

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

28th May 2008

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Services Committee held on
Wednesday 28th May 2008 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

	p	Cllr E Holtham (Chairman)
	p	Cllr Mrs B Maynard (Vice- Chairman)
Present:		
p		Cllr M Fidler
p		Cllr A McDowall
p		Cllr L Dunsdon
		Cllr B Hall
	p	Cllr Mrs K Matthewman

Also Present: Cllr R Wappet, Cllr A Glass

In Attendance:

Margaret Bernard, Clerk to the Council
3 members of the public

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr B Hall.

4. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute 7 Planning, as he is a member of New Forest District Council Planning Committee. He stated that he would consider applications on the evidence in front of him.

5. To sign the Minutes of the Meetings held on 5th March and 7th May 2008

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

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6. Matters raised included concern at the current use of Ashlett Creek and the maintenance of Parish Council owned land. The waiting list for allotments was also raised and the Chairman explained the history and availability of allotment sites.

7. Planning applications

RESOLVED: To submit observations as follows:

08/91718 Public convenience, Hampton Lane, Blackfield
Conversion to bungalow

(No 5). We are happy to accept the decision reached by the District Councils Officers under their delegated powers.

08/92321 Land of 94 Rolleston Road, Holbury, Fawley
Bungalow

(No 5) We are happy to accept the decision reached by the District Councils Officers under their delegated powers.

8. Selection of Representatives

RESOLVED: To select representatives and to receive any reports for the following:

- (a) **Ashlett:** Cllr B Hall. In Cllr Hall's absence, the Chairman presented his written report, as follows: Notification that the Jolly Sailor was boarded up and need for continued maintenance of the grassed area. A request for the gravel area to be raised had been previously submitted to avoid possible vehicular damage. Hampshire County Council to be contacted as a drain is needed at the end of the road.
- (b) **Play equipment:** Cllrs Mrs K Mathewman and M Fidler. The Chairman referred to concerns about the dumping of rubbish at Wessex Close play area which had been raised at the public meeting and that, having checked, this was considered a minimal problem, The estimated costs of erecting additional fencing was around £5,000 and advice was awaited from NFDC regarding the availability of developers contributions.
- (c) **Buses:** Cllr G Smith to be asked if he wished to continue in this post. Cllr Wappet to take on if vacant.
- (d) **Footpaths:** Cllr E Holtham.
- (e) **Holbury Manor:** Cllr E Holtham.
- (f) **QEII:** Cllr M Fidler
- (g) **Gang Warily:** Cllr E Holtham
- (h) **Allotments:** Cllr E Holtham. It was agreed that, considering the issues raised in the public session, the Council consider the waiting list and possible provision of additional sites.

9. Update on Harrier Way Play Area

Cllr Holtham outlined the history of the site and design as public open space, the need for remedial works to be undertaken and the past failure to meet an agreement for transfer to the Parish Council. NFDC had recently offered to undertake remedial works prior to transfer, with the exception of the dropped kerbs and a formal notification of this offer was expected. This to be considered upon receipt, plus the possible alternative for a maintenance contract to be agreed.

10. **Re-opening of Calshot toilets**

Cllr Glass reported on the previous attempts to close this facility, which had been strongly opposed, given the lack of suitable alternative provision. Concern was expressed at the possible spread of disease, if the proposal for other uses of the site were to go ahead. It was agreed that the Clerk write to NFDC requesting refurbishment of the facility and continued use as a public toilet, possibly as an eco-toilet. District Councillors also to pursue, Cllr Glass to attend a meeting to discuss this matter, Cllr Wappet to request that this be placed on the agenda for the Environmental Committee.

11. **Land opposite Fawley School/Stonehills**

Cllr Holtham reported on the possibility of ownership of land at this location and the past history of the site. As no deeds were registered, it was agreed that Cllr Holtham proceed with investigation and the establishment of ownership and, if proven, make the relevant claims to register the land.

12. **Bench or tree in memorial on Parish Council land.**

Cllr Dunsdon reported a request for provision of a bench in memorial of Marlene Biddlecombe, cost to be provided by the applicant and to be placed adjacent to the pond at Gang Warily.

RESOLVED: That the provision be granted.

13. **Christmas tree in Fawley Square:**

RESOLVED: That an application for licence be made to NFDC.

14. **Correspondence**

a) For response:

i) New Forest District Council: Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment.

RESOLVED: To suggest that the Sloane Avenue car park be used to provide sheltered accommodation for the elderly.

ii) Hampshire Constabulary: Request for support in proposing the reinstatement of a gate in Dark Lane to avoid misuse of the public footpath.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council support the stopping of vehicular access and the re-use of existing posts, without the addition of a further gate.

iii) Hampshire County Council: Invitation to Archives Alive presentation on development of community heritage collections, 25th June, 10am-4pm, Winchester.

iv) New Forest District Council: Request for comments on BT proposals to remove payphone provision at the following locations:

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council object to the removal of payphones at Calshot Road, Calshot; Lepe, Exbury and Whitefield Road, Holbury, on the grounds of the need for provision for emergency use for all sites and where there are deprived areas in Calshot and Holbury.

b) For information:

i) Free loft and cavity wall installation for the over 70s who own or privately rent. Call 0800 512 012 for further information.

c) Items that were present at the meeting and available from the office on request: Hampshire Playing Fields Association Newsletter, New Forest Community Planning Guide, Community First New Forest Support and Services Directory, Lepe News, Hampshire Food Festival leaflet.

RESOLVED: That a copy of the New Forest Community Planning guide be requested for all members.

15. Hampshire Constabulary Newsletters: April 12th-25th and April 26th – 9th May. PC Woodhouse was thanked for his regular newsletters and their benefit to the parish.

16. Date of next meeting – 23rd July 2008

17. Exclusion of the public and press.

RESOLVED: That, given the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public, including the press, be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

18. Proposals for provision of a bar lease at Gang Warily.

Members noted the request from Blackfield & Langley FC for consideration of their utilising the existing, reduced area upstairs facilities. A response to the Parish Council's offer for renting of the downstairs facility was still awaited.

RESOLVED: To hold a meeting of the working party to further discuss the potential of different options for the provision of catering and bar management, this to be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 25th June.

19. Lease of the green at Ashlett.

RESOLVED: That the lease of Parish Council land at Ashlett be offered to the new licence holders, subject to effective monitoring of the agreement and opt-out provision for non-compliance.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.12pm.

.....Chairman