

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 9 May 2005 at 8.04 pm

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

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr R Podesta
oMr 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	oMr S S Wade

* Indicates attendance
o Indicates apologies for absence

In attendance: Mr B Dash – Hampshire County Councillor
Mr L Dunsdon - 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

The Chairman began the meeting by welcoming the newly re-elected County Councillors. He then spoke of the honour and privilege of representing the Council over the past 2 years and said that he had found it worthwhile and interesting. Members responded by citing Mr Smith's obvious love of the community and expressing their respect.

1/05 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

2/05 **Election of Chairman**

RESOLVED

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

Mr Short signed his declaration of Acceptance of Office and took the Chair.

3/05 **Appointment of Vice Chairman**

RESOLVED

That Mrs Brenda Smith be elected Vice Chairman for the forthcoming Council year.

4/05 **Appointment of Committees**

RESOLVED

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

Amenities Committee

Mr J Bennett
 Mr R Guy
 Mr C Harrison
 Mrs M McLean
 Mr G Parkes

Mr M Short
 Mr D Smith
 Mr M S Wade
 Mr S S Wade

General Purposes and Finance Committee

Mr G Dawson
 Mr C Harrison
 Mr R Podesta
 Mrs M Robinson
 Mr M Short

Mrs B Smith
 Mr D Smith
 Mr M Wade
 Mr S Wade

Planning Committee

Mr J Bennett
 Mr G Dawson
 Mr R Guy
 Mr G Parkes
 Mr M Short

Mrs B Smith
 Mr D Smith
 Mr M S Wade
 Mr S S Wade

Accommodation Committee

Mr R Guy
 Mr C Harrison
 Mr G Parkes
 Mr R Podesta
 Mrs M Robinson

Mr M Short
 Mrs B Smith
 Mr D Smith
 Mr M S Wade

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

5/05 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 March 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 March 2005 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

6/05 **Chairman's announcements**

The Chairman advised Members that Mr Brian Dash had been elected as the Councillor for Hythe and Dibden on Hampshire County Council and Mr Lee Dunsdon as the Councillor for South Waterside.

7/05 **Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

The financial deficit on catering at Dibden Golf Centre was discussed at a recent cabinet meeting.

The District Council is organising a rural housing strategy with affordable housing in rural communities a priority.

At a recent Crime and Disorder Panel Workshop an officer from the Audit Commission helped to plan a strategy for next year, with fear of crime being a main topic. Mr Harrison will be a member of the Fear of Crime Working Party.

There has been some concern over the future of Project Integra, but it is safe for the time being.

Development of a site on Langdown Hill was discussed regarding the design as a precedent has already been set for the siting.

8/05 **Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

A survey is to be made of 11 of the crossing points on the A326 to ascertain usage.

The Forestry Commission has recently carried out a 12 month survey of users of Dibden enclosure which may also be of use in this respect.

A review of the signage on the A326 will also be made.

The Assessor is currently re-assessing the rateable valuation of the Hythe Ferry.

Mr Dash will not seek re-nomination to the National Park Authority as the area will be well served by Mr Dunsdon.

The Cycle Path/Footway between Hardley and Hythe has run into difficulties over budget funding and rights of way but is still being actively pursued.

9/05 **Questions to District and County Councillors arising from their reports**

Mr Dash was asked for an update on the redevelopment of the Challenger Way site.

Mr Dash replied that it was hoped to start work later in the year.

It was suggested that a way of allowing Councillor Dunsdon to use his time effectively be agreed with Fawley Parish Council.

Questions were raised over the Cycle Path, in particular the short section which goes against the flow of traffic at Pylewell Road. Mr Dash agreed to pursue the matter, and it was also agreed to take the matter to the Transport Liaison Sub-Committee.

10/05 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

A lot of work has been carried out at Forest Front Nature Reserve including tidying up, widening paths to be more accessible for the disabled etc by Rev Thompson and representatives from NOISE.

11/05 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

Arena Public House

Several Members deplored the unsightly nature of the Arena Public House now that it is closed and the windows have been shuttered.

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.

There were no questions from Members of the Public.

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The Council Meeting then resumed.

12/05 **Reports of Committees****(a) Planning Committee – 14 March 2005**

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

RESOLVED

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

(b) Planning Committee – 4 April 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4 April 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 4 April 2005 be received and adopted.

(c) Amenities Committee – 4 April 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 4 April 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 4 April 2005 be received and adopted.

(d) Planning Committee – 18 April 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 4 April 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 4 April 2005 be received and adopted.

(e) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 18 April 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 18 April 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 18 April 2005 be received and adopted.

(f) Accommodation Committee – 18 April 2005

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on 18 April 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Accommodation Committee held on 18 April 2005 be received and adopted.

13/05 **Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed on the accounts for payment and supplementary list, totalling £29808.85, be approved and paid.

14/05 **Appointment of representatives to serve on Outside Bodies**

Consideration was given to the appointment of representatives to serve on Outside Bodies.

It was agreed that the Twinning Association could recommend one person to fill the remaining space on their committee and suggested that the constitution be amended to allow this in future.

RESOLVED

That the following representatives on Outside Bodies be appointed for the following 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)

15/05 Signing of Documents

RESOLVED

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

16/05 Trafalgar Weekend – 21-23 October 2005

Consideration was given to a letter from NALC concerning the celebration of Trafalgar Weekend.

RESOLVED

That the matter be referred to RevitalHythe and the Hythe Centre Advisory Group.

17/05 Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils – 58th Annual General Meeting

Consideration was given to the request for the proposal of a resolution at the above meeting.

RESOLVED

That a resolution concerning the loss of school playing fields be drafted and sent to Fawley Parish Council with a request for support.

18/05 Retirement of HAPTC Director

Consideration was given to the request for donations towards a retirement gift for the retiring HAPTC Director.

RESOLVED

That a donation be made from the Chairman's Allowance.

19/05 Hythe and Dibden Representatives on Board of Trustees – Dibden Allotments Charity

Consideration was given to the appointment of representatives on the Board of Trustees of Dibden Allotments Charity.

It was felt that these are important positions and a decision cannot be made without full consultation with the people concerned.

RESOLVED

That the matter be included on the next Council Agenda.

The Meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairman

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