

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF
HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND AUGUST 2007

Present: The Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe
A J Ewart-James (In the Chair)

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, R Belcourt, M J Dearden,
Mrs Z Harris, M J Lyons, Mrs A Mayne, A Mayne,
Mrs L Oliver, J Oliver, D Owen, J A Schoner and R Watson

Also Present: The Town Clerk and Revered B Barnes

Apologies: Councillor R H Carroll, S W Hayward and A Smith

The Mayor invited Reverend Brian Barnes to open the meeting with prayers.

118/07 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 21ST JUNE 2007

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M J Lyons
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs L Oliver and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 21st June 2007, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

119/07 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt and M J Lyons declared personal interests in Min No 129/07 – Governors at Hythe Bay Church of England Primary School. Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, R Belcourt, J A Schoner, M J Dearden and the Town Clerk declared personal interests in Min No 91/07 – Members of the Hythe Twinning Association.

Councillor Mrs Z Harris entered the room at this juncture.

120/07 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO.70

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor D Owen and

RESOLVED – That the meeting stand adjourned.

Mrs B Garfield addressed the Meeting. *

Please see attachment for public comments which are attached but do not constitute part of the Minutes.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor J A Schoner and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting be reconvened.

121/07 MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS

Town Green Application – South Road

The Mayor reported that Councillor Schoner, the Mayor and the Town Clerk had attended a meeting at Kent County Council in respect of the Town Green Application. They were informed that a non-statutory local inquiry would take place on the 16th October 2007 for approximately four days.

Cinque Port Croquet Tournament

The Mayor informed Members that the Town Sergeant, Mr Graham Johnson, had won the cup which had been previously presented by the then Mayoress, Mrs Elizabeth Dearden.

122/07 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 24(2)

There were none received.

123/07 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 26TH JUNE & 17TH JULY 2007

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Lyons and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meetings held on the 26th June and 17th July 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

124/07 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 28TH JUNE & 26TH JULY 2007

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs Z Harris and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meetings held on the 28th June and 26th July 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

125/07 CCTV COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29TH JUNE 2007

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Lyons and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the CCTV Committee Meeting held on the 29th June 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Councillor J A Schoner and the Town Clerk were thanked for their work on the CCTV system..

126/07 STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 26TH JULY 2007

Proposed Amendment

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt

That a maximum of three members of the public and in addition to this, Town Councillors be permitted to speak for three minutes each within the public inclusion session, should they have a prejudicial interest in a particular item on the Agenda.

The Amendment was carried

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Dearden and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Standing Orders Committee Meeting held on the 26th July 2007 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

127/07 NALC LARGER LOCAL COUNCILS COMMITTEE

Members considered putting forward a nomination to serve on the Larger Local Councils Committee for a two year period. Details regarding this nomination had been previously circulated to Members. It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor M J Dearden and

RESOLVED – That Councillor M J Lyons be put forward as Hythe Town Council's nomination to serve on the Larger Local Councils Committee for a two year period.

128/07 APPOINTMENT TO THE HYTHE INSTITUTE FUND

Members discussed the appointment of a Hythe Town Council representative to serve on the Hythe Institute Fund following the expiry term of Mr A H Farmer on the 8th September 2007. It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor R Belcourt and

RESOLVED – That Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt be appointed as the Hythe Town Council representative to serve on the Hythe Institute Fund for the ensuing four year term.

129/07 NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 36 (a) – NO 65 – TOWN CLERK’S REPORT 04/07 REFERS

“Pursuant to Standing Order 36 (a), the following motion be put at the full Town Council Meeting on Thursday 2nd August 2007. In accordance with the request from Hythe Bay Church of England Primary School and the Silver Felix Youth Centre a gate be inserted in the Council’s boundary with the School and Youth Centre in accordance with the attached plan. Such permission to be in accordance with a Licencing Agreement to be drafted by the Council and any costs attributed to the same including legal costs to be at the expenses of the School and Youth Group”.

Signed: Councillors L E R Belcourt, D Owen, A Smith, A J Ewart-James, M J Dearden and Mrs Z Harris.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M J Dearden
SECONDED BY: Councillor J Oliver and

RESOLVED – That the meeting stand adjourned.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M J Dearden
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Beclourt and

RESOLVED – That the meeting be reconvened.

The Mayor ruled that this matter be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee in accordance with Standing Orders No 21.

Meeting closed at 7.55 pm.

Dated the: Day of: 2007

..... CHAIRMAN

Mrs Betty Garfield

“I didn’t think I would be back in front of you so soon, but a Gate between the School and the Green is a subject of worry to me and my fellow members of the Preservation Society.

When the school held an Open Day to show everyone what was proposed, I went along and saw on the plans that a gate to the Green was included. I spoke to one of the Architects, who were there to explain things. I told of my concerns and he said that this was their idea (the architects) not the school and that he had already been spoken to about it and the gate would not be erected.

Now we learn yet again, that it is proposed, and this time it cannot be an architect’s idea. To erect this gate would mean a very big chunk of the hedge would have to be removed and that would be sacrilege.

The hedge is at least 80 years old and in the spring when in blossom, is very beautiful. Throughout the year it provides food and shelter for small birds such as the sparrow (which is already in decline) as well as moths and butterflies etc., it also provides security and privacy for the children.

I walk along this hedge everyday and you cannot really see through it, which in this day and age of perverts etc., must give the parents great peace of mind. Nowadays a lot of children walk across the green to school, using the paths that were put in to avoid them getting muddy. So why? If they wish to go onto the Green for games etc., can they not walk the little way from the school gate at the bend of Cinque Ports Avenue. This would take approx 6/8 children’s steps.

Another worry is security and vandalism. I live opposite the School field and over the years have had occasion to contact the Police about strangers running around the field. If a gate is there for them to gain access, then unless they go onto the field, no one will know they are there and what they are up to as the buildings are now bigger and would shield them.

I therefore ask you to give much consideration before allowing a gate to be erected between the School and the Green”.