

MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF  
HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 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, A Mayne,  
Mrs A Mayne, Mrs L Oliver, D Owen, J A Schoner, A Smith  
and R Watson

**Also Present:** The Town Clerk, Mr T Ellames – Shepway District Council,  
Mr M Smith & Mr R Smith – Kent Highway Services,  
Mrs M Theobald – Scott Wilson and Mr N Doyle – Cofton Ltd

**Apologies:** Councillors M J Lyons and J Oliver

The Mayor invited the Reverend D Hancock to open the meeting with prayers.

**66/08 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008**

It was

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

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2008, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**67/08 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt and R Belcourt declared prejudicial interests in Min No 71/08 – Planning Application Y06/1079/SH – Nickolls Quarry – relative's property abuts development.

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, R Belcourt and A J Ewart-James declared prejudicial interests in Min No 59/08 – CCTV Tenders – Members of Hythe Against Crime.

**68/08 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.

**Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt and R Belcourt left the Chamber at this juncture.**

**Mr Enticknap, 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 A Smith and

**RESOLVED – That the Meeting be re-convened.**

**Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt and R Belcourt returned to the Chamber.**

**69/08 MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS**

It was noted that Kent County Councillor Chris Capon had been cleared by the Standards Board of England of all allegations made to the Board by the previous Mayor of this Town. An Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting would be held later this year to acknowledge his forty years service to the Town.

**70/08 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 24(2)**

There were none received.

**Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and R Belcourt left the Chamber at this juncture.**

**71/08 PLANNING APPLICATION Y06/1079/SH - NICKOLLS QUARRY, DYMCHURCH ROAD, HYTHE, KENT**

Members discussed the outline application for the mixed use development comprising residential development (1050 dwellings); employment development (use Class B1, 15,000SQ M use Classes A3/A4/A5); community centre/community facilities (1,000 SQ M use Class D1); public open spaces (8.5 HA), structural open space (10.3 HA); retention and alteration of water bodies (retained area 15.5 HA); provision of two new access points to Dymchurch Road, and site restoration including raising of land levels. The Agents of the Applicants were invited to present their revisions. Mr T Ellames of Shepway District Council was also present to answer any questions.

It was then

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor M J Dearden  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor R H Carroll and

**RESOLVED – That Standing Orders be suspended to allow unfettered comment by both the Public and Councillors.**

It was then

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor A Mayne  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor D Owen and

**RESOLVED – That Standing Orders be re-instated.**

After some discussions it was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R H Carroll  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor A Mayne

That Planning Application Y06/1079/SH – Nickolls Quarry be refused on the following grounds:

1. Lack of road and traffic infrastructure.
2. Impact on the existing road system and the inadequacy thereof.
3. Contrary to the provisions of National Planning Policy Guidelines on Noise – PPG No 24, with reference to the proximity to Hythe Ranges. This development should not be considered especially in the light of the comments contained within the letter from the Defence Estates dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2008 – copy attached.

It was then proposed to amend the above grounds with the following incorporation of issues:

**Proposed Amendment**

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

4. The issues and impact of flooding and drainage that the development would bring within the locality and in Hythe in general.
5. The overbearing aspect of the proposed development in relation to its height above its surroundings and the intensification of the development.
6. Its impact on the visual nature of the Marsh, views to the northern escarpment, Lympne Castle, Stutfall Castle and the AONB.

**The amendment was carried**

A recorded vote was called for in accordance with Standing Order No 10A:

**The substantive motion was then put.**

For: Councillors R H Carroll, M J Dearden, A J Ewart-James, Mrs Z Harris, S W Hayward, A Mayne, Mrs A Mayne, Mrs L Oliver, D Owen, J A Schoner, A Smith and R Watson

**Carried unanimously**

It was then

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R H Carroll  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor J A Schoner and

**RESOLVED – That the Meeting stand adjourned for a short interval.**

**Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt and R Belcourt returned to the Chamber at this juncture.**

It was then

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor A Smith  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs A Mayne and

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

**72/08 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY & 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2008**

It was

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

**RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meetings held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> May and 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.**

**73/08 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY & 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008  
Finance & General Purposes Min No 61/08 Refers  
Town Clerk's Report 04/08 Refers**

It was

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

**RESOLVED – That the SEEDA Partnership Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be included in the Appendices to the Town Clerk's report 04/08.**

It was then

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor J A Schoner  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor R H Carroll and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meetings held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May and 5<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted, subject to the following amendments being incorporated:

- (i) 1 The Town Clerk be authorised to obtain an estimate as to quantities in respect of the approved replacement sports pavilion plans, in the sum up to a maximum of £1,000; this funding to be drawn from SEEDA funds (50%) and as defined in Paragraph 11 above.
- 2 Following on from Recommendation 1 above, the Town Clerk submit all the above details and appendices to Shepway DC to request capital funding towards the project.
- 3 The Town Clerk be authorised to expend up to a maximum of £1,500 on consultancy work for the preparation of a football development plan and associated work for submission to the Football Foundation; this funding to be drawn from SEEDA funds (50%) and as defined in Paragraph 11 above.
- (ii) The SEEDA Partnership Minutes be sent to Shepway District Council.

**74/08 MINUTES OF THE URGENCY COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008**

It was

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

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Urgency Committee Meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 2008 be received.

**75/08 SEEDA PARTNERSHIP MEETING HELD ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008  
Proposed Amendment**

It was

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

That in the second paragraph from the bottom of the fourth page be amended to read “whole Town and District”.

**Amendment carried**

It was then

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

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the SEEDA Partnership Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2008 be received, subject to the above amendment.

**76/08 INCURSION ON SOUTH ROAD**

Members discussed the handling of this situation and working arrangements for future such cases. Councillor A Mayne and the Town Clerk were thanked for their prompt action in this regard.

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor A J Ewart-James

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor M J Dearden and

**RESOLVED** – That this entire matter be referred for discussion to the Crime Reduction Committee.

Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Dated the: Day of: 2008

..... CHAIRMAN

Mr Enticknap

Mr Enticknap expressed his concerns over the volume of HGV lorries which would be on the road for a period of at least 18 months. He cited 20 HGV movements per hour for a period of 18 months. He further quoted from the planning application and strongly opposed the proposal.