

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Services Committee held on Wednesday 12 November 2008 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present: Cllr E Holtham (In the Chair), Cllr Mrs B Maynard (Vice-Chairman), Cllr L Dunsdon, Cllr M Fidler, Cllr B Hall, Cllr A McDowall.

Also present: 2 members of the public until item 6.

In attendance

Mrs M A Hitch, Clerk to the Council.

Mrs S Markides, Clerical Assistant.

1. Apologies: None.

2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Dunsdon declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item 5 Planning, as he is a member of the New Forest Planning Committee. He stated that he would consider the applications on the evidence in front of him at this point in time.

3. Minutes: To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2008.

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

PUBLIC SESSION.

A member of the public outlined the changes made to a previous planning application on land rear of 29 Long Lane, Holbury in order to meet the concerns of neighbours. These included reduced square footage; alteration of pitch and size of roof; relocation of the bungalow; re-designed driveway and re-positioning of bollards in Springfield Grove to provide vehicular access.

Another member of the public raised his concerns regarding planning application 08/93258, land rear of 231 Hampton Lane. These included poor access with traffic already a problem at this point especially during school pick up and drop off times, the closeness to the zebra crossing, the loss of privacy for neighbouring properties, the proposed gravel hard standing which could prove noisy, a mature oak tree on site nearby and the potential to add another storey to the property creating a two storey building.

4. Chairman's Remarks.

The Chairman reported that advice had been received from New Forest District Council that a bye-election has been claimed, following the resignation of Mrs Matthewman and the notices duly posted. The date for the bye-election has now been notified as Thursday 15 January 2009.

The District Council has also advised that the Holbury Hall, in Holbury Drove, off Long Lane, which was previously leased to the Parish Council for 21 years until 2006, is now up for sale. This will be advertised locally in the near future and tenders invited for the site, which would continue to be for community use.

5. Planning: RESOLVED: To submit observations on planning applications, as follows:

08/93161

The Bungalow, Roman Road, Hardley, Fawley, SO45 7BE

3 houses; access; parking; cycle & bin stores; demolition of existing

(No 1) We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

08/93244

Land rear of 29 Long Lane, Holbury, Fawley. SO45 2LF

Bungalow; access via Springfield Grove.

(No 1) We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

A letter to be sent to Hampshire County Council regarding the re-positioning of bollards in Springfield Grove suggesting that the applicant meet any costs involved not the ratepayers.

08/93258

Land rear of 231, Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1XA

Bungalow; bin/cycle store; alter access; parking

(No4) We recommend refusal due to over development of site with only a small garden area included, pedestrian crossing just outside proposed entrance, loss of amenities to the local residents, the need of the elderly residents of Priestcroft to cross the road to reach shops, surgery and bus stop, volume of traffic dangerously high with school, new housing, Doctor's surgery and parking outside private housing close by and the extent of gravel hard standing which would have an adverse effect on the peace and tranquillity of nearby properties

b) Tree Work Applications:

08/0362

Earls Charity, Mopley Close, Blackfield, Southampton SO45 1YL

Monterey Cypress- Crown lift over highway and driveway of Earls Charity to 5.3m.

The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.

6. To receive a report from the Youth Worker: Members were pleased to receive an update report from Youth Worker Debbie Elliott. See attached Appendix A

7. To receive reports for the following:

a) Ashlett: Cllr Hall reported that drainage at the bottom of the hill at Ashlett was still a problem and that gravel needed to be laid on the quay once this had been resolved. He was concerned at the lack of progress being made and requested that the County Council be advised accordingly. Cllr Dunsdon & Cllr Hall to arrange a site meeting. The seats needed to be cleaned and painted and the wooden litterbin replaced, the Maintenance Manager to be advised, also seat at Hampton Lane needed attention.

b) Play equipment: Cllr Fidler reported that paint had been thrown over the play equipment and surfaces at the QEII Recreation Ground, the removal of this took 3 days. Fencing at Wessex Close play area was still awaited.

c) Footpaths: Cllr E Holtham reported that following the upgrade request made in 1999 the footpath between Hart Hill and Hardley Lane had now been confirmed as an official restricted by way open to pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists and horse and carts. A letter to be sent to Hampshire County Council Rights of Way Section to request that carriage access is provided, to replace the bollard on Bridleway 505 to give access the other end.

d) Holbury Manor: Cllr E Holtham reported that work was needed on the paths around the main pond, the Senior Groundsman to be advised.

e) **QEII:** Cllr M Fidler reported that the grounds were being well maintained by the grounds men. 2 sets of goal posts had recently been lifted and had had to be replaced. A dead tree in Walkers Lane South had been removed.

f) **Gang Warily:** Cllr E Holtham reported that a funding bid for fencing of the skate park had been refused.

g) **Allotments:** Cllr E Holtham reported that there were currently no vacancies. Plots within the parish were half size and per square footage charges were on a par with those made by other councils in the area. Scalpings had recently been put on the road to the allotments.

8. To consider Public Services Budget Summary for 2009/10. Members considered the summary including the need to build up a contingency fund.

RESOLVED: To accept the budget summary as written (see attached Appendix B) before presenting to the Policy, Resources and Personnel meeting on 26 November 2008.

9. Correspondence:

i) Burley Parish Council: Concerns at changes in regulations for collection of prescriptions. Noted.

ii) NFDC: Chairman of the Council offer to attend Parish Events. Noted.

Available from the office on request: Campaign to Protect Rural England: Countryside Voice magazine, Autumn 2008 and Stop the Drop Litter & Fly Tipping, a Parish Council Tool Kit. Community Action Hampshire, Annual Review 07-08 and Action News Update (circulated).

10. Date of next meeting: 21 January 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.11 pm.

.....Chairman