

21 May 2007
FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Fawley Parish Council requested by members in accordance with Standing Order 7.1 held on Monday 21 May 2007 at approximately 7.30 pm (to follow the Amenities Committee Meeting) in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley

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

In Attendance:

Kevin Lobley (Centre Manager)
Malcolm Anderson (Clerk to the Council)
Sue King (Minute Clerk)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A McDowall and Cllr R Wappet.

2. Declaration of Interest

There was no Declaration of Interest.

3. To Receive presentations and to reconsider the previous decision to move the Fitness Suite to the Activities Room and Bar Area.

Discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED** that any decision taken should be decided by individual voting of all Council members present.

Cllr Holtham informed the Council that the Parish Council are a business and the objective is to try and balance the books.

The background over the last three months included employing a new manager to the centre, who is fully aware that a radical decision has to be made to improve income to the centre, which is at present running at an unsustainable loss.

The Blackfield and Langley lease on the bar was on a trial agreement between both sides which expires in August. A special meeting was held in order to decide which way to go forward, the Council decided to move the Fitness suite to the Activity Room and Bar, which is subject to the Council accepting the Tenders.

Presentation took place on behalf of Blackfield and Langley Football Club outlining the Club's history and their need for change to ensure the long-term future of the Club. The proposals for the Club's development included improve links with local communities such as schools and colleges and children's football teams. To achieve it goals the Club stated that a proposal to enter into a working relationships with Fawley Parish Council, Gang Warily and New Forest District Council needed to take place. These new ideas would provide The local community with access to sports facilities and a primary venue for local football clubs. In order to achieve this a second enclosed pitch would be required and, the bar would have to expand for hospitality reasons.

Malcolm Anderson gave details of the financial situation at present and the reasons why it is important that expansion takes place to increase income for the Parish Council.

Discussion took place on the options, marketing and desirability of the alterations.

It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that a decision be put on hold to the next or following Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee and that a sub committee be appointed to discuss with Blackfield and Langley their ideas.

It was further **RESOLVED** that Cllr Holtham, Cllr Glass and Cllr Mrs Read together with the Clerk and Centre Manager be appointed to a Sub Committee and to enter into discussion with Blackfield and Langley Football Club.

The Meeting closed at 9.10pm.