

**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 27 June 2005 at 8 pm

Members: \*Mr M Short (Chairman) – in the Chair

*Mr J Bennett	*Mr R Podesta
*Mr G Dawson	*Mrs M J Robinson
*Mr R Guy	*Mrs B Smith
*Mr C Harrison	*Mr D 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 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: 2 Accredited Community Safety Officers  
2 Member of the Press

64/05 **Apologies for absence**

Mr B Dash sent his apologies.

65/05 **Declarations of Interest**

Mrs McLean declared an interest in Minute 79/05 as she is the Chair of Dibden Allotments Charity. Mr Parkes declared an interest in Minute 75/05 as he is the Chairman of Waterside Heritage and Hythe and Dibden Twinning Association. Mrs Robinson declared an interest in Minute 70/05 as she read Mr Dash's report and is the Chair of an NHS Trust and in Minute 74/05 as she is a trustee of Victim Support and a member of the Twinning Association.

66/05 **Presentation by Hampshire County Council Accredited Community Safety Officers**

Members enjoyed a presentation and question and answer session with 2 Accredited Community Safety Officers.

The scheme went "live" on 1 December 2004 and by the end of the first year it is hoped to consist of 32 officers, 4 team leaders and 1 Manager. They are from diverse backgrounds and a wide age range, which has helped with their integration and acceptance within the community.

The intended role of the ACSO, to provide reassurance, act as a deterrent, become the eyes and ears of the community and to assist in enforcing and monitoring behavioural contracts and fixed penalty notices has been working well. Strong partnerships have been forged with various local groups and services and the Parish Council.

It is hoped that all vehicles will carry CCTV by the end of July 2005 and that permanent offices will be established in Hardley and New Milton Fire Stations. It is also hoped that the service will expand all over the Forest and that a radio communications system compatible with that of the Police can be implemented.

67/05 **Minutes**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 May 2005.

**1. Arena Public House**

Members were advised that there has been no reply to any contact concerning the Arena Public House.

**2. General**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9 May 2005 be signed by the Chairman as correct.

**68/05 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

**69/05 Reports of District Councillors on District Council matters concerning the Parish**

3 Members of Community Safety formed an operational group. It was decided with the Detached Youth Workers at Netley View to provide some entertainment evenings in the area (dances etc) towards which Community Safety contributed £1500.

The Drugs Co-ordinator is to secure funding for SPIKE, particularly over the Christmas period, to provide stoppers with straws to put in drinks bottles to prevent drugs from being added to drinks.

The Corporate Review Panel reported an underspend on capital programme.

There will be a review of breaches of NFDC's Standing Orders with regard to tendering for contracts etc.

A review of Rural Assistance Grants has been requested as the definition of "rural" is open to question.

A study of data is to be made by an Analyst on behalf of the Community Safety Partnership to ascertain whether it is worth investing in CCTV.

A study is to be made by an Analyst to determine whether it is more cost effective to employ ACSO's or hire them in. A comparison will be made with similar communities.

The Crime and Disorder Panel will study Victim Support at a later date.

The Community Warden Project Group is to go out with the ACSO's as part of a "Fear of crime" initiative in order to ascertain what local councils can do to help.

The General Purposes and Licensing Panel have commissioned an in-depth survey of the de-regulation of taxi services to ensure that the needs of the community are met. If the service is not de-regulated, the survey will be carried out 3 yearly.

The Standard Board have received a complaint from Ashurst and Colbury Parish Council concerning the way a recent problem was handled.

Members of the Economy and Planning Review Panel have formed a sub-committee further to concerns over parking designs in new estates so that developers can be advised on progressing designs.

**70/05 Reports of the County Councillors on County Council matters concerning the Parish**

In his absence, Mr Dash's report was read by Mrs Robinson.

The former Langdown schools have been amalgamated to form the new Waterside Primary School. The Junior School will move to temporary classrooms on the Infant School site whilst work is carried out. There will be a 24 place early years unit incorporated on the site. It is hoped that any congestion problems will be alleviated by a new pedestrian entrance on Langdown Road. The total cost of £2.2 million will be funded by £1.4 million from the sale of the Infant School site and County Council funding.

A new Director has been appointed for the new Education and Children's Social Care Department.

The cycle route at Pylewell Road has finally received the go-ahead for signing, but there are no funds left in the budget. Due to the long delay, Mr Dash has asked that the scheme is brought back to the Parish Council for comment.

The Gateway at St John's Church is to be levelled shortly.

The New Forest Highway Strategy Panel is studying the A326 to find the best location for a crossing. It is hoped to obtain funding from a variety of sources.

The County Health Review Committee has recommended that the District Council and the Public should hear the preliminary consultation on the New Forest PCT due to the deficit of £19 million in an annual budget of £190 million. There are continuing concerns over the re-opening of Hythe Minor Injuries Unit and it also appears that there is no District Nurse on duty on the Waterside some nights.

Mr Dash is to present a petition to the Chairman of the Ambulance Trust Board protesting at the proposed closure of Hythe Ambulance Station. He has also written to the Chief Executive asking what his future plans are.

The pupils at Oak Lodge School received second prize at the Chelsea Flower Show.

Mr Dunsdon updated Members on the progress of the planning application for flagpoles outside The Grove.

Children's Services and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority are running week long courses at Hardley Fire Station for children with behavioural problems. At present, they appear to be working.

Fire Experience and Arson Awareness Days are being held at Fernycrofts. Groups comprise of 8 children with behavioural problems and 4 achieving pupils.

The Fire Authority is now placing its emphasis on prevention rather than response times.

The National Park Authority has decided to carry out all Planning work itself from April 2006 unless a joint initiative with New Forest District Council proves to be cheaper.

The Hardley to Hythe Pier Cycle Route Scheme has been put on hold while Fawley Parish Council decide how best to spend developer's contributions in their Parish.

(Mrs Robinson declared an interest in this item, but remained in the meeting to read Mr Dash's report)

71/05 **Questions to District and County Councillors arising from their Reports**

A Member asked whether Mr Dash could be asked to enquire whether the speed camera at Langdown Lawn had reduced Road Traffic Accidents.

72/05 **Reports of Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Members were advised that a copy of a report from the Managing Director of Southampton Airport was available in the Office for reference.

Mrs McLean read the report which she intends to present to the Charity Commission concerning Dibden Allotments Charity.

73/05 **Questions under Standing Orders 25 and 26**

A Member asked why there is no litter bin in the garden of The Grove and questioned whether the area gives the impression that the public are not allowed to use it.

The Clerk agreed to bring a report to the next meeting of the General Purposes and Finance Committee.

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

There were no Members of the Public present.

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The Council Meeting then resumed.

74/05 **Reports of Committees**

**(a) Planning Committee - 9 May 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 May 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 May 2005 be received and adopted.

**(b) Amenities Committee – 9 May 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 9 May 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 9 May 2005 be received and adopted.

**(c) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 9 May 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 9 May 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 9 May 2005 be received and adopted.

**(c) Accommodation Committee – 9 May 2005**

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

RESOLVED

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

**(d) Planning Committee – 9 May 2005**

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RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 9 May 2005 be received and adopted.

**(e) Planning Committee - 6 June 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6 June 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 6 June 2005 be received and adopted.

**(f) Amenities Committee – 6 June 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 6 June 2005.

**(1) Minute 55/05 – Dibden Purlieu Environmental Improvements**

It was agreed to progress this matter so that a decision is ready to be implemented in December when the 6 month period has expired.

**(2) General**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 6 June 2005 be received and adopted.

**(h) Planning Committee – 20 June 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20 June 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 20 June 2005 be received and adopted.

**(g) General Purposes and Finance Committee – 20 June 2005**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 20 June 2005.

**(1) Minute 65/05 - Declarations of Interest**

The item should have begun, "Mr S Wade"

**(2) Minute 74/05 – Hythe Promenade Refurbishment**

Members were advised that all participating parties were trying to agree the wording on a sign to be erected at the Promenade Refurbishment.

**(3) General**

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the General Purposes and Finance Committee held on 20 June 2005 be received and adopted.

(Mrs Robinson declared an interest in this item but remained in the meeting)

**75/05 Accounts for Payment**

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

RESOLVED

That accounts as detailed in vouchers 1426-1454 inclusive, totalling £29959.54, be approved and paid.

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

**76/05 Signing of Documents – Lease for Public Open Space at Coate Gardens**

RESOLVED

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

**77/05 Internal Audit Report 2005**

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

**78/05 Annual Accounts for year ending 31 March 2005**

Consideration was given to the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31 March 2005.

RESOLVED

That the Annual Accounts for 2004/2005 and the Statement of Assurance be approved.

**79/05 Hythe and Dibden Representatives on Board of Trustees – Dibden Allotments Charity**

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

RESOLVED

That Mr M Cox and Mrs J Shewry be reappointed.

(Mrs McLean declared an interest in this item, remained in the meeting, but did not vote)

The Meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Chairman

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