

## FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

5 MARCH 2007

### PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Public Services Committee held on Monday 5 March 2007 at 7.00 pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

p Cllr R A Wappet, Chairman  
Cllr D J Staines, Vice Chairman

#### Councillors:

p	B Hall	p	E J Holtham
p	Mrs B M Maynard	p	Mrs A McEvoy
p	P. Pearce-Smith MBE		

#### In Attendance:

Cllr M Fidler  
Cllr A Glass  
PC Gavin Couch  
Michael O'Brien Linden Homes  
Jeremy Gardner Linden Homes  
2 Member of the Public  
Malcolm Anderson, Clerk to the Council  
Sue King Minute Clerk

#### **84 Apologies**

An apology was received from Penny Field Youth Outreach Worker.

#### **85 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Fidler and Cllr Mrs Maynard declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute 87 Planning, as they are members of New Forest District Council Planning Committee. They stated that they would consider applications on the evidence in front of them.

#### **86 To sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 January 2007 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 29 January 2007.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2007 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 29 January 2007, be signed as a true record.

The Chairman welcomed Michael O'Brien and Jeremy Gardner representatives from Linden Homes to the meeting.

Councillor Mrs McEvoy gave an outline of the background to the proposed development plan for Blackfield Junior School, highlighting the Council's objection to the demolition of the Golf House. She

thanked Linden Homes for reconsidering the proposed development in light of the Council's objection and the wishes of the local residents.

Michael O'Brien, Design and Planning Director presented Linden Homes proposed new development plan. The site plan includes the retention of the Golf House and to convert the building into a three-bedroom house, and two apartments. Mr O'Brien explained that a structural survey on the existing elevations was in progress.

The Committee unanimously supported the new proposed development plans and thanked Linden Homes for their quick response and willingness to work with the local community.

It was agreed that representatives from Linden Homes be invited to attend the meeting when the planning application for the new development is considered.

**87 Planning:-**

It was **RESOLVED** that the comments made on the planning applications appearing in the following list be forwarded to New Forest District Council.

- a) **89614** Use of land as residential garden and enclose with 1.8 metre high fence.  
26 Hayes Mead, Holbury  
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.
- 89613** Single Storey rear extension  
26 Hayes Mead, Holbury , Fawley  
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.
- 89629** 1 pair of semi-detached houses  
Land adjacent 1 Blackfield Road Fawley  
The Council **OBJECTS** to this application on the grounds of access problems onto a main road and over development of the site.

**88. Police Report**

The Chairman welcomed PC Gavin Couch to the meeting.

PC Couch presented his report and informed the Committee that he is part of the 'Safer Neighbourhood Officer' team which is based at Hythe Police Station and that he has been serving with Hythe Police for two and half years.

The new Safer Neighbourhood Office Teams were introduced during late January 2007 and PC Couch's report included details of their success in the reduction of criminal damage and the amount of seizures of alcohol and drugs that had taken. The team were

concentrating on Calshot Beach Huts, Fawley Square and Holbury Precinct and introducing a comprehensive presence on the streets and creating a safer neighbourhood initiative.

The Chairman thanked PC Couch for attending the meeting and the increased attendance of the police within the Community.

**89. To Receive Member's Reports on:**

**(a) Ashlett (Cllr Hall)**

Cadland Estate has repaired the gravel road between the Ashlett Green and the Cottages.

The letter relating to dog fouling at Ashlett Green was noted.

Councillor Hall informed the meeting that there were six signs and two dog-fouling bins already placed within the area. It was agreed that the Clerk replies to the local resident requesting that details of any offender be reported to the Council.

**(b) Play Equipment (Cllr M Fidler)**

Councillor Fidler gave his report. Following discussion it was agreed to prepare a rolling programme of replacement of play equipment.

It was agreed that the Clerk obtains quotations for the following play equipment and they be referred for consideration to Policy Resources and Personnel

- Wessex Close - cost of purchasing and erecting a cradle swing, the erection of two slides and the cost of laying a soft surface, and
- Fawley School playfield - the cost of replacing a slide.

**(c) Buses (Cllr Wappet)**

County Council relating had carried out improvement to the pavements near bus stop to improve access.

A bus stop sign at the corner of Foxcroft Drive had been damaged. It was agreed that the Clerk writes to Hampshire County Council's Transport Officer requesting a replacement.

**(d) Footpaths (Cllr Holtham)**

**Temporary Road Closure**

The temporary road closure of Fawley footpath 8 was noted.

Councillor Holtham gave his report, which included the following:  
Footpath 46: Ashlett – Fence falling onto footpath and is being dealt with by Esso.

Footpath 707: Running along our Parish boundary at Netley View has become impassable due to flooding and fly tipping. It was agreed that the Clerk writes to Hythe Parish Council.

Footpath 3(a) Hart Hill: work has commenced on this footpath, although at present the lorries are churning up the road making it impossible to walk along.

**(e) Holbury Manor (Cllr Holtham)**

A letter has been sent giving Southampton University permission to carry out an archaeological survey of the area.

They will have to obtain separate permission relating to the ancient monument area.

A request has been received to plant a tree at Holbury Manor in memory of a resident. Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that this planting could proceed.

**(f) QEII (Cllrs Fidler and Wappet)**

Councillor Fidler gave his report and highlighted the following:

- a) The trees bordering the QEII ground were becoming overgrown, and
- b) The lights inside the toilet portcabin were being left on over the weekend.

**(g) Gang Warily (Cllr Holtham)**

Cllr Holtham highlighted the problems of flooding around the Youth Multi play area and a request was made for a drainage system to be installed.

A gap in the hedge at the Scout and Guide end of Gang Warily is open and could become an access for vandals. Posts for reinforcement are to be installed.

**(h) Allotments (Cllr Holtham)**

Nothing to report.

**90. To Receive Centre Manager's Report.**

The report was noted.

It was agreed that a report be prepared prioritising the work to be carried out at Gang Warily Recreation Centre, showing costs and which work could be done in-house and which would need contracting out.

**91. To Consider Enforcement of Traffic Regulations Orders.**

Following discussion it was agreed to the following:

- a) The Clerk writes to the Head Master of Blackfield Primary School requesting that he asks parents to stop parking in Blackfield Medical Centre car park.
- b) The Clerk writes to Parking Operations Manager at New Forest District Council to ask that the double yellow lines situated outside Alldays, Long Lane, Holbury be checked for parking infringements.

**92 To Consider recommendations from Insurance Surveyor re:**

- a) Fire Alarms
- b) Automatic Intruder Alarm System
- c) To Place a lifebelt near the Pond.

Following discussion it was agreed that quotations be sought for a new fire alarm together with an Intruder Alarm System. These quotations to

be brought back to the Committee. It was further agreed that a lifebelt situated near the pond was not necessary as the pond was shallow and previous experience shows that the life belt would be stolen or vandalised.

**93 Correspondence**

- a) Letter re Bus Compound, Newlands Road  
This letter was noted
- b) Letter received from local residents re Fawley Toilets.  
This letter was noted.
- c) E-Mail received from local resident re 'dog mess'  
This letter was noted
- d) E-Mail received from Hampshire County Council, Traffic Management with update on Holbury Traffic and Church Lane.  
This letter was noted and Councillor Glass thanked the Committee for their support relating to Holbury Traffic improvements.

**94 To Consider a consultation document re The Post Office Network.**  
This Consultation was noted.

**95 To Note Report relating to Parish Profiles re Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study for the New Forest Area.**

The response to the Report were discussed and the Clerk was given delegated authority to respond to the Open Space, Sport Recreation study as follows:

- a) **2.2 Space for Children and Young People.**  
Renda Road, Holbury is very close to Hobson Way and does have play equipment.  
Roewood Road play equipment was moved due to vandalism and anti-social behaviour.  
St George's field is owned by New Forest District Council
- b) **2.4 Allotments**  
Fawley Parish have 28 allotments and not 24.
- c) **2.7 Education Sites.**  
Fawley Parish Council owns the Fawley School field.
- d) **3.3 Other Issues**  
The Council objects to the statement that there is a lack of things for young people to do within the Parish.
- e) **5 Points for Further Consideration.**  
An explanation was requested for the meaning of the phrase "Shortages of *incidental informal open space* within the built up areas".

- 96 To Note Report received from Inspector Kenna.**  
The report was noted and it was agreed that reports received should be placed on the Fawley Parish Web site.
- 97 To Note Fortnightly Newsletter received from Hampshire Constabulary.**  
This Newsletter was noted and it was agreed that reports received should be placed on the Fawley Parish Web site.

The Chairman informed the Committee that many cars are being offered for sale and parked in lay-bys within the parish including outside Blackfield School and outside the Baptist Church at Long Lane. Following discussion the meeting was informed that the Council had already contacted the Development Control Enforcement Officer to inform them of these problems.

- 98 Date of next meeting 4 June 2007**

#### **PRIVATE SESSION**

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 100[A][4] of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and the Press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.”

- 99 An update on Alarms System**  
An update was given on the Alarm System.

The meeting closed at 8.51