

MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF
EXTRA-ORDINARY HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2006

Present: The Right Worshipful Mayor of Hythe
Councillor N H Matthews (In the Chair)

Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, Mrs A Bryan, D R Bushell,
C J Capon, R H Carroll, A J Ewart-James, A H Farmer,
S W Hayward, Mrs D Maskell, N H Meurice, Mrs J Nolan and
J A Schoner

Also Present: Town Clerk, Mr T Ellames, Mr S Amanns, Mr N Doyle and
Mr D Jarman

Apologies: Councillors R L Bryan and Mrs C Moran

156/06 REGISTRATION OF DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Mayor stated that he wished it recorded that he was not fettering his discretion in discussing or voting on this matter at the Town Council level. (Member of the District Council Development Control Committee).

157/06 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.

Mr Oxley, Mrs Dunn and Mrs Haining 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 N H Meurice
SECONDED BY: Councillor K T Belcourt and

RESOLVED – That the Meeting be re-convened.

158/06 PLANNING APPLICATION Y06/1079/SH – NICKOLLS QUARRY, DYMCHURCH ROAD, HYTHE

Outline Application for mixed use development comprising residential development (1050 dwellings); employment development (use class B1, 15,000 sqm); Local Centre (500 sqm use classes A1/A2, 500 sqm use classes A3/A4/A5); Community Centre (1,000 sqm); single form entry Primary School/Community Facilities (Use Class D1); Public Open Space (8.96), Structural Open Space (9.73 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.

Members discussed the above application in detail.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor R H Carroll
SECONDED BY Councillor A H Farmer and

* **RESOLVED** – Planning Application Y06/1079/SH be refused on the following grounds:

- 1 Lack of transport infrastructure.
- 2 Lack of water and sewerage infrastructure and systems.
- 3 The application represented over-intensive development.
- 4 Flooding issues.
- 5 Lack of medical and health support services.
- 6 Contrary to District Plan Policy TR11.
- 7 The Applicant's proposals to combat infrastructural issues were insufficient.
- 8 Impact of climatic change on the locality.
- 9 Flooding potential of neighbouring properties.
- 10 Pollution by virtue of its being a landfill site.
- 11 Noise issues arising from the site's proximity to the Ranges, particularly in regard to the elevation of the properties.
- 12 Security issues in respect of the MOD land and firing at the Ranges.
- 13 Light pollution.
- 14 Environmental damage to wildlife flora and fauna.

Councillor R H Carroll thanked Mr T Ellames for his contribution.

* **A Recorded Vote was called for in accordance with Standing Order No. 10A**

Councillor J A Schoner	For	Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt	For
Councillor Mrs J M Nolan	For	Councillor Mrs D Maskell	For
Councillor N H Meurice	For	Councillor D R Bushell	For
Councillor R H Carroll	For	Councillor A J Ewart-James	For
Councillor S W Hayward	For	Councillor C J Capon	For
Councillor A H Farmer	For	Councillor N A Matthews	For
Councillor Mrs A Bryan	For		

The Mayor thanked Councillors and Members of the Public for their attendance and their deliberations.

Mr Oxley

Mr Oxley was opposed to the Nickolls Quarry development on the following grounds:

The “separation of Romney Marsh” in respect of road development and a large scale development threat to the environment was unacceptable. He further stated that Government housing targets had already been met in Shepway.

Mrs J Dunn

Mrs Dunn voiced her concerns over the lack of transport infrastructure and the irreversible environmental damage that would be caused. She added that there were over 9,000 houses empty in the Shepway area and they should be utilised instead. The lack of water and sewerage infrastructure and systems, together with flooding issues were also cause for concern. Mrs Dunn concluded her objections in regard to the lack of medical and health support services.

Mrs M Haining

Mrs Haining outlined her concerns under the following headings:

1. Number of houses to be built.
2. Flooding dangers in the area.
3. Water shortage & supply.
4. Traffic issues.
5. Local and national security.
6. Employment/Unemployment.
7. Land levels.
8. Sewerage.
9. Contractors vehicles.
10. Policing.
11. Schools.
12. Environment.
13. GP & hospital facilities.