

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 4 November 2009 at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present: Cllr D Walker (In the Chair), Cllr Mrs S Read (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs M Alderman, Cllr L Dunsdon, Cllr M Fidler, Cllr A Glass, Cllr G Smith.

Also present: Cllr B Hall, 7 members of the public.

In attendance:

Mr K Lobley, Centre Manager Gang Warily.

Mrs S Markides, Clerical Officer.

1. **Apologies:** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2009 be signed as a correct record.

PUBLIC SESSION: Members of the public expressed their concerns regarding the proposed reduction in opening hours of the New Forest District Council Information Office located in the Jubilee Hall. Local groups using the facilities sought clarification on what options the parish council would be taking and hoped that reducing the opening hours of the Information Office would not lead to the eventual closure of the hall. Concerns raised included the security and health and safety of users without an office presence plus the distance residents would have to travel to access NFDC information.

The meeting was asked if the new owner of the toilets in the village recently sold at auction was known yet. The query was unable to be answered.

The meeting was also advised that two trees were being planted at the junction of Fawley Road/ Calshot Road) in memory of those who had lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan. The planting would be taking place on Wednesday 11 November with a service and blessing by Reverend Barry James at 10.45am followed by a 2-minute silence at 11am. Infant children from each of the local schools had been invited to plant bulbs around the trees and members were also welcome to attend. Another member of the public stated that the tree planted in memory of Gregory Fernandes was much appreciated.

4. **Chairman's Remarks:** The Chairman advised that the organising committee of Waterside Arts had asked if events could be staged in the parish of Fawley during the 2010 festival. To assist with their planning could the Parish Council in principle indicate whether they were able to commit to this project?

RESOLVED: The Centre Manager to contact the organisers of Waterside Arts to obtain further information.

The Parish Council had received a request to loan tables and chairs for the children's Christmas party taking place in the Falcon Public House on 19 December 2009. Members agreed to the request if collection could be arranged.

New Forest District Council had advised of three planning applications going to Planning Development Control Committee on 11 November:

09/94594 Day Nursery for 40 children / demolition of existing 1 Rolleston Rd, Holbury
Cllr Walker to attend.

09/94568 Detached garage 36 Ivor Close, Holbury and 09/94513, 2 temporary portacabins to use as a clubhouse; storage container; toilet facilities; car parking, Polimeri Europa Golf Club, 1A Rolleston Road.

Anyone wishing to attend please advise the office by Monday 9 November, 11am.

5. **Jubilee Hall:** Members were advised that the proposed opening hours of the Local Information Office at Jubilee Hall had been reached following a meeting with District Council Officers, these were different to the original proposal so that commitment to most existing bookings could be covered. The Hall to be opened as and when bookings required this.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council to accept the proposed reduced opening hours offered by New Forest District Council for the Local Information Office situated in Jubilee Hall but to express disappointment. Cllrs Glass and Mrs Read to represent the parish in discussion of the practicalities with NFDC officers; the Centre Manager also to attend.

6. **Planning**

a) **Parish List:**

09/94568

36 Ivor Close, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2NY

Detached garage

(No 4) We recommend refusal, considered out of character with area.

09/94696

Unit 3, 43 Long Lane, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2LG

Use as restaurant (Use Class A3)

(No3) We recommend permission.

7. **Monthly Sales Values August and September 09.**

RESOLVED: To accept the Monthly Sales Values August and September 2009 (see attached Appendices A and B).

8. **Report from the Centre Manager:** Members discussed the report including the removal of sun beds from Gang Warily, the new daytime bookings received and the half term activities that had taken place (see attached Appendix C).

RESOLVED: The Centre Manager to investigate suitable alternatives to replace the income currently received from the sun beds at Gang Warily and to report back to the next Amenities meeting to be held 13 January 2010.

9. **Use of Parish Facilities:** Members discussed ideas put forward to market the parish facilities.

RESOLVED: The Centre Manager to report back to the Amenities Committee with further viable information on how to market the facilities of the parish.

10. **Amenities Budget Summary for 2010/11:** Members discussed the budget presented. Concern was raised regarding the heating bill for the QEII pavilion and the Centre Manager advised that a new control unit was to be fitted. Members considered the budget figures needed to be reduced to show a zero percentage rise in the current economic climate.

RESOLVED: The Amenities budget to be reviewed by the Centre Manager and represented to the November meeting of the Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee.

11. Correspondence

a) i) NFNPA: Invitation to comment on Revised Draft of the New Forest National Park Management Plan between 22 October and 12 November. Noted. Some members had commented on line.

ii) Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service: Invitation to comment on Fire and Rescue Service Plan 2010-13 by 12 December 2009. Noted.

iii) HCC: Invitation to complete questionnaire on charter that exists between local councils and the County Council. One return from each local council by 27 November 2009.

RESOLVED: The Chairman to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Council.

iv) St Francis Pre-School: Request for raffle prize for Christmas Nativity to be held 28 November 2009.

RESOLVED: The Centre Manager to provide a suitable raffle prize.

v) NALC: Invitation to vote for elections to the Larger Local Councils' Committee. Noted.

vi) Request to use Jubilee Hall for Art and Craft Exhibition, Easter 2010.

RESOLVED: To agree to Art and Craft Exhibition by local artist during Easter School holidays 2010 with conditions as agreed in previous years.

vii) Hampshire Playing Fields Association: Invitation to attend AGM, Tuesday 10 November 2009, Winchester Tennis and Squash Club, 1.45pm. Noted.

viii) Community Action Hampshire: Invitation to attend AGM Wednesday 18 November 2009 10 am at the Middle Brook Centre, Winchester. Noted.

b) For information:

i) Valuation Office Agency: Advice of rateable value, Jubilee Hall effective from April 2010 £8800.00.

RESOLVED: The Finance Officer to review the rateable value of Jubilee Hall.

ii) Chairman of HCC: Thank you letter from Cllr T Knight, following recent Annual Parish Service. Noted.

iii) NFDC: Advice of survey on how accessible council services are. Comments either by phone or online at www.newforest.gov.uk/takepartnow. Noted.

iv) NFDC: Advice of new cashless parking system Parkmobile. Noted.

v) John Lawson's Circus: Advice that the circus will not be visiting Fawley in 2010. Noted.

c) Available from the office upon request: Community Transport News Autumn 2009, New Forest Today Autumn 2009, Carers Together, Do You Care? Autumn 2009, NFDC Forward Plan Key Decisions 1 November 2009 – 28 February 2010, HCC New Forest Directory of Highway Works, November 2009, The Playing Field, Autumn 2009. SEE News Autumn 09, Community Action Hampshire Annual Review 2008/09, The Hampshire Playing Fields, Annual Report year end 31 March 2009, Exxon Mobil Community Matters November 09.

12. Date of next meeting: 13 January 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28 pm.

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Chairman