

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Services Committee held on Wednesday 19 January 2011 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present: Cllr E Holtham (In the Chair), Cllr M Fidler, Cllr B Hall, R Wappet.

Also Present: Cllr A Glass, Cllr A McDowall from item 6b.

In attendance:

Mrs S Markides, HR & Admin Officer.

1. **Apologies:** Stephen Nash Parish Clerk.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item 5 Planning, as he is a member of the New Forest District Council Planning Committee. He stated that he would consider the applications on the evidence in front of him at this point in time. Cllr Holtham declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item 6b, Play Areas during which Harrier Way was to be discussed.

3. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 10 November 2010 be signed as a correct record.

PUBLIC SESSION: There were no members of the public present.

4. **Chairman's Remarks:** None.

5. **Planning: RESOLVED: To submit the following comments:**

a) **New Forest District Council:**

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Sugar Loaf, Kings Copse Road, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1XF
House; detached garage; demolition of existing

(No3) We recommend permission, as this would be in keeping with the surrounding area.

6. **To receive reports for the following:**

a) Ashlett: Cllr Hall reported several potholes on the path that runs between Ashlett Green, the Sailing Club and the cottages. Whilst not an immediate concern Cllr Hall also reported that the dragons teeth posts at Ashlett were in a poor condition and would need replacing soon.

RESOLVED: To contact Cadland Estate and request the potholes be repaired.
To contact Cadland Estate to advise of the concerns regarding the dragons teeth posts and to suggest that if they provided the posts the Parish Council would provide the labour to erect them.

Cllr Hall further reported on the grit bin at Ashlett which had been very useful during the recent bad weather.

RESOLVED: To send a letter of thanks to Hampshire County Council for the provision of a grit bin at Ashlett. County Councillor Mrs McEvoy to be copied in.

b) Play Areas: Cllr Fidler reported that the annual inspection of all play areas was due shortly. Members were then updated regarding the transfer from NFDC of the play area at Harrier Way

and the conditions that needed to be met. Members believed that NFDC had advised that the equipment provided met the required standard but Cllr Glass requested that NFDC reconfirm this.

RESOLVED: To proceed with the transfer from NFDC of the Harrier Way play area providing that the previously notified conditions are met.
To request reconfirmation from NFDC that the play equipment installed at Harrier Way met the required standards.

c) Footpaths: Cllr Holtham had nothing to report.

d) Holbury Manor & Warren Copse: Cllr Holtham reported a grant had been secured for the coppicing and creation of glades within the copse, from the Biodiversity section of Hampshire County Council, which will involve felling some trees mainly Birch and Cherry to open up the canopy. He was also applying for grants from the Forestry Commission for the bridging of ditches, by putting in pipes and constructing the paths over the top. Another application will be for the progressive coppicing over the next 5 years.

The Kissing gates would be erected in the next few weeks, which hopefully would deter the fly tipping.

The Conservation Group have now completed their first year, meeting twice a month, with 13 active members, with an average of 7 and a maximum of 10 attending each session. They had created one glade by coppicing the Hazel, and had just started another section, and it is intended to do half an acre a year to establish a seven-year cycle. They then will concentrate clearing the minor paths and the ditch crossings as soon as the grant is secured.

The Clerk had advised of a new Lottery Grant available that could be used for the creation of gravel paths through the Manor. There were paths put in 40 years ago, which have now disappeared. Now there is an emphasis for the disabled to be able to access such areas (and we are installing medium mobility gates as access for the Public Right of Way), **are the Committee in agreement** that this initiative is proceeded with? This will require the routes to be identified, quotes obtained for the work and the grant application made.

RESOLVED: To proceed with the application of a grant for reinstating gravel paths at Warren Copse.

e) QEII: Cllr Fidler reported on an increase in use of the QEII Pavilion but requested that the heating system be looked at once again.

Members were advised that the Groundsman's shed at QEII had its own electricity supply and meter. If an electricity cable could be run from the pavilion to the shed to provide power this way then a standing charge for electricity of £73 per annum could be saved.

The Committee were informed that the Clerk had authorised the installation of a floodlight at the gate in the QEII car park, under Health and Safety Grounds. Concern was raised by members that although they agreed with the principle of a light with a key operated switch in the car park, they felt it was not so urgent that consultation could have taken place as to assess where to put the light, and why the existing light could not have been repaired and used. The Chairman read out a report from the Clerk explaining why he had authorised it and said he had asked for it to be discussed at the Policy, Resources and Personnel meeting.

RESOLVED: To look once again at the heating system of the QEII Pavilion.
To install a cable from the QEII pavilion to provide power to the Groundsman's shed.
To refer the matter of lighting at the QEII car park to the next meeting of the Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee.

f) Gang Warily: Cllr Holtham hoped the problem with the flooding on the road at the entrance to the Compound had now been solved. A 5 Bar gate would be installed shortly in the hedge

line between Gang Warily and the Scout and Guide Hut to replace the pieces of metal that are being used at the moment.

The meeting was advised that flooding was still being experienced though not as bad as it had been. Cllr Holtham also commended the efforts of the Groundstaff during the bad weather.

g) Allotments – Cllr Holtham reported that last October the Parish Council let 4 allotments, took 8 off the waiting list, which now stood at 80. We have yet to submit the Lottery Grant application for the new allotments at Fawley School Playing Field.

h) Newlands Sub-Committee - Cllr Holtham: See item 8.

7. **An update report on staff training:** Members were pleased to note the training that had been undertaken by the Groundstaff. Regarding the request for a chainsaw course for the temporary staff, members were advised that there were different levels for this type of course at varying costs and that the National Skills Centre funding would meet the costs if they attended.
8. **An update report on Newlands Park:** The architect had provided plans for the site and members were advised that a meeting with Fawley Rugby Club was to be arranged. It was noted that infilling needed to take place but all information would be reported to Council as the project progressed.
9. **An update report on Renda Road:** No progress had been made at this time.
10. **An update report on Wessex Close:** NFDC had advised of a lack of play provision for younger children in the area. The Clerk had recently sent a letter to residents regarding the installation of more play equipment for under 8's at Wessex Close. Replies received so far indicated strong opposition to this plan and several residents would prefer that this extra equipment be placed at the nearby QEII playground. Suggested fencing of the site though had met with a favourable response.
11. **The naming of land opposite Fawley School:**

RESOLVED: To proceed with the naming of the land opposite Fawley School as Pentagon Copse.
12. **Correspondence: a)** Available from the Office: Clerks & Councils Direct January 2011. Noted.
13. **Date of next meeting:** 16 March 2011.

Exclusion of public and press.

RESOLVED: That, considering the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public, including the press, be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

14. **Correspondence: a) For information:**
 - i) NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2005 (as amended) Regulations 5 and 23, 24, 27, 28 29.
Notice that the Application for Preliminary Consent prior to Inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List of Hampshire Primary care Trust in respect of proposed premises in the vicinity of Blackfield Medical Practice, Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Hampshire SO45 1XA by Greenandred Ltd had been refused. Noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.23pm.

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Chairman