

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF
HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2006

- Present:** The Mayor of Hythe
Councillor N A Matthews (In the Chair)
- Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, R Bryan, Mrs A Bryan,
R H Carroll, A J Ewart-James, Mrs W D Harris, S W Hayward,
Mrs D Maskell, N H Meurice and J A Schoner
- Also Present:** Reverend Brian Barnes and the Deputy Town Clerk
- Apologies:** Councillor D R Bushell, C J Capon, A H Farmer, Mrs C Moran
and Mrs J M Nolan

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

144/06 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20TH JULY 2006

It was

- PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs W D Harris and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 20th July 2006, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

145/06 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, A J Ewart-James and N H Meurice declared prejudicial interests in Minute No. 123/06 – CCTV Radio Link Charge – Members of Hythe Against Crime.

146/06 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO.70

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Meeting stand adjourned.

Mrs Betty 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 S W Hayward
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs D Maskell and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting be re-convened.

147/06 MAYOR’S COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor invited Members to attend the “Pre Estonia Tour Concert of Praise” to be held on Sunday 8th October 2006 at 6.00pm in the Salvation Army Hall, Portland Road, Hythe, by kind invitation of Bandmaster Richard Carroll.

148/06 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 24(2)

There were none received.

149/06 MINUTES OF THE OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 18TH JULY, 8TH AND 29TH AUGUST 2006
Minute No. 103/06 – Kennel Club’s KC Dog Scheme

Proposed Amendment

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs W D Harris
SECONDED BY: Councillor S W Hayward

That as the Kennel Club KC Dog Scheme was for dog owners and which Shepway District Council was already supporting, Hythe Town Council should also sign up to the Scheme.

Amendment carried

It was then

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meeting held on the 18th July, 8th August and 29th August 2006 be received and the decisions made therein be endorsed, subject to the above amendment.

**150/06 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH AUGUST 2006**

Minute No. 118/06 – Fireworks/Bonfire Event

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor S W Hayward

That:

1. The Hythe Green Preservation Society be approached to manage the whole bonfire aspect of this event.
2. A report back be made to the Finance & General Purposes Committee on the 5th October with the outcomes from this approach.

Minute No. 125/06 – Hythe Sports Centre

Councillor J A Schoner gave an update on progress since the last meeting.

Minute No. 128/06 – Hythe Library – Lease – Rent Review

It was

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

RESOLVED – That this item be deferred for closed session.

Minute No. 129/06 – Minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting

It was

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

RESOLVED – That this item be deferred for closed session.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs W D Harris and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on the 24th August 2006 be received and the decisions made therein be endorsed, subject to the above amendments.

**151/06 MINUTES OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON THE 2ND AUGUST 2006**

Proposed Amendment – Amendment to Standing Orders

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor R L Bryan

That Standing Order 1 (d) not be rescinded.

The motion was lost

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J A Schoner
SECONDED BY: Councillor Mrs W D Harris and

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Standing Orders Committee Meeting held on the 2nd August 2006 be received and the decisions made therein be endorsed.

**152/06 MINUTES OF THE CCTV COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE
16TH AUGUST 2006**

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor N A Matthews
SECONDED BY: Councillor R H Carroll and

RESOLVED – That negotiations continue with Shepway District Council for the upgrading of the Hythe CCTV system.

It was further

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs W D Harris
SECONDED BY: Councillor R H Carroll and

RESOLVED – That a vote of thanks be given to Councillor J A Schoner for all his work in connection with the Hythe CCTV system.

It was then

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the CCTV Committee Meeting of the 16th August 2006 be received and the decisions made therein be endorsed.

153/06 OMBUDSMAN INQUIRY

Members considered a response to the previously circulated request from Shepway District Council in regard to the rationale for clearing the former allotment site at Twiss Road.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That Shepway District be advised that the Council’s rationale for clearing the former allotment site at Twiss Road was on health and safety grounds.

154/06 TOWN GREEN APPLICATION – SOUTH ROAD RECREATION GROUND – TOWN CLERK’S REPORT 06/06 REFERS

Members considered the previously circulated Town Clerk’s Report 06/06, associated papers and the recommendations contained therein.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Town Clerk’s recommendations be accepted as follows:

1. The Town Council resists and vigorously defends against the claim from Mr M K Ross for the declaration of a Town Green on part of its landholdings in the area known as South Road Recreation Ground on the basis of the contents of this report and notably Paragraphs 8, 9 above.
2. This report and the contained queries be submitted in the first instance to SDC for onward transmission to Mr Petchey for his opinion prior to submission of the defence to KCC by 9th October to ascertain as to whether such queries and their consequences should be incorporated into the Town Council’s initial submission.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt
SECONDED BY: Councillor S W Hayward and

RESOLVED: That the Press and Public be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business under Section 1 Sub Section (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 from the following items:

**155/06 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 24TH AUGUST 2006**

Minute No. 128 – Hythe Library – Lease – Rent Review

The Mayor reported on the meeting held with Hythe Town Council, Kent County Council and the District Valuer on the 19th September 2006.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the 28 day period requested by Mr Andrew White, the Senior Estates Surveyor for Mouchel Parkman on behalf of Kent County Council, be accepted.

Minute No. 129 – Minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting Held on the 28th July, 2006

It was

RESOLVED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY: Councillor J A Schoner and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Personnel Sub-Committee Meeting held on the 28th July 2006 be received and the decisions made therein be endorsed.

Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt recorded her vote against the above resolution.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

Dated the: Day of: 2006

..... CHAIRMAN

Mrs Betty Garfield

Mrs Garfield addressed the Meeting on behalf of the Hythe Green Preservation Society and expressed her concerns over the possibility of the Council not wishing to hold a bonfire on The Green. Mrs Garfield informed Members that the bonfire was steeped in history and tradition in Hythe and neighbouring residents to whom she had spoken, all wished the event to go ahead.