

13 August 2007
FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Monday 13 August 2007 at 7.00 pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

	p	Cllr E Holtham (Chairman)	
	p	Cllr M Fidler (Vice Chairman)	
p	Cllr Mrs M Alderman	p	Cllr Mrs S Courtney
p	Cllr L Dunsdon	p	Cllr A Glass
p	Cllr B Hall	p	Cllr R Lewis
	Cllr Mrs K Lord		Cllr A McDowall
p	Cllr Mrs K Matthewman		Cllr Mrs B Maynard
p	Cllr Mrs S Read	p	Cllr G Smith
	Cllr R A Wappet		

In Attendance:

District Councillor Mrs A McEvoy
Malcolm Anderson (Clerk to the Council)
Kevin Lobley (Centre Manager)
Sue King (Minute Clerk)
17 Members of the Public

32. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs K Lord, Councillor Mrs B Maynard, Councillor A McDowall, Councillor B Wappet and District Councillor G Parkes.

33. Declaration of Interest

Councillor Dunsdon and Councillor Holtham declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute 43: 'To consider closure and disposal of Sloane Avenue Car Park Site'. Councillor Dunsdon is a member of New Forest District Council and Councillor Holtham is employed by the New Forest District Council Traffic Management Team. They stated that they would consider applications on the evidence in front of them.

34. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2007 be signed as a true and correct

35. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman informed the Council that recently there had been some erroneous allegations quoted in the press, quoting figures that are completely untrue and he stated he would like to put the records straight.

“ Gang Warily has never made a loss of £328,293 in any year, or even come anywhere near that figure.

Fawley Parish Council did not build a Football Stand for Blackfield and Langley Football Club costing £50,000. I did say, at the last Policy and Resources Meeting, in reply to the quote of £50,000 that we did not pay for it. I stand partly corrected, in that at the Policy and Resources meeting of 2 December 1996 it was recommended that we did not give a loan that was requested, but this was subsequently overturned at the Full Council meeting on 16 December 1996. This was a loan, and not a grant, and the rental was increased to pay back the money by over £2,000 a year. As we are in the tenth year it can be seen that the actual cost of the stand of £17,304.30 has been paid back.

I hope that when people write to the press, that their facts are correct in the future.”

36. Parish List

It was **RESOLVED** that the comments made on the Planning Applications appearing in the following lists be forwarded to New Forest District Council.

90528 57 Renda Road, Holbury
Land to the rear of 55 to 56 Renda Road and land rear of 20 & 22 Springfield Avenue Holbury
11 dwellings comprising of 5 bungalows, 2 pair of semi-detached houses, 2 detached houses etc.
The Council **OBJECTS** to this application on the grounds that the proposed development is out of character with the existing bungalow properties.
If planning permission is obtained it was agreed that Developers Contributions should be sought for the improvement of the Hobson Way play area situated close to the proposed development.

Councillor G. Smith joined the meeting.

90532 2 Parkhill Close Holbury
House
The Council **OBJECTS** to this application on the grounds of over development of the site, and there is no information concerning the access on to the highway.

90533 Land of 35 Watton Road, Holbury
Attached house
The Council **OBJECTS** to this application and supports the comments of the Planning Officers

- 90553** 36 Ivor Close, Holbury
Single-Storey extension; detached garage
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application
- 90557** Land adjacent to Freaton, Mopley, Blackfield
Two storey dwelling, alterations to access
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application
- 90554** 1 Depedene Close, Holbury, Fawley
Sub-division into two dwellings; parking; access
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application subject to the agreement of Hampshire Highways.
- 90566** Land adjacent 1 Forge Road Langley
1 block of 4 flats.
The Council **OBJECTS** to this application and supports the Officers' comments against the development.
- 90580** 11 Forest Gate, Blackfield
Rear Conservatory
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.
- 90610** Fairmile, Blackfield Road
Conservatory, access alterations
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.

b) New Forest National Park Planning Applications

- 91756** Beech Hut 90 Calshot
Replacement Hut
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application
- 91836** The Nest, Spratts Down, Fawley
Bungalow; demolish existing, garage access alterations.
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.

37. County Councillor's Report

Councillor Dunsdon informed the meeting that Fawley Infant School parents were parking on the grass verge between School Road and the main Fawley Road causing danger to the children entering and leaving school and restricting the vision of drivers along Fawley Road. Accordingly Hampshire Highways has now placed 'dragon teeth' along the edge of Fawley Road to prevent parking.

Councillor Dundson reported that he has contacted New Forest District Council and Hampshire Action Team to consider urging the County Council to carry out a full feasibility study on Marchwood By-Pass (A326) for consideration of a dual carriageway.

38. District Councillors' Report

Councillor Dunsdon reported that local residents who have purchased a parking clock and forget to display them are getting fined. Councillor Dunsdon strongly urged anyone who is fined to contact New Forest District Council and challenge the fine.

Councillor Mrs A McEvoy presented her report, which includes the following details:

- a) New Forest District Council strengthens support as Air Ambulance launched. The Air Ambulance received no support from Government or Lottery and has only received support from various organisations. The air ambulance is one of the chosen charities of New Forest District Council Chairman.
- b) Flame of the Forest
New Forest District Council struck up double links with the Scout Movement's big centenary celebrations. The 'flame' started its journey in Kenya and continued to Brownsea Island and the 'flame' was handed over to Dr Ian Mason-Smith at Foxlease International Guide Centre, Lyndhurst and then continued towards a Scout gathering at New Park, Brockenhurst.
- c) Environment Portfolio Holder's Response to Refuse Bins and recycling.
New Forest District Council did not agree with the Government's suggestion that householders who do not recycle should be penalised.

Councillor Mrs McEvoy went on to give details of the tasks that she had pursued including tidying up land at Slades Hill, reinstatement of a missing bus stop and work that needed doing on the play area outside Jubilee Hall.

Councillor Mrs McEvoy thanked the Clerk for the support and advice he had given to the Council and to wish him well in his new career.

Councillor Holtham stated that the bins at Calshot was still overflowing and requested that Councillor Mrs McEvoy ask New Forest District Council to arrange to empty them.

39. Reports from representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies.

- a) **Community First, New Forest (Cllr Mrs B Maynard)**
There was no Report
- b) **New Forest Consultative Panel (Cllr E Holtham)**
Councillor Hotham's report was distributed which included presentations from the New Forest Association Land Management Committee and the National Air Traffic Control held at the meeting on 15 July 2007. Councillor Holtham raised two issues at the meeting including:
 - a) the deep potholes and ruts off the edge of the Forest roads, and
 - b) the decision without consultation of Forest Holidays to allow seasonal pitches for caravans on various sites.

- c) **New Forest East Sports Council (Cllr Mrs K Lord)**
There was no Report.
- d) **Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau (Cllr A McDowall)**
There was no Report.
- e) **New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee (Cllr M Fidler and Cllr A Glass)**
There has been no meeting.
- f) **Transport Committee (Cllr Mrs Lord)**
There has been no meeting.
- g) **Waterside Youth Steering Group (Cllr M Fidler)**
There was no Report but it was agreed that Councillor Mrs K Matthewman represents the Fawley Parish Council at the forthcoming meetings.
- h) **Calshot Project (Cllr Graham Smith)**
There has been no meeting.
- i) **Waterside Heritage (Cllr E Holtham)**
Cllr Holtham presented his report which included Waterside Heritage producing a booklet for the Friends of All Saints Church entitled "The Parish Church of All Saints Fawley". Southampton University were pleased by the level of interest from the local residents relating to the Archaeological dig and would like to give a presentation in the autumn.
- j) **New Forest Beach Hut Owners (Cllr E Holtham)**
A meeting had been held where Mike Cash from New Forest District Council had attended and the problems of Health & Safety nature had been rectified in two days. Further problems included jet skis and the loss of refuse bin at Calshot.
- k) **PRIME (Cllr Mrs B Maynard)**
No Report
- l) **Police Working Party (Cllr A Glass, Cllr Mrs S Courtney and Cllr G Smith together with Penny Field (Youth Outreach worker))**
There had been no meeting
- m) **Parish and Town Clerks Liaison Meeting (Cllr A Glass and Cllr Mrs M Alderman)**
There had been no meeting.

40 Minutes of Committees.

- a) **Amenities**
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 2 July 2007 be agreed as correct.
- b) **Public Services**
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 9 July 2007 be agreed as correct.
- c) **Policy, Resources & Personnel**
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 23 July 2007, be agreed as correct.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Michael McDonald presented his petition against the decision not to reposition the Fitness Suite.

Roger Randall expressed concerns that wheelchair users of the Fitness Suite have problems in accessing the facilities on the lower floor.

They were informed that the operation of the Fitness Suite would be referred to the Amenity Committee.

Mr Pearce-Smith requested that weeds and overgrown grass verges, especially on the Calshot Road, be cut back, It was agreed that contact be made to Hampshire County Council to request this.

Mrs S Snook informed the meeting that the residents of Linda Road suffered noise disturbance with vehicles from the Indian Takeaway carrying out late deliveries, as late as 1.30 and 2.00am. It was agreed that the Clerk writes to New Forest District Council to see whether conditions on delivery times were included in the planning permission.

41. Correspondence:

- a) Letter received from New Forest Disability Information Service.
This letter was noted.
- b) Letter received from Waterside Arts.
This letter was noted.
- c) Letter received from Hampshire County Council re Village 30 Project.
This letter was noted
- d) Letter received from NHS Ambulance Service
This letter was noted
- e) Letters received from a local resident.
It was agreed that the letter relating to the Fitness Suite be referred to the Amenities Committee and the letter relating to the Skate Park be referred to Public Service Committee.
- f) Copy of letter and petition received re Fitness Suite.
Following discussion it was agreed that the letter and the petition be referred to the Amenities Committee.
- g) Letter from Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service
This letter was noted.

42. The calling of a meeting with New Forest District Council (Cllr A Glass).

Cllr Glass complained that he had not been informed of a re-arranged meeting that he and Cllr Dunsdon were to have with New Forest District Council concerning the operation of Gang Warily Recreation Centre.

Cllr Dunsdon gave a report on what was discussed at the meeting, but it was agreed that the Clerk would organise a replacement meeting when both Cllr Dunsdon and Cllr Glass were free to attend.

- 43. To Consider Closure and Disposal of Sloane Avenue Car Park Site.**
Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Council support the sale of Sloane Avenue Car Park provided that Social housing is built on the land.
- 44. To Consider Community Safety Initiative Street Lighting from Hampshire County Council.**
Following discussion this Report was noted.
- 45. To Consider holding a Music Festival at Gang Warily**
Cllr Mrs Read presented a report on the potential of holding a festival at Gang Warily.
It was agreed to refer this report with costings to the Amenities Committee.
- 46. To Consider improving the existing gym's facilities.**
Cllr Lewis presented a report with proposals to expand and improve the fitness suit.
It was agreed that the proposal would be referred to the Amenities Committee and that the Centre Manager would put prepare costings for the scheme.
- 47. To Consider Annual Governance Report for 2006/2007.**
The Clerk reported on the Annual Governance Report as follows:-
The Reserves held by the Council include an earmarked Fund towards replacing the QEII Pavilion. The Council was satisfied with the level of the General Fund.
The expenditure for replacing the All Weather Pitches has been taken from the Revenue Account and placed in the Asset Management Revenue Account.
The Council would comply with the Best Value Code of Accounting Practice for recharging overheads in the financial year 2007/8.
The Council will consider its accounting policies relating to intangible assets, investments and impairment reviews of fixed assts.
The Council will continue to give a full Explanatory Foreword including an explanation of its financial position.
The fidelity Guarantee Insurance will continue to be reviewed annually.
The banking mandate will be reviewed annually.
The internal audit provision has been reviewed annually. The provision of internal audit will be subject to tender in September 2008.
It was **RESOLVED** that the above comments be sent to the Auditors.
The Council thanked Pauline Coombes, Finance Assistant and the Clerk to the Council work undertaken in preparing the Accounts.
- 48. To Agree dates relating to Councillors attending Planning Training Sessions.**
The following Councillors agreed to attend:
18 September: Totton Cllr Mrs Courtney, Cllr Dunsdon, Cllr

Fidler, Cllr Lewis and Cllr Mrs
Matthewman.

21 September: Ringwood

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25 September: Lymington

Cllr Mrs Alderman and Cllr Glass.

- 49. To Note correspondence received from Fawley Refinery.**
These reports were noted.
- 50. To Note Hampshire Constabulary Fortnightly Newsletter.**
The Newsletter was noted and it was agreed that future newsletters be displayed on the Parish notice boards.
- 51. To Consider and Agree giving delegated authority for accepting a quote to purchase a new tractor.**
Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Glass, Cllr Holtham, Cllr Read and the Head Groundsman be given delegated authority to accept a quote to purchase a new tractor.
- 52. Date of next meeting – 17 October 2007**

PRIVATE SESSION

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to Members) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in the following

- 53. To Note the draft Agreement between the Council and Blackfield and Langley re: Bar and Catering Agreement.**
The draft agreement was noted and agreed.
- 54. Staff Update**
- a) **To note resignation of a member of staff.**
This resignation was noted.
 - b) **To Consider replacement of Receptionist.**
Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Centre Manager be given delegated authority to appoint a new receptionist.
 - c) **To note employment of two casual leisure assistants.**
The employment of two casual leisure assistants was noted.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk to the Council, Malcolm Anderson, for his hard work and support and on behalf of the Council offered his best wishes for the future.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm