

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

20th August 2008

Minutes of a meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Wednesday 20th August 2008 at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

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| | p | Cllr M Fidler (In the Chair) | |
| | p | Cllr L Dunsdon (Vice-Chairman) | |
| p | | Cllr Mrs K Matthewman | |
| | | Cllr Mrs B M Maynard | |
| | | Cllr C A McDowall | |
| p | Cllr Mrs M C A Alderman | | |
| | Cllr Mrs S Courtney | | |
| p | Cllr B Hall | | |
| p | Cllr E Holtham | p | Cllr Mrs S Read |
| p | Cllr A Glass | | Cllr G Smith |
| | Cllr R Lewis | p | Cllr R A Wappet |
| p | Cllr Mrs K Lord | | |
| p | District Councillor Mrs A McEvoy | | |

In attendance:

Mrs M A Bernard, Clerk to the Council
Mrs S Markides, Clerical Assistant

Also present: Penny Velandar, Planning Co-ordinator New Forest District Council, Mr N Stockdale, npower and 4 members of the public.

- 32. Apologies:** Cllr Mrs S Courtney, Cllr Mrs K Matthewman, Cllr Mrs B Maynard, Cllr R Lewis.
- 33. Declarations of interest:** Cllrs Dunsdon and Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item 37 Planning, as they are members of the New Forest Planning Committee. They stated that they would consider the applications on the evidence in front of them.
- 34. To sign the minutes** of the meetings held on 2nd April 2008, 25th June 2008 and 9th July 2008.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meetings be signed as a correct record.

35. Chairman's Announcements.

Incident at Gym, Gang Warily: Following an incident where there was abusive and intimidating behaviour towards staff, procedures for exclusion of these individuals is under way. It is recommended that, in the interests of staff safety, a turnstile with access system be installed and re-location of the vending machines be undertaken. Costs to be advised as soon as possible.

On another note and potentially affecting our general maintenance costs, I have to report that introduction of new legislation to forbid the use of red diesel in certain circumstances has been raised with the National Association of Local Councils and we are awaiting the report back from them, to confirm that parish councils are exempt from these restrictions. Advice is anticipated during October this year.

Another issue which is of local concern is the provision of public toilets which, despite our continued requests for review of the decision to close the facilities at Calshot, NFDC have recently advised that they are not willing to reconsider this.

Notice has recently been received of a Speed Indicator Device deployment in Lime Kiln Lane South for 1 week, from 26th August 2008.

With regards to the provision of funding for a Community Plan for Fawley, I am pleased to welcome Nick Stockdale to the meeting and to announce that npower have recently confirmed their offer of £5,000, plus office accommodation for the Plan Co-ordinator, should the Parish Council decide to continue their involvement with the production of such a plan.

So, to enable this debate to go ahead, I welcome Penny Velander, the Community Plan Co-ordinator for NFDC, to update us on the current situation.

36. Presentation on Community Planning by Penny Velander, Community Plan Co-ordinator for New Forest District Council.

The presentation gave a detailed explanation to the meeting on what makes a Community Plan, the principles involved with Community Planning, the benefits and the support available to communities when a Community Plan proceeds. Members thanked Penny Velander for an excellent talk and agreed to consider this matter further at the next Parish Council meeting, to be held on 15th October 2008.

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Concern was raised regarding the length of time it was taking to reach the top of the allotments waiting list. It was explained that 18 months ago the list was much smaller but that the increase in popularity of allotment ownership had resulted in a shortage of sites and that the Council was again reviewing the situation early in 2009.

A strong objection was made to the removal of the bar and catering to the lower room at Gang Warily, as this was thought to prevent all members of the public from using these facilities. It was explained that when the facility was not in use it would be available as a community room. Tenders had been invited for the lower room bar lease with the closing date of 29th August.

37. Planning:

a) Parish List: RESOLVED: To submit observations on planning applications, as follows

08/092779

Holbury Inn, 63 Long Lane, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2LG
Side and rear smoking shelters

(1) We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

08/092795

17 Orchard Close, Fawley, SO45 1EZ
Single-storey rear extension

(1) We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

08/092806

The Bungalow, Roman Road, Hardley, Fawley, SO45 3NN
3 houses; access; parking; bin& cycle store; demolition of existing

(1) We recommend permission subject to the report of District Council's arboriculturist.

08/092812

Land rear of Standor, Mopley, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1YJ
Two-storey dwelling; new access onto Foxhayes Lane; parking

(5) We are happy to accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

08/092871

Land of 18 & 19 Newlands Close, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1WH
1 terrace of 3 houses; parking; cycle & bin stores.

(4) We recommend refusal due to overcrowding, over development of site and out of keeping with area.

08/092908

Land at junction of Fawley Bypass, B3053 and Calshot Road, Fawley, SO45 1DW.
10m high telegraph pole style mast with 3 antennae within a matching shroud along with an equipment cabinet (Prior Notification of Intention to carry out Telecommunications Development)

(4) We recommend refusal due to nearby dwellings and detrimental effect on appearance of area.

- 38. To receive a report from Youth Worker Debbie Elliott.** Noted. See attached Appendix A.
- 39. To receive the County Councillor's report.**

County Councillor Dunsdon reported he had £10,413 in Hampshire County Council grants with some requests received already but applications are invited from any local groups or initiatives. Currently there are two consultations on the future of freight in Hampshire with a chance for residents, hauliers, rail operators and other organisations to have their say on issues relating to freight. Documentation can be downloaded from www3.hants.gov.uk/hcc-freight-strategy and www.hants.gov.uk/consultation, located in the active consultations section.

The New Forest National Park Authority has published a draft National Park Plan on Draft Recreational Management Strategy and comments are invited over the next 10 weeks. This draft plan may be of interest to Calshot and some Fawley residents and can be viewed via the National Park web site.

More news of Grant Funding- the Housing and Portfolio Holder and the Leisure, Culture and Youth Matters Portfolio Holder have each been allocated an additional budgetary provision of £25,000 to enable them to provide grant aid funding to associations and groups in the district who support vulnerable members of the New Forest Community.

Linden Homes are selling their site in Alum Close, Holbury to Atlantic Housing with planning permission for housing. This will consist of a mixture of social renting and shared ownership.

40. To receive reports from District Councillors.

District Councillor Mrs A McEvoy reported on the provision of toilets at Spit End, Calshot with the District Council although aware of the concerns, unwilling to reconsider their decision regarding closure. It was considered that the new toilets met requirements but members disagreed stating that on Cowes night there were long queues at the Hill Head Ladies toilet, which resulted in the Men's facilities being used temporarily by all.

A planning application is awaited for re-use of the building to provide other facilities although this is in the early stages.

There was also concern over the surface of the car park and it had recently been decided by NFDC to re-surface using tarmac with work commencing late September.

Traffic issues had been raised with Nick Hunt, Principal Engineer and these included the re-siting of the pedestrian crossing outside Blackfield Primary School. District Councillor McEvoy also stated that she had grants available and invited applications from any good causes.

District Councillor Mrs Lord also reported to Council. See attached Appendix B.

District Councillor Wappet advised that there was to be an all day session of the Environment Panel in September. The topic was Water Management mainly dealing with watercourses, hard standing regulations etc and that he would report back in due course.

It was also agreed that the Clerk of the Council write a letter to New Forest District Council to thank the local refuse collectors for the excellent service they provide to the area.

41. Reports from Representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies:

- a) Community First, New Forest (Cllr Mrs B Maynard). Not present.
- b) New Forest Consultative Panel (Cllr E Holtham). See attached Appendix C
- c) New Forest Sports Council (Cllr R Lewis). Not present.
- d) Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau (Cllr A McDowall). Not present.
- e) New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee (Cllrs M Fidler and A Glass) No meeting.
- f) Transport Committee (Mrs K Lord) No meeting.
- g) Waterside Youth Steering Committee (Cllr Mrs K Lord). No meeting.
- h) Calshot Project (Cllr G Smith) Not present.
- i) Waterside Heritage (Cllr E Holtham) See attached Appendix C
- j) New Forest Beach Hut Owners (Cllr E Holtham). Meeting date was the same as the Parish Council but Councillor Holtham requested that the Clerk write to NFDC to advise of the problems experienced on Cowes night.
- k) Police Working Party (Cllrs Mrs S Courtney, A Glass and Mrs S Read) No report.
- l) New Forest Association Local Councils (Cllrs A Glass & Mrs B Maynard)
Councillor Glass reported that the Association was aware of problems with toilet provision within the District. There was concern regarding the rateable value of shops, which is exceptionally high in the New Forest resulting in empty commercial premises. A letter had been sent to the local MP suggesting he raise the question with the Minister that the setting of rates be considered more locally.
- m) Age Concern (Cllrs R Lewis & Mrs M Alderman) See attached Appendix D.
- n) Prime Liaison (Cllr Mrs K Lord)
Councillor Lord reported that the agencies had all come together; the correct procedures were now in place and work could now move forward.

42. **Minutes of Committees:** To adopt the Minutes and to accept the recommendations of the Committees:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Amenities Committee 9 July 2008 be signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee 6 August 2008 be signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Services Committee 23 July 2008 be signed as a correct record.

43. **Planting in local public areas:** To consider inviting local school pupils to partake. Members were informed that advice was awaited from the District Council as to suitable sites for planting. £374 was available in Developers Contributions for this purpose although perhaps a grant application could be made. Councillor Dunsdon reported that children from Blackfield Primary School had suggested the idea and were keen to be involved with the project.

RESOLVED: It was agreed in principle that planting in local public areas goes ahead, pending advice on suitable sites and to involve the local school children where possible.

44. **School parking problems and traffic plan.**

Members noted the traffic plan as supplied by Hampshire County Council and that this is at present up for review in consultation with the schools.

45. **Traffic speeds in Renda Road and Hobson Way, Holbury.**

Members expressed disappointment in the report on traffic issues regarding Renda Road and Hobson Way received from the Assistant Area Manager Traffic Management. They considered this to be a proven traffic problem. Concern was also raised regarding the speed of traffic in Whitefield Road and the junction with Renda Road with the suggestion that a traffic survey take place and a police presence be requested.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write a letter to the Traffic Management Manager regarding traffic speeds Renda Road and Hobson Way plus the suggestion of a traffic survey and concern at the road configuration at the junction of Whitefield Road and Renda Road.

46. **Lease of land at Gang Warily:** Advice had been received from New Forest District Council that the decision to confirm their occupation of the site has been delegated to the portfolio holder and a decision may be confirmed next week. Occupation was recommended as soon as possible and CCTV provision to be confirmed. NFDC liable on signing of the contract, rent to be £10,000 per annum with a lease of 5 years. The site to be occupied by 12-15 members of the Waterside Street Cleaning Team.

RESOLVED: That the lease of Land at Gang Warily be accepted if confirmed. That the CCTV system be combined with the costs of upgrading the system shared.

47. **Web site management:** Permission forms were issued to update member information posted on the website. Forms to be returned as soon as possible.

48. Accounts:

- a) To receive monthly schedules for July 2008.

RESOLVED: To accept the monthly schedule for July 2008. See attached Appendix E.

- b) To appoint a Working Party for half yearly budget review.

RESOLVED: To form a Working Party consisting of the Chairman of the Council and the Committee Chairmen to meet for a half yearly budget review, week beginning 6th October 2008.

- c) Transfer of earmarked reserves

RESOLVED: To transfer the sum of £185,129.00 from earmarked reserves to cover costs of QEII project.

- d) Report on Developers Contributions.

RESOLVED: To discuss the recent update report on Developers Contributions at the next Parish Council meeting on 15 October 2008.

- 49. Play Builder Application for provision of Teen Zone:** To consider a request from New Forest District Council's Play Development Officer that the Parish Council support the use of developers contributions of £20,000 towards this project.

RESOLVED: To agree in principle to the Play Builder Application for provision of a Teen Zone with £20,000 from developers contributions to be used, subject to overall development of the site.

50. Correspondence:

- a) For response:

- i) Letter from resident regarding provision of public lavatories.

RESOLVED: That the letter from a resident regarding toilet provision be forwarded to NFDC requesting that they respond to her concerns direct.

- ii) HCC: Advice on funds available for road repairs and request for suggestions regarding areas that would benefit most from a programme of pothole repairs and edge treatment.

RESOLVED: To suggest resurfacing of Holbury Drove and to address flooding problems in Lime Kiln Lane. Repair needed in Hampton Lane, Long Lane and the crossroads of Rollestone Road.

- iii) HALC: Notification of forthcoming training courses. Noted.

- iv) Age Concern New Forest East: Invitation to Annual General Meeting 15 September 2008 5pm, St Andrews Hall, Dibden Purlieu. Councillor Mrs M Alderman to attend.

For notification:

- b) i) HCC: Erection of Christmas tree outside the Falcon Hotel. Confirmation of no objection to installation. Advice that suitable highway standard cover will be required. Noted.
- ii) Letter of thanks from Royal Navy Fleet Command regarding use of Ashlett Creek public slipway during recent exercise. Noted.
- iii) Hampshire Minerals & Waste Development Framework Newsletter 6. (circulated) Noted.
- iv) New Forest National Park Authority: Notification of change of proceedings at meetings for trial period. (circulated) Noted.

c) **Available from the office upon request:**

Solent News Summer 2008, Community Action Hampshire, August 2008, The Playing Field Summer 2008.

51) **Date of next meeting:** 15th October 2008.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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Chairman