

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 15 November 2004 at 8 pm

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr R Podesta
* Mr G Dawson	*Mrs M J Robinson
*Mr 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: 5 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

296/04 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs McLean, Mr Harrison, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Smith and Mr M Wade declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute 307/04 as they are all involved in aspects of the Community Warden Scheme as Members of the District Council.

297/04 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4 October 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 4 October 2004 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

298/04 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

299/04 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

The Community Safety Partnership will employ a media officer in March to ensure better publicity as 81% of people surveyed had no idea of the function of the Partnership.

There are proposals to phase in a garden waste collection scheme to replace the grey sacks. This will enable garden waste to be composted and recycled.

Scrutiny Panels are currently commenting on the savings/investment plans identified in the recent exercise. These comments will then go to Cabinet. At present, a council tax rise of 9-10% looks likely, so another 5% of savings will probably be required. It appears that the Community Wardens Scheme may be sacrificed.

The Government's Local Government Finance Settlement announcement has been delayed until early December.

A Performance Management Paper to be considered at the meeting of the Corporate Overview Panel suggests that the District Council has been successful in placing homeless families in

hostels etc, but tenants are not happy with the extent of involvement in running their own homes or with recycling.

There is a Citizen's Panel comprising young people which has made interesting observations.

A Working Group has been set up to look at services affected by the new National Park Authority.

Mrs Robinson attended a PRIME seminar which advised that a youth shelter in Freemantle had had a good effect.

Mrs Robinson will attend the Southampton airport stakeholder's conference.

Mr S Wade has joined a committee reviewing the National Park.

Mr S Wade showed Members the Welcome Home Pack which is supposed to be given to all new householders in the Parish.

300/04 **Report of County Councillor on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

The Gateway into Hythe near St John's Church which has been repaired several times will now be replaced by tarmac for safety reasons.

Speed cameras are used to control traffic speed if other measures such as lining do not work. There have been 13 injury accidents between Fawley Road and Deerleap junction in the last 12 months.

The pedestrian crossing is almost complete at Langdown Lawn.

There has been no objection from the County Council to Hythe and Dibden being bracketed with Southampton and Portsmouth for housing in the Sub Regional Strategy for the South East Regional Assembly.

301/04 **Questions to District and County Councillors arising from their reports**

Concern was expressed that the cut in onto the pavement at the crossing at Langdown Lawn may not comply with the Disability Discrimination Act. Mr Dash agreed to investigate the matter.

A Member queried why the speed camera at Langdown Lawn faced in one direction only.

Mr Dash replied that the camera will be rotated according to need.

302/04 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Mr S Wade attended the meeting of the Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils to make this Parish's proposal and to second that of Marchwood.

Mr S Wade advised Members that he has asked English Nature to clarify which parts of Dibden Bay are protected as he is concerned about future house building in the area.

303/04 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

A Member queried why the District Council only empty the cigarette bin in Pylewell Precinct when it is full. It was also noted that the mobile sweeper does not clean Pylewell Precinct on it's round and the area is now getting slippery.

It was agreed to investigate the matter.

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

Dibden Bay

Mr Vickers advised that ABP will not appeal against the Dibden Bay decision as the time allowed for an appeal has passed.

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The Council Meeting then resumed.

304/04 **Reports of Committees**

(a) Planning Committee – 4 October 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4 October 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4 October 2004 be received and adopted.

(b) Accommodation Committee – 13 October 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on 13 October 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on 13 October 2004 be received and adopted.

(c) Planning Committee – 18 October 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 October 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 18 October 2004 be received and adopted.

(d) Amenities Committee – 18 October 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 18 October 2004.

1. Mr Parkes

Mr Parkes advised that he attended the meeting for the final item.

2. General

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 18 October 2004 be received and adopted.

(e) Planning Committee – 1 November 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 November 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 1 November 2004 be received and adopted.

(f) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 1 November 2004

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 1 November 2004.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 1 November 2004 be received and adopted.

305/04 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 1013-1047 inclusive, totalling £11902.64, be approved and paid.

306/04 **Hampshire County Council – Doorstep Crime Initiative**

Consideration was given to a letter from Hampshire County Council concerning the Doorstep Crime Initiative: Warning and Advice Network.

RESOLVED

That householders be made more aware of the problem and the dangers through outlets such as the Herald and Church magazines.

307/04 **Community Warden Schemes**

The Chairman advised Members that Mr Kendal had phoned him to gauge reaction to dropping the District Council Community Warden Scheme and continuing with the County Council scheme of Community Safety Officers prior to the next meeting of the Crime and Disorder Panel.

Members agreed that CSO's will be of benefit, but they will be spread over too large an area to be as effective as possible. It was felt that Community Wardens will be tailor-made for the Parish needs in that they can become part of the community and focus on local issues.

Doubts were also expressed over what influence the District Council could have over the operational control of a County Council scheme.

RESOLVED

That the District Council be advised that its Community Warden Scheme was designed to meet the needs of the Parish and urge the District to continue with the scheme.

(Mr Harrison, Mr M Wade, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Smith and Mrs McLean declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

The Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Chairman

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