

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 14 March 2005 at 8 pm

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

*Mr J Bennett	oMr R Podesta
*Mr G Dawson	*Mrs M J Robinson
*Mr R Guy	*Mr M Short
oMr 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: 4 Members of the Public
1 Member of the Press

489/04 **Declarations of Interest**

Mr Bennett declared an interest in Min 502/04 as he is the Consular Officer within The Grove in Rooms 4b and 5.

490/04 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 7 February 2005.

(a) Minute 418/04

It was agreed that paragraph 8 should be amended to read that Mrs Robinson had attended the first meeting "for some time".

(b) General

RESOLVED

That, subject to the above, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 7 February 2005 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

491/04 **Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman advised Members that a group consisting of himself, the Vice Chairman of the Council, Mr S Wade, the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk had recently attended a meeting in Winchester where the Charter between the County Council and Parish and Town Councils had been re-signed. The Certificate for achieving Quality Council status had also been presented at this meeting and the Chairman thanked all staff and councillors for their efforts in this regard.

The recent meeting concerning crossing the A326 had been well attended by residents and the County Officers were impressed by the high level of debate.

The Chairman read a letter received from White Horse Ferries concerning a potential business rates increase of 840%. This is obviously a major threat to the future of Hythe Ferry and the owners asked for any support which the Council can offer.

492/04 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish

Mrs Robinson attended a meeting of the Local Development Framework Focus Group on involvement in the Planning Process.

The budget increase was set at 4.8%.

Copies of Business Connexions, published by New Forest Business Partnership were given to the Clerk to show round local businesses.

The Crime and Safety Partnership have a Project starting in 4 areas on 9 April 2005 lasting 4 weeks.

Councillor Beck and Stephanie Sutton will be touring the area to discuss problems in particular localities.

The Police have arranged for a CCTV van to tour the Forest in June/July to monitor hot spots. An expert will analyse the results.

Money has been provided for an interview suite to be used for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Police bikes in West Totton have been very successful.

Of the 69 cases of people with behaviour monitoring in the New Forest, over one third are in this area.

The Planning Development Control Committee voted to allow a mobile home to be replaced by a small bungalow at Roy's Copse. The oval lantern tower at the Dreamland development is to be replaced by a rectangular building.

493/04 Reports of the County Councillor on County Council matters concerning the Parish

Mr Dash spoke of his respect and affection for Councillor Don Allen, Portfolio Holder for Education, who passed away recently and paid tribute to his work.

The inclusion of Special Needs Pupils in mainstream schools is due to be discussed soon.

494/04 Questions to District and County Councillors arising from their reports

There were no questions to District and County Councillors.

495/04 Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies

There were no Reports.

496/04 Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26

The Chairman was asked to publicise the Expert Patients Programme at St John's Hall.

Hythe and Dibden Sports Club Under 16's Football Team are to play in the twin town. It was agreed to send good wishes.

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

There were no questions from members of the public.

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The Council Meeting then resumed.

497/04 Reports of Committees**(a) Planning Committee – 7 February 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 February 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 7 February 2005 be received and adopted.

(b) Accommodation Committee – 9 February 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on 9 February 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on 9 February 2005 be received and adopted.

(c) Planning Committee – 14 February 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14 February 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 14 February 2005 be received and adopted.

(d) Amenities Committee – 14 February 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 14 February 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 14 February 2005 be received and adopted.

(e) Planning Committee – 28 February 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28 February 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 28 February 2005 be received and adopted.

(f) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 28 February 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 28 February 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 28 February 2005 be received and adopted.

498/04 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in Vouchers 1231 –1255 inclusive, totalling £6622.74, be approved and paid.

499/04 **A Code for the Future – Review of Code of Conduct for Members – Consultation Document**

Members agreed to consider the above document and bring any comments to the next meeting of the General Purposes and Finance Committee.

500/04 Review of Mobile Library Service in Hampshire

Consideration was given to a letter from Hampshire County Council detailing the arrangements for a review of the Mobile Library Service.

RESOLVED

1. To try to ascertain how many people in the Parish benefit from the service and what effect the reduction from 19 to 18 may have.
2. To invite someone from the service to address a meeting.

501/04 Price of Subsidised Garden Refuse Sacks

Consideration was given to whether the amount of subsidy on Garden Refuse Sacks for those in receipt of a state pension should be increased in line with the increased cost of the sacks.

RESOLVED

That the amount of subsidy should be 50% of the cost of the sack.

502/04 Signing of Documents – Licence to occupy Room 4a at The Grove – Families Matter at Hythe United Reformed Church, Rooms 4b & 5 at The Grove –Honorary Consul of the Netherlands, Licence for Football Pitch Ewart Recreation Ground – Hythe and Dibden Football Club

RESOLVED

That authority be given to sign documents as required by the Clerk to the Council.

(Mr Bennett declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

The Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman

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