

MINUTES

HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD REMOTELY ON THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2020

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

Councillors M Dearden, J Hawkins, J Martin, K Miles, D Owen, T Prater,
D Wade and M Whybrow

Also Present: The Town Clerk

124/20 APOLOGIES

Councillors P Graham, S McConnell, P O'Connor, L Fraser and A Dickinson

125/20 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH AUGUST 2020

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor D Wade

SECONDED BY: Councillor J Martin and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th August 2020, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman at a future date.

Voting:

For 9 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

126/20 REGISTERING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D Wade declared a personal interest in Min No 133/20 – member of the Hythe Lawn Tennis Club.

127/20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There was no adjournment.

128/20 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 1 The Mayor advised members that she and a few other councillors had attended the VJ commemorative ceremony in August for a well planned out socially distanced service. It was lovely and thank you to everyone who came.
- 2 The Mayor went to an equally well thought out event in Dover earlier in the month, along with the Mayor of Folkestone, to show their support of KRAN and to say “we stand with you” during their peaceful protest.
- 3 The Mayor attended the Poperinge Hopfest Light where the Hythe Twinning Association made a toast via video link with Poperinge in Belgium. We made our toast outside the Town Hall on a beautiful sunning evening.
- 4 Last night the Mayor attended the Lord Lieutenant of Kent Virtual Awards ceremony where they recognised and praised individuals for their amazing work with our communities.

- 5 Councillor K Miles said to the Mayor that he had sent her an email reference the VJ Service and wearing of robes. The Mayor informed members that she had received a communication from Councillor Miles thanking her for attending the VJ Service but that he was disappointed she had not worn her robes. The Mayor stated that she felt the robes were fancy dress for the ego and did not feel comfortable wearing them. She was totally happy and respectful for those who did choose to wear them and hoped that others would be respectful that she chose not to wear them.

129/20 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 8 b

There were none received.

130/20 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 10TH AUGUST & 7TH SEPTEMBER 2020

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J Martin
SECONDED BY: Councillor J Hawkins and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meetings held on 10th August and 7th September 2020 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Voting:

For 9 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

131/20 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27TH AUGUST 2020

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Whybrow
SECONDED BY: Councillor J Hawkins and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 27th August 2020 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Voting:

For 8 Against 1 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

Councillor D Owen requested that his vote against the minutes be recorded as he could not support Min No 109/20.

132/20 PRINCES PARADE, WEST PARADE & MARINE PARADE

Members discussed the previously circulated emails on how to deal with the cycling, long-leashed dogs and electronic vehicle difficulties in the above areas.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That this council resolves to refer the items below for consideration of its principal committee Plans and Works to establish the precise wording of a full resolution for approval of this Council at its next meeting and if approved for onward transmission to Folkestone and Hythe District Council.

1 That Hythe Town Council urgently request Folkestone & Hythe District Council make bye laws in or about the Hythe Town Council’s request and Resolution together with appropriate measures of enforcement.

2 Interpretation

In these bye laws :

“Princes parade”, “Marine Parade” and “West Parade” each mean the areas described individually in the schedule to these bye laws.

“The Council” means Folkestone and Hythe District Council.

“Designated” in relation to a route or area means made available for a specified purpose, the route or area and the purpose to be indicated by notices placed in a conspicuous position.

“Promenade” means each of the esplanades and promenade is described in the schedule to these bylaws.

“Cycles“ ,mean a vehicle propelled by the weight or force of one or more persons riding on the vehicle Or by Means of motorising such vehicle

“Skateboard” means a motorised version of a skateboard.

“E scooter means a motorised scooter.

1 Application

These byelaws apply to the promenade and Esplanade is listed in the schedule.

2 Cycling

a)No person shall without reasonable excuse ride a cycle on the promenade except where there is a designated route for cycles

b)Where cycling is permitted on any part of the promenade by bye law Cyclists shall give way to pedestrians and shall travel at no greater speed than is safe to do so Such definition particularly prohibiting fast and furious cycling in excess of 5 mph.

3 Motorised skateboards, E scooters

These are prohibited on any part of the promenade and Esplanade as referred to in schedule 2 by bye law 3)

No person shall skate slide or ride on rollers, skateboards or other self-propelled vehicles on the promenade In such a manner as to cause danger or give reasonable grounds for annoyance or other persons using the promenade unless permitted by these byelaws in designated areas if such Skateboards or e scooters are motorised.

4 All dogs to be kept on a short leash along the promenade and Esplanade As defined in the schedule

5 Savings

It shall not be an offence under these bylaws for an officer of the council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of his/her duty or for any person acting in accordance with the contract with the council to do anything necessary to the proper execution of the contract.

6 Penalty

Every person who shall offend against any of these bylaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level two on the standard scale.

Schedule

The promenades and esplanades Referred to in Bye-law 2 Are as follows:

Princes Parade (At Hythe From Sea point to the Western end of Twiss Road on the South seaward side)

Marine Parade (at Hythe From Twiss Road to Stade Street)

West Parade (at Hythe From Stade Street to Saint Leonard's Road on the South seaward side)

The above is intended as a draft template, is not written in stone and seeks to prevent dangerous riding of cycles, motorised skateboard, and E scooters along Princes parade, and Marine Parade and seeks to prevent any such access to West Parade as defined.

Voting:

For 9 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

Councillor D Wade took no part in the discussion and vote on the following item.

133/20 HYPHE LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Members discussed the previously circulated email from the Hythe Lawn Tennis Club and considered granting them permission to remove the hedge.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Whybrow

SECONDED BY: Councillor K Miles and

RESOLVED – That further clarification be sought on the following:

- 1 Details on the proposed size and scope of the bund and exactly where it was to be placed.
- 2 Where the location of the new hedge would be situated.
- 3 Points 2 and 3 to be provided on a map of the area concerned.

Voting:

For 8 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

134/20 HYTHE GREEN

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Whybrow
SECONDED BY: Councillor M Dearden and

RESOLVED – That this item be deferred until the next council meeting due to be held on 5th November 2020 to allow the representatives of the Fields in Trust by way of a zoom meeting to give a presentation and answer questions from members.

Voting:

For 9 Against 0 Abstain 1 **The motion was carried.**

135/20 RECORDINGS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members considered the live streaming of all principal committee meetings.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor T Prater
SECONDED BY: Councillor D Owen and

RESOLVED – That:

- 1 Hythe Town Council authorise the online live streaming of all principal committee meetings whilst they were taking place remotely.
- 2 The recordings to be retained online for three months.

Voting:

For 9 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

136/20 HTC RISK ASSESSMENTS

Members discussed the previously circulated risk assessments.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Dearden
SECONDED BY: Councillor M Whybrow and

RESOLVED – That the risk assessments, as presented to council, be accepted and approved.

Voting:

For 9 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

137/20 EXTENDED TEMPORARY PEDESTRIANISATION OF HYTHE HIGH STREET

Members reviewed the extended pedestrianisation of Hythe High Street since its inception on 22nd June 2020.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Whybrow
SECONDED BY: Councillor J Martin

RESOLVED – That Hythe Town Council retain the current pedestrianisation arrangements of between 10pm – 4.00pm in Hythe High Street with a further review to take place at the next council meeting on 5th November 2020.

Voting:

For 8 Against 1 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

Meeting closed at 19:33 hrs.

Dated this Day of 2020

Chairman