

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Services Committee held on Wednesday 18 March 2009 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present: Cllr M Fidler (In the Chair), Cllr Mrs B Maynard (Vice-Chairman), Cllr L Dunsdon, Cllr B Hall, Cllr C McDowall, Cllr D Walker.

Also Present: Cllr Mrs M Alderman, Cllr A Glass.
3 members of the public until item 6.

In attendance:

Mrs M A Hitch, Clerk to the Council.
Mrs S Markides, Clerical Assistant.

1. Apologies: Cllr E Holtham.

2. Declarations of Interest: None.

3. Minutes:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2009 be signed as a correct record.

PUBLIC SESSION: Two members of the public expressed disappointment that there had been no feedback following the recent Amenities Committee meeting regarding their offers of help in setting up a youth club in Fawley Village. It was explained that this idea was being investigated further with the need for certain checks to be in place before progress could be made. A copy of the report the Youth Worker had presented to the Council was provided.

Concerns were raised regarding the planning application; Land adjacent Elmside, Ashlett Road, Fawley with the notice on site referring to a "Major Development" and the comment deadline being extended. Members discussed the potential for parking and agreed that a further letter be sent querying the modification to drawings and requesting information on this.

4. Chairman's Remarks: An invitation to a Reception for Parish and Town Councils on 17 April in the Great Hall, Winchester had been received. Cllrs Glass, McDowall and Walker were to attend. A Speed Indicator Device had been deployed at Hampton Lane, Blackfield near to the Primary School for one week commencing Monday 16 March. Nominations for the Chairman's Cup Citizen of the Year Award were invited to be put forward for consideration by the Chairman.

5. Planning.

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

a) Parish List:

09/93716

Dawayo, Lime Kiln Lane, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2HJ.

Roof alterations in association with new first floor of existing garage.

(1) We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the District Officers under their delegated powers.

09/93731

1 Rollestone Road, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2GD

Single-storey replacement nursery school.

(1) We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the District Officers under their delegated powers.

09/93760

34 Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1ZA

Roof alterations in association with new first floor; dormer; two-storey rear extension.

(1) We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the District Officers under their delegated powers.

b) New Forest National Park:

09/93857

The Old Mill Inn, Lime Kiln Lane, Holbury, Southampton SO45 2HE

Retention of a smoking shelter (replacement structure).

(1) We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

6. **An update report from the Youth Worker:**(see attached Appendix A). It was also noted that fishing equipment at a cost of £640.00 and a Wii Games Console plus game at a cost of £368.76 had been purchased from the Youth Provision Fund.

Concern was raised regarding poor attendance at the drop-in sessions at Gang Warily. The trial provision was to be reconsidered at the next Parish Council meeting on 15 April 2009.

Permission was recommended regarding the request for storage of items in the back room of Jubilee Hall.

7. **Reports for the following:**

Ashlett – Cllr Hall had attended the January meeting of Ashlett Club where the proposed boundary changes by the New Forest National Park Authority had been discussed. It was considered that the inclusion of the creek within the boundary was necessary to preserve the beauty and quality of the area. Fundraising throughout the year by the club had raised almost £2000, which had been donated to various charities. It was suggested that a letter of congratulations regarding this achievement be sent.

Work was in progress at the Jolly Sailor with the intention of re-opening by the end of April. It was suggested that the agreement between the Parish Council and the Jolly Sailor be reviewed before this date. Consideration was to be given to the siting of tables and grass cutting schedules. The benches urgently required repainting. Following the completion of drainage work by Hampshire County Council it was considered that the gravel raising previously suggested to the Committee was also urgently required.

RESOLVED: The Senior Groundsman to take immediate action regarding the gravel raising at Ashlett Creek and the Maintenance Manager to repaint the seats as soon as possible.

Play equipment – Cllr Walker was elected to assist Cllr Fidler with the play equipment reports. The Annual Inspection Report of all the play areas within the parish had been received. It was extremely detailed and the Groundsmen were aware of the work required.

QEII – Cllr Fidler reported that the new swing was due to be delivered at the beginning of April. There were currently problems with litter; dog fouling and the goal posts had been removed twice in recent weeks.

8. Topic for Good Citizens Project 2009: Blackfield Primary School had suggested that the topic be for the current year 6 pupils divided into groups to lobby for a local issue or facility, with a presentation of the best ideas to be held on 21 July 2009. Members were pleased to accept this proposal and noted that part of the learning process would be the acceptable and realistic use of public money.

9. Recommendation from Finance Officer:

RESOLVED: That the balance of the Maintenance and Repair Account No 7711 be earmarked for the accounts 2009/10.

10. Freehold transfer of Harrier Way, Open Space and Play Area: Members discussed the transfer of the play area but considered that the play equipment currently installed was unfit for use and therefore the offer was not viable.

RESOLVED: To refuse the offer from New Forest District Council of the freehold transfer of Harrier Way Open Space and Play Area.

11. Repair or replacement of Parish notice boards:

RESOLVED: The Maintenance Manager to proceed with the repair of the parish notice boards at an approximate cost of £87.50.

12. Suggestions made at the recent Staffing Review relating to the Public Services Committee:

Members were happy to support the suggestions made by staff subject to the availability of funding within the existing budgets.

13. Correspondence:

a)

i. Hampshire Deaf Association

RESOLVED: A family golf voucher to be sent to the Hampshire Deaf Association for a future fund raising event.

ii. Community Action Hampshire: Your market is shifting-are you? Health & Social Care Case Studies (9.00 – 13.00) and Workshops (13.50 – 16.00). Friday 24 April 2009. Sparsholt College, Winchester. Free of charge. Cllr McDowall to attend.

b) For information:

i. New Forest National Park: Ashlett Creek conservation area consultation on character appraisal and proposed boundary changes. Advice that all responses to the consultation will be reported to the meeting of National Park Authority on 28 May 2009 when the proposals will be considered. Noted.

ii. Planning Inspectorate: Advice of Appeal Decision, 10 Sherringham Close, Fawley, First floor rear extension. Appeal allowed. Noted.

iii. Planning Inspectorate: Advice of Appeal Decision, Land north east side of Calshot Rd, Calshot. Double garage and access. Appeal Dismissed. Noted.

iv. NFDC: Local Development Framework Core Strategy- New Forest District Outside the National Park. Advice that document can be viewed at www.newforest.gov.uk.uk/planning or at District Council Offices. Noted.

v. NFDC News Bulletin: Free swimming (after registration) at local Health and Leisure Centres for the Over 60s and under 17s from 1st April 2009. Noted.

c) Available from the office on request: Community Action Hampshire, Action News Update, March 09 and Action News Update Extra. The Standards Board for England, Town and Parish Standard Feb 09 and the Standards Board Bulletin 42, Community Action Hampshire, Communique March 09, Waterside Heritage, Newsletter Feb 09, Local Councils Review, March 09, Clerks & Councils Direct, March 09, ExxonMobil Chemical, Community Matters, March 09, CPRE Fieldwork Mar 09, Local Councils Update Mar 09.

Date of next meeting: 27 May 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.17pm.

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Chairman