

2 MARCH 1998

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the New Forest District Council held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 2 March 1998.

- p Cllr J A G Hutchins JP - Chairman
- p Cllr Mrs A M Howe - Vice-Chairman

Councillors:

- p K E Austin
- p Mrs O A M Badland
- e S Bailey
- p P A Baker
- p Mrs P D Baker
- p Major C Beeton MBE
- p Mrs C A Bianchi
- p E R Bowring
- p D S Burdle
- p J E Coles
- p Miss S A Cooke
- p M R Cox
- p D E Cracknell
- p W F Croydon
- p B D Dash
- e G Dawson
- p J J Dawson
- p Miss P A Drake
- e K W Drew
- p B C Earwicker
- p A S Emery
- p Mrs L K Errington
- p R K Goodridge
- p W J Greer
- p R C H Hale
- p L E Harris
- p D Harrison
- p F R Harrison

Councillors:

- p S A Hayes
- p J M Hoy
- e M R Jones
- p M J Kendal
- p G N D Locock
- p Mrs B M Maynard
- p N D M McGeorge
- p Mrs M McLean
- p S M Noel
- p R F Orton
- p P G Pearce-Smith
- p C G Ramsden
- p A W Rice TD
- p B Rickman
- p Miss G M Rickus CBE
- p Mrs M J Robinson
- p D N Scott
- p Lt Col M J Shand
- e S A Shepherd
- p Mrs B Smith
- p Mrs L P Snashall
- p G Spikins
- p Mrs J K Vernon-Jackson MBE JP DL
- p M S Wade
- p S S Wade
- p Dr M N Whitehead
- p Mrs D Wilson
- p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

I B Mackintosh, N J Gibbs, D A Gurney, Ms E Malcolm, Mrs A Allport, K Ireland, T Simpson and G Tombs.

47. MINUTES.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 1998, having been circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

48. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Chairman congratulated the Finance and Administration Directorate on raising over £300 for the Oakhaven Hospice at its annual dinner and dance. He also took the opportunity to remind members that his own dinner and dance to raise money for the Childrens' Hospice and Stable Family Home Trust was due to be held on 3 April 1998.

49. LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 1998.

On the motion that the minutes be received -

(a) Bartley Park Phase II - Approval of Design and Funding (Minute 78)

Cllr Burdle expressed his concern that he had not been consulted on these proposals, even though access to the site passed through his ward, and moved that the matter be referred back to Leisure Services Committee for further consideration. The Chairman of the Committee accepted that Cllr Burdle should have been consulted but emphasised that the site itself was wholly in the parish of Totton. On being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

(b) Paragliding at Barton (Minute 79)

In response to questions, the Chairman of the Committee assured members that the points being raised had been covered in the report which had been considered by the Committee.

(c) Use of Developers' Contributions for a Parish Path Partnership Scheme (Minute 81)

Following a query, the Chairman of the Committee explained that developers' contributions were not set aside for particular parishes and undertook to send Cllr Wilson an explanatory note on their use.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

50. CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 1998.

On the motion that the minutes be received -

(a) Village Shop Rate Relief Scheme (Minute 58)

It was queried whether the rate relief should be granted automatically to save the costs of carrying out an in depth investigation into each case. Other members asked why the shop had to be in an area with a population of 3,000 or less and why adjacent living accommodation was excluded from the scheme. The Chairman of the Committee replied that there had to be checks in the system; the population level was specified in the legislation, and living accommodation was excluded because it was not subject to the business rate.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received and the recommendations adopted.

51. PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meetings held on 14 January and 11 February 1998.

On the motion that the minutes be received -

(a) Ampress Works and Gordleton Pit Sites, Lymington (Minute 177)

Cllr Robinson disclosed a pecuniary interest in this item, but indicated that she had a dispensation to speak but not vote on the matter.

Cllr Snashall disclosed an interest in this item and, having left the meeting, took no part in the discussion thereon.

Cllr Vernon-Jackson indicated that she had a pecuniary interest in that part of the site which was proposed for the new community hospital but did not have an interest in the industrial part. As it was the industrial site which was being discussed, she proceeded to take part in the discussion and voting on this matter.

Following a motion to refer this item back to Planning and Transportation Committee for further consideration, discussion ensued on the behaviour of members in relation to the Planning Inquiry in respect of planning applications 60677, 62000 and 62001; in particular, the open support given to the proposals by a minority of members contrary to the Council's stated policy on the issue and a letter which the Chairman of the Committee had submitted to the Deputy Prime Minister regarding those members. It was suggested that the Council needed to reconsider its policy in view of the fact that the Ampress Site was not available for industrial use. The Leader of the Council indicated that there would be no point in referring this item back because it related to a request to reconsider the matter prior to the Planning Inquiry, which had since been held. In addition, reference back would suggest that the Council was not adamant on the issue and could increase the appellants' argument to be awarded costs. On being put to the vote, the motion was lost.

(Note: Cllr Errington asked to be recorded as having abstained from voting on this matter).

(b) Car Parking Charges - Review of Objections (Minute 180)

An amendment was moved for recommendation (a) to read as follows:

“(a) a charge of 50p for 4 hours be set for Hythe and no action be taken to change the short stay parking times in Hythe;”

Notice was then given of further amendments for charges in Lymington and Lyndhurst to be reduced. Following a lengthy debate and on being put to the vote, the amendment was carried. The other amendments were then duly moved and seconded but were lost on being put to the vote.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received and the recommendations adopted, subject to the amendment of recommendation (a) of minute 180 to read as follows:

- “(a) a charge of 50p for 4 hours be set for Hythe and no action be taken to change the short stay parking times in Hythe;”

52. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 1998.

On the motion that the minutes be received, it was -

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

53. HOUSING COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 1998 and drew attention to a possible error in line 4 of the preamble to minute 50. This would be checked and, if necessary, corrected at the next meeting of the Committee.

On the motion that the minutes be received -

(a) **Capital and Housing Revenue Account Estimates 1997/99 (Minute 50)**

In response to a question, the Chairman of the Committee reminded members that the Council was committed to working with its tenants and would not pursue the establishment of a housing company in opposition to their wishes.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes be received.

54. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Committee presented the minutes of the meetings held on 4 February and 2 March 1998.

On the motion that the minutes be received -

(a) **General Fund Revenue Budget 1998/99 (Minute 73)**

An amendment to increase the Council Tax by no more than 5% was lost.

(b) **Local Government Association's Draft Rural Strategy (Minute 81)**

Cllr Cooke moved that a letter be sent to the Prime Minister, incorporating the response to the Local Government Association and supporting the general concerns of the demonstrators at the Countryside Rally in London on 1 March 1998, but that the letter indicate that such support did not include support for the hunting element of the rally. Indeed, there was some concern

that other people may have felt unable to support the rally because they did not support hunting with hounds. On being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

(Note: Cllr Scott asked to be recorded as having voted against this motion).

(c) **Performance and Development Interview - Removal of Direct Link with Pay (Minute 84)**

Cllr Smith disclosed a pecuniary interest in this item and, having left the meeting, took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

In response to a question, the Chairman of the Committee agreed that details of bonus payments would be reported to members.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the minutes be received and the recommendations adopted;
- (b) That a letter be sent to the Prime Minister, incorporating the response to the Local Government Association on its Rural Strategy and supporting the general concerns of the demonstrators at the Countryside Rally in London on 1 March 1998, but that the letter indicate that such support did not include support for the hunting element of the rally.

55. COUNCIL TAX 1998/99 (REPORT A).

RESOLVED:

- (a) That it be noted that, at its meeting on 5 January 1998, the Council calculated the following amounts for the year 1998/99 in accordance with regulations made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-
 - (i) 66,984.54 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its council tax base for the year;

(ii) **LOCAL COUNCIL AREA**

ASHURST & COLBURY	910.64
BEAULIEU	460.14
BOLDRE	1,009.94
BRAMSHAW	315.83
BRANSGORE	1,823.19
BREAMORE	177.43
BROCKENHURST	1,705.06
BURLEY	749.07
COPYTHORNE	1,175.07
DAMERHAM	232.97
DENNY LODGE	147.74
EAST BOLDRE	380.81
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	564.89
EXBURY & LEPE	92.47
FAWLEY	4,673.09
FORDINGBRIDGE	2,265.92
HALE	256.08
HORDLE	2,230.18

HYDE	485.78
HYPHE & DIBDEN	7,083.27
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	6,464.38
LYNDHURST	1,344.78
MARCHWOOD	1,796.13
MARTIN	183.80
MILFORD-ON-SEA	2,493.61
MINSTEAD	347.82
NETLEY MARSH	802.65
NEW MILTON	10,009.80
RINGWOOD	5,086.88
ROCKBOURNE	159.44
SANDLEHEATH	243.97
SOPLEY	291.39
SWAY	1,590.89
TOTTON & ELING	9,074.75
WHITSBURY	96.20
WOODGREEN	258.48
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	66,984.54

being the amounts calculated by the Council, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amounts of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

- (b) That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 1998/99 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992:-
- (i) £68,637,364 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act;
 - (ii) £50,869,787 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act;
 - (iii) £17,767,577 being the amount by which the aggregate at (b)(i) above exceeds the aggregate at (b)(ii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year;
 - (iv) £8,765,233 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its general fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates and revenue support grant, increased by the amount of the sums which the Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its collection fund to its general fund in accordance with Section 97(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax Surplus), and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its collection fund to its general fund pursuant to the Collection Fund (Community Charges) directions under Section 98(4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 made on 15 January 1998 (Community Charge Surplus);

- (v) £134.38 being the amount at (b)(iii) above less the amount at (b)(iv) above, all divided by the amount at (a)(i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year;
- (vi) £2,126,414 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act;
- (vii) £102.64 being the amount at (b)(v) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (b)(vi) above by the amount at (a)(i) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates;

(viii) **LOCAL COUNCIL AREA**

	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	116.37
BEAULIEU	109.16
BOLDRE	112.05
BRAMSHAW	113.72
BRANSGORE	111.96
BREAMORE	110.08
BROCKENHURST	123.75
BURLEY	105.98
COPYTHORNE	113.15
DAMERHAM	109.08
DENNY LODGE	107.38
EAST BOLDRE	111.83
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	109.72
EXBURY & LEPE	108.05
FAWLEY	161.99
FORDINGBRIDGE	142.38
HALE	113.38
HORDLE	120.19
HYDE	109.84
HYTHE & DIBDEN	143.00
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	141.62
LYNDHURST	109.70
MARCHWOOD	157.00
MARTIN	113.52
MILFORD-ON-SEA	117.08
MINSTEAD	112.70
NETLEY MARSH	110.25
NEW MILTON	134.54
RINGWOOD	130.36
ROCKBOURNE	106.40
SANDLEHEATH	113.91
SOPLEY	111.22
SWAY	121.50
TOTTON & ELING	148.32
WHITSBURY	107.84

WOODGREEN

110.38

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at (b)(vii) above to the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above, divided in each case by the amount at (a)(ii) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate;

(ix) **PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA**

(These are the District plus Town/Parish Council elements only. See pages 9-10 for the full amounts of Council Tax).

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	77.58	90.51	103.44	116.37	142.23	168.09	193.95	232.74
BEAULIEU	72.77	84.90	97.03	109.16	133.42	157.68	181.93	218.32
BOLDRE	74.70	87.15	99.60	112.05	136.95	161.85	186.75	224.10
BRAMSHAW	75.81	88.45	101.08	113.72	138.99	164.26	189.53	227.44
BRANSGORE	74.64	87.08	99.52	111.96	136.84	161.72	186.60	223.92
BREAMORE	73.39	85.62	97.85	110.08	134.54	159.00	183.47	220.16
BROCKENHURST	82.50	96.25	110.00	123.75	151.25	178.75	206.25	247.50
BURLEY	70.65	82.43	94.20	105.98	129.53	153.08	176.63	211.96
COPYTHORNE	75.43	88.01	100.58	113.15	138.29	163.44	188.58	226.30
DAMERHAM	72.72	84.84	96.96	109.08	133.32	157.56	181.80	218.16
DENNY LODGE	71.59	83.52	95.45	107.38	131.24	155.10	178.97	214.76
EAST BOLDRE	74.55	86.98	99.40	111.83	136.68	161.53	186.38	223.66
ELLINGHAM HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY	73.15	85.34	97.53	109.72	134.10	158.48	182.87	219.44
EXBURY & LEPE	72.03	84.04	96.04	108.05	132.06	156.07	180.08	216.10
FAWLEY	107.99	125.99	143.99	161.99	197.99	233.99	269.98	323.98
FORDINGBRIDGE	94.92	110.74	126.56	142.38	174.02	205.66	237.30	284.76
HALE	75.59	88.18	100.78	113.38	138.58	163.77	188.97	226.76
HORDLE	80.13	93.48	106.84	120.19	146.90	173.61	200.32	240.38
HYDE	73.23	85.43	97.64	109.84	134.25	158.66	183.07	219.68
HYPHE & DIBDEN	95.33	111.22	127.11	143.00	174.78	206.56	238.33	286.00
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	94.41	110.15	125.88	141.62	173.09	204.56	236.03	283.24
LYNDHURST	73.13	85.32	97.51	109.70	134.08	158.46	182.83	219.40
MARCHWOOD	104.67	122.11	139.56	157.00	191.89	226.78	261.67	314.00
MARTIN	75.68	88.29	100.91	113.52	138.75	163.97	189.20	227.04
MILFORD-ON-SEA	78.05	91.06	104.07	117.08	143.10	169.12	195.13	234.16
MINSTEAD	75.13	87.66	100.18	112.70	137.74	162.79	187.83	225.40
NETLEY MARSH	73.50	85.75	98.00	110.25	134.75	159.25	183.75	220.50
NEW MILTON	89.69	104.64	119.59	134.54	164.44	194.34	224.23	269.08
RINGWOOD	86.91	101.39	115.88	130.36	159.33	188.30	217.27	260.72
ROCKBOURNE	70.93	82.76	94.58	106.40	130.04	153.69	177.33	212.80
SANDLEHEATH	75.94	88.60	101.25	113.91	139.22	164.54	189.85	227.82
SOPLEY	74.15	86.50	98.86	111.22	135.94	160.65	185.37	222.44
SWAY	81.00	94.50	108.00	121.50	148.50	175.50	202.50	243.00

TOTTON & ELING	98.88	115.36	131.84	148.32	181.28	214.24	247.20	296.64
WHITSBURY	71.89	83.88	95.86	107.84	131.80	155.77	179.73	215.68
WOODGREEN	73.59	85.85	98.12	110.38	134.91	159.44	183.97	220.76

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (b)(vii) and (b)(viii) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which, in that proportion, is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands;

- (c) That it be noted that, for the year 1998/99, the Hampshire County Council and the Hampshire Police Authority have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY

PRECEPTING AUTHORITY	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL	371.58	433.51	495.44	557.37	681.23	805.09	928.95	1,114.74
HAMPSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY	33.42	38.99	44.56	50.13	61.27	72.41	83.55	100.26
	<u>405.00</u>	<u>472.50</u>	<u>540.00</u>	<u>607.50</u>	<u>742.50</u>	<u>877.50</u>	<u>1,012.50</u>	<u>1,215.00</u>

- (d) That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (b)(ix) and (c) above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 1998/99 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

PART OF THE COUNCIL'S AREA

LOCAL COUNCIL AREA	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ASHURST & COLBURY	482.58	563.01	643.44	723.87	884.73	1,045.59	1,206.45	1,447.74
BEAULIEU	477.77	557.40	637.03	716.66	875.92	1,035.18	1,194.43	1,433.32
BOLDRE	479.70	559.65	639.60	719.55	879.45	1,039.35	1,199.25	1,439.10
BRAMSHAW	480.81	560.95	641.08	721.22	881.49	1,041.76	1,202.03	1,442.44
BRANSGORE	479.64	559.58	639.52	719.46	879.34	1,039.22	1,199.10	1,438.92
BREAMORE	478.39	558.12	637.85	717.58	877.04	1,036.50	1,195.97	1,435.16
BROCKENHURST	487.50	568.75	650.00	731.25	893.75	1,056.25	1,218.75	1,462.50
BURLEY	475.65	554.93	634.20	713.48	872.03	1,030.58	1,189.13	1,426.96
COPYTHORNE	480.43	560.51	640.58	720.65	880.79	1,040.94	1,201.08	1,441.30
DAMERHAM	477.72	557.34	636.96	716.58	875.82	1,035.06	1,194.30	1,433.16
DENNY LODGE	476.59	556.02	635.45	714.88	873.74	1,032.60	1,191.47	1,429.76
EAST BOLDRE	479.55	559.48	639.40	719.33	879.18	1,039.03	1,198.88	1,438.66
ELLINGHAM	478.15	557.84	637.53	717.22	876.60	1,035.98	1,195.37	1,434.44
HARBRIDGE & IBSLEY								
EXBURY & LEPE	477.03	556.54	636.04	715.55	874.56	1,033.57	1,192.58	1,431.10
FAWLEY	512.99	598.49	683.99	769.49	940.49	1,111.49	1,282.48	1,538.98
FORDINGBRIDGE	499.92	583.24	666.56	749.88	916.52	1,083.16	1,249.80	1,499.76

HALE	480.59	560.68	640.78	720.88	881.08	1,041.27	1,201.47	1,441.76
HORDLE	485.13	565.98	646.84	727.69	889.40	1,051.11	1,212.82	1,455.38
HYDE	478.23	557.93	637.64	717.34	876.75	1,036.16	1,195.57	1,434.68
HYTHE & DIBDEN	500.33	583.72	667.11	750.50	917.28	1,084.06	1,250.83	1,501.00
LYMINGTON & PENNINGTON	499.41	582.65	665.88	749.12	915.59	1,082.06	1,248.53	1,498.24
LYNDHURST	478.13	557.82	637.51	717.20	876.58	1,035.96	1,195.33	1,434.40
MARCHWOOD	509.67	594.61	679.56	764.50	934.39	1,104.28	1,274.17	1,529.00
MARTIN	480.68	560.79	640.91	721.02	881.25	1,041.47	1,201.70	1,442.04
MILFORD-ON-SEA	483.05	563.56	644.07	724.58	885.60	1,046.62	1,207.63	1,449.16
MINSTEAD	480.13	560.16	640.18	720.20	880.24	1,040.29	1,200.33	1,440.40
NETLEY MARSH	478.50	558.25	638.00	717.75	877.25	1,036.75	1,196.25	1,435.50
NEW MILTON	494.69	577.14	659.59	742.04	906.94	1,071.84	1,236.73	1,484.08
RINGWOOD	491.91	573.89	655.88	737.86	901.83	1,065.80	1,229.77	1,475.72
ROCKBOURNE	475.93	555.26	634.58	713.90	872.54	1,031.19	1,189.83	1,427.80
SANDLEHEATH	480.94	561.10	641.25	721.41	881.72	1,042.04	1,202.35	1,442.82
SOPLEY	479.15	559.00	638.86	718.72	878.44	1,038.15	1,197.87	1,437.44
SWAY	486.00	567.00	648.00	729.00	891.00	1,053.00	1,215.00	1,458.00
TOTTON & ELING	503.88	587.86	671.84	755.82	923.78	1,091.74	1,259.70	1,511.64
WHITSBURY	476.89	556.38	635.86	715.34	874.30	1,033.27	1,192.23	1,430.68
WOODGREEN	478.59	558.35	638.12	717.88	877.41	1,036.94	1,196.47	1,435.76

56. COUNCIL MEETING - FEBRUARY 1999.**RESOLVED:**

That the Council meeting previously scheduled for 22 February 1999 be held instead on Monday 1 March 1999 at 6.30 p.m.

57. PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.**RESOLVED:**

That Cllr Smith be appointed to Planning and Transportation Committee in place of Cllr G Dawson until the annual meeting in May 1998.

CHAIRMAN