

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 8 July 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, Cllr E Holtham, Cllr A McDowall, Cllr R Wappet.
3 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:** Cllr Wappet 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. Cllr Mrs Read declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in application 09/94167.

3. Minutes:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 6 May and 13 May 2009 be signed as a correct record.

PUBLIC SESSION:

A member of the public expressed his concerns regarding the planning application at Land rear of 29 Long Lane, Holbury. These included the safety of the proposed vehicular access, which could cause undue interference with the safety of users of the adjoining highway, on street parking, the increase in size of the building and the over development of the site which would be out of character with the rest of the area.

4. Chairman's Remarks:

The Chairman reported that Forest First Children's Centre was holding a Fun day on Saturday 11 July start time 10 am. Esther Ranzten was opening the Waterside Childrens Centre on 1 August at 2 pm and Forest Mela, a celebration of multicultural arts and music was taking place on Saturday 8 August 11 am – 8.30 pm at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst.

5. Planning:

RESOLVED: To submit observations on planning applications, as follows:

a) Parish List:

09/94069

54 Watton Road, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2LW

Relief of Condition 11 of NFR15300/11 to enable area to be included in the residential curtilage and enable permitted development rights to be exercised (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)

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

09/94106

Land rear of 29 Long Lane, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2LF
Bungalow; access via Springfield Grove

(No 4) We recommend refusal and retrospectively strongly object to the application, as the road is considered far too dangerous for any form of building, the proposed increased size of the building would result in an even smaller garden space.

Cllr A Glass offered to speak if required at any future planning meeting where this application might be discussed.

09/94167

31 Charnwood Way, Langley, Fawley, SO45 1ZL

First floor front extension

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

09/94191

6 Hampton Close, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1WQ

Rear conservatory

(No 3) We recommend permission.

09/94196

15 Sherringham Close, Fawley, SO45 1SQ

Two-storey rear extension

(No 3) We recommend permission.

09/94209

Chalone, 1 Fields Close, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1XT

Two-storey side extension

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

09/94220

18 Hartsgrove Avenue, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1WG

Single-storey rear extension

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

b) National Park

09/94193

Eaglehurst East, Stanswood Road, Fawley, Southampton, SO45 1BT

Extension to Existing Garage (Application for Listed Building Consent) – Revised scheme

09/94194

Eaglehurst East, Stanswood Road, Fawley, Southampton, SO45 1BT

Extension to Existing Garage – Revised scheme

Comments on both applications:

(No 4) We recommend refusal due to concerns that the character of the site would be changed, a loss of heritage, the need to preserve the unique and extensive network of tunnels, the entrapment of fuels with no provision for venting and possible obstruction of right of way and of vehicle access.

c) Tree Works

09/0151

Yew Tree Cottage, New Road, Hythe, Hants. SO45 3NR

London Plane x 2 – Fell

The Parish Council strongly object to this application as the occupier of Yew Tree Cottage does not own the trees in question and has failed to notify the owners.

The trees do not cause any shading to Yew Tree Cottage as they are outside the north east corner of the property.

Pruning of the overhang of the Bridleway is a case for the tree owners and the Rights of Way Department.

No damage is being caused to the Bridleway; this is supposition by the applicant.

The two trees are a stately focal point at the entrance to the Bridleway.

Exxon Mobil, the owners of the trees have not been informed of the application, their track record of tree management has been second to none over the years and they would have instructed their own arboriculturalist to examine the trees if there was a problem.

6. **To receive Monthly Sales Values April and May 09:** Members were pleased to note encouraging figures in these times of recession.

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

7. **A report from the Centre Manager:** Members were advised that a "Swishing Event had been held at Gang Warily although unfortunately it had not been as well attended as expected. Future plans included an event on the last Saturday of the month; ideas included a toy sale or jumble sale.

The lease of the old bus compound although agreed in principle, appeared to have fallen through. It was hoped that another interested party might have been found.

The first cricket match of the season had been played at the QEII Recreation Ground and cricket teams were keen to continue playing there next year.

Members requested that an update on items appertaining to the Amenities Committee following the recent Staff Review be brought to the next Amenities Committee meeting to be held on 2 September 2009.

8. **Office Accommodation at Gang Warily:** Members received a report from the Centre Manager regarding a proposal to alter the office accommodation at Gang Warily, this arising from the need to ensure the Centre Manager was in public view in the reception area, able to assist at busy times and followed a request from the physiotherapist based at the Centre to increase the hours that he currently rents office space.

RESOLVED: To agree in principle to the proposal for alterations to office accommodation at Gang Warily subject to costing for the conversion and future levies expected being brought to the Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee meeting 5 August 2009.

9. **Emergency Call Out procedures at Gang Warily:** Members were advised of recent payments made following emergency call outs at the Centre.

RESOLVED: To continue with the present emergency call out procedures as agreed at Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee meeting 26 November 2008. The Chairman of the Amenities Committee to be advised in future of any spurious faults with the alarm system.

10. **Update report on the Hovercraft Rally 2009:** Members were advised that the Hovercraft Rally was to take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Cllr Hall wished it to be recorded that he was against the Hovercraft rally being held at Gang Warily as he considered it went against the green policies of the Council. Cllr Mrs Read requested that the Environmental Office be contacted to test the water quality before and after the rally.

RESOLVED: To contact the Environmental Office or similar agency to provide water quality testing before and after the Hovercraft Rally provided there was no cost to the Council for this facility.

- 11 Update report on Warren Copse:** Cllr Holtham was thanked for the hard work he had undertaken to enable the purchase of woodland for the public, which would be preserved for generations to come.

RESOLVED: That the Council authorise the sealing of the Contract to purchase the woods known as Warren Copse Title No. HP425553 and that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council be authorised to sign it on behalf of the Council.

12. Correspondence

a)

- i) The Exbury Club: Request for raffle prize for Fete Saturday 1 August 2009. Unsuccessful.
- ii) St Francis Pre-School: Request for raffle prize for Summer Sports Day 15 July 2009.

RESOLVED: The Centre Manager to provide a suitable raffle prize for the Summer Sports Day at St Francis Pre-School.

b) For information:

i) Lepe Beach Memorial: Letter of thanks from the organisers for help and support provided to the event at Lepe. Noted.

ii) Hythe Hospital League of Friends: Letter of thanks for raffle prize recently donated. Noted.

c) Available from the office upon request: Standards Board for England Bulletin 44 June 2009 (previously circulated), Clerks and Councils Direct July 2009, Waterside Heritage Newsletter June 2009, Local Council Review Summer 2009.

Date of next meeting: 2 September 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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Chairman