

MINUTES

HYTHE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD REMOTELY ON THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2020

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

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

Also Present: The Town Clerk

161/20 APOLOGIES

Councillors T Cullen, L Fraser and P O'Connor

162/20 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Proposed Amendment – Min No 128/20

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor N Slade
SECONDED BY: Councillor T Prater

That in item 5 of Mayor's communications "Councillor K Miles said to the Mayor that he had sent her an email reference the VJ Service and wearing of robes." be inserted at the beginning of the paragraph.

Voting:

For 11 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

It was then

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th September 2020, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman at a future date, subject the above amendment being made.

Voting:

For 11 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

163/20 REGISTERING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor D Wade declared a personal interest in Min No 170/20 – member of the Hythe Lawn Tennis Club.

164/20 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There was no adjournment.

165/20 MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

- 1 The Mayor had communications with a lovely lady who wanted to know when the small learners pool would be reopened at Hythe pool. She was quite rightly concerned about the negative effect the closed pool would be having on children's journeys to being confident in the water, especially as we live by the sea and canal. It is very important for all local children to learn water safety. The Town Clerk was looking into why the adult pool had opened but the children's pool had not, and we are waiting a response from the District.
- 2 The Mayor and the Mayor of Folkestone were invited to take part in the opening event for this years Folkestone Black History Month. It was an honour to speak at this most moving event which paid tribute to the late Arike, an incredible man who you could see had made the world a far better place, just be being in it.
- 3 On 11th October, the Mayor had met with the amazing young man who had saved the life of a baby whose pram had accidentally rolled into the canal. Whilst accompanied by his lovely family, the Mayor presented George Hibbard with a certificate and gift on behalf of Hythe Town Council and our community to say thank you for his selfless heroics and to say we are all so proud of him.
- 4 The Mayor had also met with Kimberley Sterling, a local army medic and they had been planning to identify the locations of defibrillators locally and how to raise awareness of them.

166/20 QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 8 b

There were none received.

167/20 MINUTES OF THE PLANS & WORKS COMMITTEE MEETINGS HELD ON 28TH SEPTEMBER 2020 & 19TH OCTOBER 2020

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor J Martin
SECONDED BY: Councillor K Miles and

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Plans & Works Committee Meetings held on 28th September and 19th October 2020 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Voting:

For 11 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

168/20 MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 15TH OCTOBER 2020

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 15th October 2020 be received and the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

Voting:

For 11 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

169/20 HYTHE GREEN – RESOLVED MIN NO 134/20 REFERS

Angela Lewis gave a presentation on Fields in Trust in relation to the application that had been submitted to the Town Council by the Hythe Green Preservation Society and then answered questions from Councillors.

It was then

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Whybrow
SECONDED BY: Councillor D Wade and

RESOLVED – That

- 1 Hythe Town Council agree to protect the Green with fields in Trust, as submitted by the Hythe Green Preservation society.
- 2 A working group be formed of Councillors T Prater, M Whybrow, M Dearden and N Slade to progress the application and to agree the wording that would go into the Deed.

Voting:

For 11 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

The Mayor thanked Angela Lewis for her informed presentation.

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

170/20 HYTHE LAWN TENNIS CLUB HEDGE– RESOLVED MIN NO 133/20 REFERS

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

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Dearden
SECONDED BY: Councillor D Owen and

RESOLVED – That:

- 1 The removal of the hedge, as outlined by the Hythe Lawn Tennis Club, be granted.
- 2 The Town Council enter into a formal agreement to regularise the access between the Hythe Lawn Tennis Club and the Hythe Cricket Club.

Voting:

For 11 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

171/20 NEW BUDGET v.1 2021/2022 – REPORT HTC/02/20 REFERS

Members considered the previously circulated revised budget as recommended by the F&GP committee at its meeting on 15th October 2020.

It was

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

RESOLVED – That the revised budget for 2021/2022 be accepted and approved.

Voting:

For 11 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

172/20 PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Members discussed the election of a HTC representative to serve on the Shepway Area Committee.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor M Whybrow

SECONDED BY: Councillor N Slade and

RESOLVED – That Councillor J Hawkins be appointed to serve as the HTC representative on the Shepway Area Committee.

Voting:

For 11 Against 0 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

173/20 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 and

RESOLVED – That:

- 1 As soon as the lockdown finishes, the High Street working group carry out a further survey with the traders on behalf of HTC in the actual pedestrianisation zone to see whether there was still a majority that wanted the extended times and then go with the majority wish. The results to be brought back to the Council meeting on 17th December 2020.
- 2 The Hythe Civic Society be requested to contact their members to ascertain their preference to the current pedestrianisation restrictions of 10.00am – 4.00pm or to revert back to 11.00am – 3.00pm.

A recorded vote was called for as follows:

Councillor M Dearden	Against
Councillor P Graham	For
Councillor J Hawkins	For
Councillor J Martin	For
Councillor S McConnell	For
Councillor K Miles	Against
Councillor D Owen	Against
Councillor N Slade	For
Councillor T Prater	For
Councillor D Wade	For
Councillor M Whybrow	For

Voting:

For 8 Against 3 Abstain 0 **The motion was carried.**

Meeting closed at 19:47 hrs.

Dated this Day of 2020

Chairman