

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Wednesday 18 February 2009 at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present: Cllr M Fidler (In the Chair), Cllr L Dunsdon (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Mrs M Alderman, Cllr Mrs S Courtney, Cllr A Glass, Cllr B Hall, Cllr E Holtham, Cllr R Lewis, Cllr Mrs K Lord, Cllr Mrs B Maynard, Cllr A McDowall, Cllr Mrs S Read, Cllr G Smith, Cllr D Walker, Cllr R Wappet.

In attendance:

Mrs M Hitch, Clerk to the Council.

Also Present: District Cllr Mrs A McEvoy, Police Inspector K Leckey, Police Community Safety Officer B Hayes, 3 members of the public.

113. Apologies: None.

114. Declarations of interest: Cllrs Dunsdon and Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item 117 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 at this point in time.

115. To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2008 and the Extraordinary meeting 17 December 2008.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting on 10 December 2008 and the Extraordinary meeting on 17 December 2008 be signed as a correct record.

PUBLIC SESSION

Two local residents spoke on their objections to planning application 93620 on a site that was subject to previous applications.

116. To receive an update Police Report: PCSO Hayes reported on a significant decrease in anti-social behaviour in the Blackfield area although there had been a group continually gathering in Holbury precinct, with patrols increased accordingly. PC Alison Tilbury is now working in the Hardley and Holbury areas of the parish in addition to her role as Beaulieu beat officer. Only 5 occurrences were recorded in the Fawley village but a large number of incidents in the area of Heather Road. This area is to be the main focus for the coming months and liaison with housing associations and local families would be arranged.

Funding was being sought to start a junior PCSO scheme on Heather Road and, providing successful, to spread to other areas. Monthly meetings to take place with guest speakers and activities such as litter picks. The Youth Worker to attend a drop-in for Hardley school pupils on Wednesday lunchtimes, similar to beat surgeries but focussed on younger people. Confidential discussion is allowed, plus written messages for those not wishing to speak during school hours. Work had been undertaken with Blackfield School on the school travel plan.

Inspector Leckey reported proposals for a Long Term Action Plan for Heather Road, to include provision of advice on parking, keeping things safe, rubbish and recycling, disposal of large non-wanted items, a tidy gardens programme, fence repair, provision of a regular drop-in, basic life skills mentoring, referencing of families to the Partnership Intervention Panel where considered appropriate, zero tolerance for section 5 offences and additional patrols.

It was requested that the Parish Council consider whether they will support this process and engage in consultation and delivery, if appropriate. To include Heather Road in the Community Planning

process, regular reports to Council, arrangements for a drop-in centre and other forms of consultation, checks and monitors on the impact of the strategy.

Members were asked to formally support the project and it was duly agreed, providing that no financial commitment was required.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council register their support in principle of the Heather Road Long Term Action Plan

A further report was received on the Police Liaison meeting of 11 February. Community Plan development was hoped to be able to move forward once the consultation process had been completed later in February. Arrangements for the next 'Fawley Fun Day' were progressing. The Community Reassurance van was to be at Jubilee Hall on 24th February at 6pm and members were requested to attend.

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

08/93444

Waterside Theatre, Esso Club, 179-181 Long Lane, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2PA.

Access ramp; hand rails; refurbish doors; renew entrance steps and fascia; block up 2 side windows.

No 3: We recommend permission.

08/93445

Waterside Theatre; Esso Club; 179-181 Long Lane; Holbury; Fawley; SO45 2PA.

Display wall mounted fascia sign.

No 3: We recommend permission.

09/93620

Land adjacent Elmside, Ashlett Road, Fawley.

Development of 10 dwellings comprised; 2 terraces of 4 houses; 1 pair of semi-detached houses.

No 4: We recommend refusal on the grounds of over development of site and concerns relating to potential parking and congestion problems. Cllr Glass offered to speak at any subsequent planning committee meeting.

b) Tree Work Applications:

09/0033

27 The Glade, Langley, Southampton. SO45 1ZP

One English Oak- Reduce and reshape by 1.5m, crown life to 4m above ground level and crown thin by 10%.

09/0034

98 Rolleston Road, Holbury, Southampton. SO45 2GZ

2X Oaks - Reduce and thin crown by 10% and crown clean.

The Parish Council supports these applications, subject to the recommendations of the New Forest District Council's arboriculturist.

118. Report of the Fawley Youth Trust Working Party

Members noted the report and registered their support for the Newlands Park project, this to be managed by the Centre Manager and proposals regularly reported in detail to the Parish Council or Committees from the Project Working Group, as recommended (see Attached Appendix A).

119. County Councillor's report.

Cllr Dunsdon reported that some complaints had been received regarding the temporary traffic lights at the Rolleston Road crossroads, which had been left working even when no one was on site. The contractor to be advised to ensure the safety of the site and limit traffic management at weekends. Re-phasing was needed to avoid the delays.

The new development at Hampton Court had been provided with bobbled, dropped kerbs as disabled access and this had also been suggested for a further new development. A total of £1,363 had been given towards the Fawley Fun Day, from Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council grants. An appraisal of the pedestrian crossing in Hampton Lane was to be carried out in the next financial year to assess whether this is in the right position and reconsider if necessary.

120. Reports from District Councillors.

Cllr Mrs McEvoy reported local organisations that had or were to receive funding from the Community Engagement Grant, including Beaulieu Young Farmers Club, Blackfield and District Senior Citizens Club, Fawley Parish Church Choir, Fawley Pre-School and Hythe Strikers.

Animal deaths in New Forest had reached a new low following a drive safely campaign. A specialist hydraulic bath had been installed at the Fenwick Community Health and Well-being Centre in Lyndhurst, for use by elderly or disabled people. This was needed to be booked in advance and a small charge was made. Contact number: 02380 282862 or email info@fenwick2.co.

Cllr Wappet reported the decision of the Housing Panel for an increase in rents of around 4% average. No raise considered but central government ruling advised an increase spread over 3 years, which was therefore better to rise in small tranches. Little change in environmental issues, but revenue from recycling decreasing.

121. Reports from Representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies:

- a) Community First, New Forest: Cllr Mrs Maynard reported that no meeting had been held.
- b) New Forest Consultative Panel: Cllr Holtham reported his apologies for the most recent meeting.
- c) New Forest Sports Council.

RESOLVED: That Cllr D Walker be appointed as the Parish Council representative.

- d) Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau: Cllr McDowall reported that the next meeting was scheduled for 19th February 2009.
- e) New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee: Cllrs Fidler and Glass reported on a visit to the Exxon site, including control rooms. See Attached Appendix B.
- f) Transport Committee: Cllr Wappet reported on the Committees AGM and the possibility of publication of a bus timetable, more details and costings awaited. No changes in services were anticipated.

- g) Waterside Youth Steering Committee: Cllr Mrs Lord reported no meeting.
- h) Calshot Project: Cllr Smith reported no meeting.
- i) Waterside Heritage: Cllr Holtham reported that the archaeological dig at the Manor was not successful. The next one may be at Stoney Farm.
- j) New Forest Beach Hut Owners: Cllr Holtham reported on the refusal of NFDC to allow a representative or a consultation group. The recent application for a toilet facility an example of lack of consultation, contrary to the policy of 'partnership working'.
- k) Police Working Party: Cllrs Glass, Mrs Courtney and Mrs Read reported on a useful meeting, including dealing with inconsiderate parking.
- l) New Forest Association Local Councils: Cllrs Glass & Mrs Maynard advised that the next meeting was scheduled for 8 March 2009.
- m) Age Concern: Cllrs Lewis & Mrs Alderman reported apologies for the meeting. Minutes were available from the office. A stall was to be manned at the Marchwood Fete on 4 July 2009.
- n) Prime Liaison: Cllr Mrs K Lord reported that this group no longer met and should be removed from the list.

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Amenities Committee 7 January 2009 be signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Services Committee 21 January 2009 be signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee 4 February 2009 be signed as a correct record.

123. Vacancy on Public Services Committee:

RESOLVED: That Cllr D Walker be appointed to serve on the Public Services Committee.

124. Calendar of Meetings 2009/10

RESOLVED: To adopt the Calendar of Meetings, as revised. See attached Appendix C.

125. Provision of laptop for Youth Worker:

RESOLVED: To agree in principle to the provision of a laptop computer for the Youth Worker, subject to availability of grant to meet the cost involved.

126. Lepe Beach Memorial: Request to erect plaque.

RESOLVED: To agree the erection of a remembrance plaque at Lepe Beach. A site meeting to be called with the proposer, plus Cllrs Fidler, Glass, Holtham and Wappet.

127. New Forest Community Planning Guide:

RESOLVED: To register support for the recognition of the importance of the role of parish and town councils within the guidance and also to agree to the recommendations as made by Ringwood Town Council.

128. Correspondence:

a)

i) Dibden Allotments Charity: Appointment of Representative, Notification that Cllr Fidler completes term of office at end of June.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Fidler be re-appointed as the Parish Council representative.

ii) NFDC: Notification of annual traffic meeting to be held at 10am in Gang Warily on 9 April 2009 to discuss all traffic related issues with representatives from HCC, NFDC, Police and the Parish Council. Members were asked to advise the Clerk of any comments or requests for discussion by 2 April 2009.

iii) HALC: Consultation on the Publicity Code. Comments were invited by 12 March 2009.

iv) Standards Board Survey: Request for response from the Clerk and one member of the Council. Deadline for submission altered to 6 March 2009.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and Cllr Wappet respond to the survey.

b)

i) Hampshire Police: Letter of thanks regarding funding for PCSO and office accommodation at Gang Warily. Noted.

ii) Information Commissioner's Office: Data Protection Act 1998-Confirmation of Renewal. Noted.

iii) HALC: Policing and Crime Bill. Available to view at www.parliament.uk. Noted.

iv) The Stable Family Home Trust: Dates of Have My Say Conferences. Noted.

c) Available from the office upon request:

Community Action Hampshire, Action News Update Feb 09, Community Action Hampshire ANU Extra, NFDC Information Bulletin Feb 09, Public Sector & Local Government Building, Jan 09, Countryside Access Forum, Annual Report 2008, Solace Enterprises Independent Review, Solent News Winter 2008/09, Local Councils Update Jan/Feb 2009, Alzheimer's Society Newsletter, Spring 2009, Community First New Forest, A Guide to Volunteering, The Playing Field Winter, 2008/09.

Exclusion of public and press:

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

129. Overdue invoices: Following discussion including the lack of information on the address of the debtor, it was:

RESOLVED: That the debt of £221.12 be written off.

130. Staff update.

RESOLVED: To agree the recommendations for changes of duty for a member of staff, as recommended by the Centre Manager.

- 131. Code of Conduct for Members:** Following discussion on the letter relating to this sent to all members, it was agreed that the offer of an informal meeting be accepted. The Clerk to contact the Monitoring Officer and make the necessary arrangements.
- 132. Date of next meeting:** 15 April 2009.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9pm.