

## FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Services Committee held on Wednesday 11 November 2009 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

**Present:** Cllr E Holtham (In the Chair), Cllr M Fidler, Cllr B Hall, Cllr A McDowall.

**Also Present:** Cllr A Glass, 3 members of the public.

**In attendance:**

Mrs S Markides, Clerical Assistant.

Under the Parish Council's Standing Orders No 14, Cllr Holtham requested agenda item 13 be added to item 7b Play Areas.

**RESOLVED:** To discuss the Tristan Close Play Area under item 7b Play Areas.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr L Dunsdon and Cllr R Wappet.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.

3. **Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2009 be signed as a correct record.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** A member of the public wished to object to planning application 09/94574 due to the adverse visual impact of the development although he stated that he would look upon it more favourably if amendments were made to the proposals for the rear of the property.

Members were advised of vandalism currently occurring in Rollestone Road and the lack of response experienced from the local police who had advised the residents to contact the parish council for assistance. There appeared to be a lack of street lighting and faults needed to be reported.

**RESOLVED:** To send a letter to the Chief Constable of Hampshire Police raising serious concerns regarding vandalism in the Rollestone Road area and to report the matter to the next Police Liaison Meeting to be held on 20 November 2009. To report street lighting faults to Hampshire Highways.

4. **Chairman's Remarks:** The Chairman advised the meeting that a CD had been received from Halcrow containing an Environmental Scooping Report for the replacement of existing gas pipelines crossing the Western Solent from Lepe to Gurnard Isle of Wight. If any member wished to view and comment by 17 November it was available from the office.

5. **Traffic issues within the Parish. (Matter referred from Parish Council meeting 14 October 2009).**

The meeting was advised that Church Lane still featured on the reserve list of Hampshire County Council schemes in the 09/10 programme with trials to be undertaken on scheme priority. However, concerns about traffic speeds and road safety along Church Lane were expressed with the suggestion again made to bring forward the 30mph signs before the bend and a gateway feature to be erected or even move it to the junction of Calshot Road as the speed of traffic past the

rear entrance to the school was considered excessive. Members were advised that the £3000 contribution towards traffic calming measures made previously by ExxonMobil was earmarked in reserves. A resident had suggested that the village have a 20 mph speed limit.

**RESOLVED:** To contact HCC and again suggest the 30mph signs be moved to before the bend and a gateway feature to be erected.

To apply for a 20 mph speed limit for the village of Fawley.

## 6. Planning:

### a) Parish List

09/94627

191 Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Fawley SO45 1XA

Display 1 internally illuminated fascia sign; 1 internally illuminated projecting signs

**(No 3)** We recommend permission.

09/94707

5 Hamilton Court, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2AN

Rear conservatory

**(No 3)** We recommend permission.

09/94720

67 Lime Kiln Lane, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2HJ

Retention of increased chimney height

**(No 1)** We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the District officers under their delegated powers.

09/94754

8 Hadley Field, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2JX

Rear roof extension; 4 front roof lights in association with new second floor; two-storey front extension

**(No 4)** We recommend refusal due to the adverse visual impact, which would be over bearing to the houses to the rear of the property, the proposed front alterations were considered out of character to the street scene.

Cllr Glass stated he would be willing to speak at any future planning meeting where this application may be discussed.

### b) Tree works

09/0716

17 Harts Grove Avenue, Blackfield, Southampton SO45 1WG

T1 Oak – Crown thin by a max of 20% and crown clean

T2 Ash – Crown clean

T3 Oak – Crown clean, crown lift to max 4m

T4 Beech – Crown lift over garden of no 20 to 3.5m and reduce lateral limbs over garden by up to 2.5m to a height of 10m.

We support the minimum tree management required as agreed by the District Council's arboriculturist

## 7. To receive reports for the following:

a) Ashlett – Cllr Hall reported there were no problems at the moment. A new bin had been requested from NFDC and it was hoped this would be arranged in the near future.

b) Play Areas – Cllr Fidler (see attached Appendix A). The meeting was advised that the play area at Tristan Close, Calshot was currently closed due to concerns regarding the safety surface, which would cost approximately £12,000 to repair. The Head Groundsman had compiled a report of the other play areas where the safety surfaces needed repairing and the costs involved were in the region of £30,000. Cllr Holtham requested members to note costs

involved for the maintenance and repairs required for the play areas of the parish when considering the budget figures, item 9 on the agenda.

c) Footpaths – Cllr Holtham. Nothing to report.

d) Holbury Manor & Warren Copse – Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix B).

**RESOLVED:** Letters of thanks to be sent to ExxonMobil and local resident following Community Volunteer Day.

Dedication of Public Right of Way:

**RESOLVED:** To agree that a footpath be established through Warren Copse and that kissing gates be erected at all entrances to the Copse apart from the car park where currently a metal barrier exists.

**RESOLVED:** To agree to a request to add details of Holbury Manor to Natural England's Country Park pages.

e) QEII – Cllr Fidler (see attached Appendix C).

Members expressed concern that the new control panel unit was still to be fitted and hoped that this would be installed as a matter of urgency. The dog bin was in need of repair.

f) Gang Warily – Cllr Holtham. No report.

g) Allotments – Cllr Holtham

**RESOLVED:** To request Developers Contributions in order to progress with plans to use the field at Fawley School as an allotment site.

**8. Utilities – Meter Readings:** The meeting was advised that monthly readings would take place for all utilities of the parish buildings so that any discrepancies were quickly noted.

**9. Public Services Budget Summary for 2010/11:** Members considered the budget summary including the need to build a contingency fund. If £20,000 currently proposed as a contingency fund was removed from the summary it was considered to be necessary to ear mark the same amount in the reserves of the parish council to be used as a contingency fund.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the budget summary as written (see attached Appendix D) before presenting to the Policy, Resources and Personnel meeting on 25 November 2009.

**10. To consider whether Bye Laws are required for Play Areas within the Parish:** Following a meeting with concerned residents living near the Renda Road play area and other agencies a request for bye laws for play areas had been made.

**RESOLVED:** To further investigate whether byelaws were required for play areas of the parish and to report back to council.

**11. Correspondence:**

a)

i) Request for Parish Council to be applicant for Christmas tree and lighting in Fawley Square.

**RESOLVED:** The Parish Council to apply for licence to erect a Christmas tree and battery operated low voltage lighting in Fawley Square.

ii) NALC: Invitation to attend Larger Council's Conference and Exhibition, Royal National Hotel, London on Wednesday 2 December. Noted.

iii) NFDC Preparation of Sites and Development Management Development Plan Document:

**RESOLVED:** To suggest the derelict site of the Public House at Calshot although this location was considered unsuitable for social housing due to transport concerns. It was also considered that Fawley had adequate social housing within the parish and far more social housing than neighbouring parishes.

To suggest the site currently known as Renda Road Play area.

**b) For information:**

i) NFDC: Notification that the Council adopted the Core Strategy for the New Forest (outside the National Park) as a Development Plan Document on 26 October 2009. Noted.

ii) NFDC: Notice of temporary road closures 1 Dec – 30 Nov 2010. Noted.

**c) Available from the office on request:**

Community Action Hampshire Action News Nov 09, Here and Now The Magazine of the Parish of Fawley Nov 09, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Crimestoppers Annual Report 08/09, HALC Local Council News Autumn 09, Campaign to Protect Rural England Countryside Voice Autumn 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.

- 12. **Staffing Matters:** Members received an update report regarding the recent incident at the Groundmans Compound.
- 13. **Tristan Close Play Area:** This matter was discussed under agenda item 7b.
- 14. **Date of next meeting:** 20 January 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

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Chairman