

MINUTESOF THE MEETING OFHYTHE TOWN COUNCILHELD ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008

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

Councillors R Belcourt, Mrs K T Belcourt, R H Carroll,  
M J Dearden, Mrs Z Harris, S W Hayward, M J Lyons,  
A Mayne, Mrs A Mayne, D Owen and R Watson

**Also Present:** The Deputy Town Clerk

**Apologies:** Councillors Mrs L Oliver, J Oliver, J A Schoner and A Smith

The Mayor welcomed the new Vicar of St Leonard's Church the Reverend Tony Windross to the Council Meeting and invited him to open the meeting with prayers. The Mayor then called for a minute's silence to be observed in memory of the late Mr Philip Bond (a Labour Hythe Town Council Councillor in West Ward from 1965 – 1974) and Lord Sandy Bruce-Lockhart (Conservative Leader of Kent County Council from 1997 – 2005) who had recently died.

**188/08 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**189/08 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt and M J Lyons declared personal interests in Min No 198/08 – Notice of Motion No 69 – Governors at Hythe Bay Church of England Primary School.

**190/08 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO.70**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor R H Carroll and

**RESOLVED** – That the meeting stand adjourned.

**Miss D Rayner 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 R H Carroll  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

**RESOLVED – That the Meeting be reconvened.**

**191/08 MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

**192/08 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 24(2)**

There were none received.

**193/08 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> & 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2008**

**Proposed Amendment – Min No 133/08 – Minutes of the Allotments Working Group Meeting**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R Beclourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor A Mayne

That so as to accord with Min No 143/08 of the Finance & General Purposes Minutes, it is proposed to amend the above Minute 133/08 of the Plans & Works Committee so that the proposed vehicular access gate to the Twiss Road allotment is moved eastward, thus creating a new gate into the allotments via Coronation Gardens and thus avoiding any conflict and incursion onto that site area which is being put forward for inclusion in the Football Foundation bid for new junior football pitches.

**The amendment was carried**

It was then

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R Beclourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor M J Lyons and

**RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meetings held on the 24<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, subject to the above amendment’s being incorporated.**

**194/08 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST & 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R H Carroll  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor R Watson and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meetings held on the 7<sup>th</sup> August and 4<sup>th</sup> September 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**195/08 MINUTES OF THE CRIME REDUCTION COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2008**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor R Belcourt and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Crime Reduction Committee Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**196/08 MINUTES OF THE CIVIC WORKING GROUP**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor M J Dearden  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor S W Hayward and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Civic Working Group held on the 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**197/08 MINUTES OF THE AIMS & OBJECTIVES COMMITTEE MEETING**

It was

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

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Aims & Objectives Committee Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

**198/08 NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER SO 17 (B) – NO 69**

Proposed by Councillor R Belcourt

That “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 expense of the School and Youth Group. No other conditions are to be set other than an apron of a suitable material be inserted between the fence and the Green”.

**Proposed Amendment**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R H Carroll  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor S W Hayward

That any mention of the Silver Felix Youth Centre and Youth Group be deleted from the above Notice of Motion.

**The amendment was carried and the substantive motion was then put and carried****199/08 NOTICE OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 17 (B) – NO 70**

Proposed by Councillor M J Dearden

“It is proposed that this Council formally places on record that the Adjudication Panel for England has found all allegations made against Councillor Capon in 2006 to be entirely without foundation. Accordingly it is agreed:-

1. That this Council therefore notes the resolution of Council of 21st September 2006 admonishing him as having proved now to be invalid;
2. Furthermore, that this Council resolves to place on record its appreciation of Councillor Capon’s 40 years of continuous, unstinting and loyal service to the people of Hythe”.

**Proposed Amendment**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor M J Dearden  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor D Owen

That “It is proposed that this Council formally places on record that the Adjudication Panel for England has found all allegations made against Councillor Capon in 2006 to be entirely without foundation”. Accordingly it is agreed:-

1. That this Council therefore notes the resolution of the Council of 21<sup>st</sup> September 2006 admonishing him was not upheld by the Adjudication Panel for England.
2. Furthermore, that this Council resolves to place on record its appreciation of Councillor Capon's 40 years of continuous, unstinting and loyal service to the people of Hythe.

**The amendment was carried and the substantive motion was then put and carried**

It was then

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor R H Carroll and

**RESOLVED** – That the Meeting stand adjourned to allow for Mr Capon to respond to the Notice of Motion.

It was then

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor R H Carroll and

**RESOLVED – That the Meeting be reconvened.**

The Mayor then presented a picture of Fisherman's Beach to Mr Capon as a mark of appreciation for his long service in the Town.

Meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Dated the: Day of: 2008

..... CHAIRMAN

Miss D Rayner

Miss Rayner spoke in opposition to the Notice of Motion No 69 in respect of a gate to be inserted onto the Green at the behest of Hythe Bay Church of England School and the Silver Felix Youth Club. She wondered why this Motion had been put to full Council and not through Plans & Works (as a planning issue) and then to Finance and General Purposes (for the financial implications). Miss Rayner further argued the fact that there was no traffic problems in the morning drop off and that it was hardly convenient for all children (including disabled) to be collected on to the grass and was it to be the school's policy that all children were to be collected there.