Wade reported on the progress of the HANDY Trust and informed the Council that due to the success of the Trust and with its involvement in many local initiatives and projects, it was now in a position to create two new part-time positions for Youth Workers. The new Youth Workers would work in Netley View and Marchwood.

105/04 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Mr S S Wade asked if members were aware that Paul Monk, Assistant Highways Engineer, was due to retire in October.

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr Monk on his retirement thanking him for assistance to this Council over the years.

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

1. Development of Dibden Bay

Mr Vickers informed the Council that the action group, Residents Against Dibden Bay was still active and was currently trying to enhance the protection of the site. It is important to get the wording that relates to Dibden Bay amended in the County Structure Plan.

Mr Vickers informed Members that ABP had failed in their appeal to develop Dibden Bay on at least ten different grounds.

Members thanked Mr Vickers for his hard work and that of the action group.

2. Mr Uglow expressed his concern about the affect of the National Park boundary on the parks and forest that fall outside of the boundary. It was agreed that some issues remained to be clarified and that as developments became clearer they would be reported to the Council.
3. Mr Horrill thanked the Council for nominating him to attend the County Council Civic Service at Winchester Cathedral.
4. The need for disabled peoples parking spaces to be made available for market visitors was discussed. It was suggested that disabled peoples parking spaces could be provided at the entrance to the New Road Car Park.

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The Council meeting then resumed.

106/04 **Reports of Committees**

(a) Amenities Committee – 10 May 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 10 May 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 10 May 2004 be received and adopted.

(b) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 10 May 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 10 May 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 10 May 2004 be received and adopted.

(c) Accommodation Committee – 10 May 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on 10 May 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on 10 May 2004 be received and adopted.

(d) Planning Committee – 10 May 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 May 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10 May 2004 be received and adopted.

(e) Planning Committee – 7 June 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 June 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 June 2004 be received and adopted.

(f) Amenities Committee – 7 June 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 7 June 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 7 June be received and adopted.

(g) Planning Committee – 21 June 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21 June 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 21 June 2004 be received and adopted.

(h) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 21 June 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 21 June 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 21 June 2004 be received and adopted.

107/04 Accounts for Payment

The Clerk submitted a schedule of accounts for payment, together with a supplementary list.

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed, totalling £31953.21, be approved and paid.

108/04 Signing of Documents

RESOLVED

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

109/04 Internal Audit Report 2004

Consideration was given to the Annual Audit Inspection Report and the response.

The Clerk to the Council and the Finance Officer were thanked for the work put into the accounts.

RESOLVED

That the Annual Audit Inspection Report be noted and the response be agreed and approved.

110/04 **Annual Accounts for year ending 31 March 2004-07-15**

Consideration was given to the Annual Accounts for 2003/04 and the Statement of Assurance, previously circulated.

Clarification was sought on assets and tenancies.

RESOLVED

1. That the Clerk seek clarification on assets and tenancies in relation to the Village Green
2. That the Annual Accounts for 2003/04 and the Statement of Assurance be agreed and approved.

111/04 **Consultation on Applemore Technology College becoming a Church School**

The consultation document from Applemore College proposing that the college become a Church School had been circulated previously. It was considered that clarification was necessary and the Head Teacher had subsequently offered to attend a meeting to discuss the issues.

RESOLVED

That a meeting to discuss the Consultation on Applemore Technology College becoming a Church School be arranged and that the Head Teacher and the Chairman of the Governors be invited to attend.

(Mr C Harrison declared an interest in this item and left the meeting during consideration thereof).

112/04 **Proposed Informal Police Liaison Group**

At the meeting of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 21 June 2004, Superintendent Talbot suggested that a small liaison group be formed from the Parish Council to meet with the local Police Inspector on a regular basis.

RESOLVED

That the Chairman of the Council, Vice Chairman of the Council, Chairman of the Amenities Committee, Chairman of the General Purposes and Finance Committee and Mrs M McLean form the informal police liaison group.

113/04 **Impact of Car Parking Charges on the Hythe Ferry**

Members discussed the letter that had been received from White Horse Ferries which stated that the introduction of car parking charges has had a detrimental affect on the Hythe Ferry usage. New Forest District Council has received their consultant's report on the effects of the introduction of charges and the clock scheme in Hythe and has responded to White Horse Ferries stating that their claim is not supported in the report.

Members agreed on the value of the ferry service to the community and felt that there could be scope for the District Council to review some disabled drivers spaces and some of the long stay parking spaces.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to the District Council regarding the impact of the car parking charges on the Hythe Ferry and suggest a review of the long term parking and disabled drivers parking spaces.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm

Chairman

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