

## FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Services Committee held on Wednesday 21 January 2009 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

**Present:** Cllr E Holtham (In the Chair), Cllr Mrs B Maynard (Vice-Chairman), Cllr L Dunsdon, Cllr M Fidler, Cllr B Hall.

**Also present:** Cllr Mrs M Alderman, Cllr A Glass, Cllr D Walker.  
1 member of the public (from Item 4).

### **In attendance**

Mrs M A Hitch, Clerk to the Council.

Mrs S Markides, Clerical Assistant.

- 1. Apologies.** None.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Dunsdon 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 Alderman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 08/93509.

### **3. Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2008 be signed as a correct record.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** There were no members of the public present at this stage of the meeting.

- 4. Chairman's Remarks:** The Chairman welcomed newly elected Councillor David Walker to the meeting.  
He reported the sad loss of Mr E de Rothschild and it was agreed that a letter of condolence from the Parish Council be sent.  
The opening of the new community building at the QEII Recreation Ground on Saturday 17 January had gone well and thanks were passed on to the staff that had contributed to the success of the event.  
Advice had been received from New Forest District Council of a temporary road closure, Rollestone Road and Newlands Road, Fawley commencing 26 January 2009 for resurfacing. An invitation had been received to attend sessions on Planning Permitted Development Rights for Householders Training to be held at Lyndhurst on 5 and 26 February 2009. Councillors Glass and Dunsdon to attend.

### **5. Planning: RESOLVED:** To submit observations on planning applications, as follows:

08/93452

93-95 Long Lane, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2ND (NB: proposed legal agreement)

Two-storey extension to form 1 ground floor retail unit with 1 first floor flat.

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

08/93505

Block 112, Fawley Refinery, Fawley, SO45 1TX

Relocation of office buildings.

**(No3)** We recommend permission.

Cllr Mrs Alderman left the meeting.

08/93509

4 Long Copse, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2LD

Two-storey side extension.

**(No1)** We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

Cllr Mrs Alderman returned to the meeting.

09/93552

207 Long Lane, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2PD

Single-storey front & rear extension; store; workshop; demolition of existing out buildings.

**(No3)** We recommend permission.

09/93561

Sunnycot, Kings Copse Road, Blackfield, Fawley SO45 1XF

House; demolition of existing.

**(No3)** We recommend permission.

**b) Tree Work Applications:**

08/0399

Pogles Wood, The Pentagon, Fawley, Southampton SO45 1EE

W1 Willow & Hazel stems located on the south - western boundary of site overhanging fence line into Heather Road estate- fell to ground level creating coppice stools.

The Parish Council **SUPPORTS** this application.

- 6. An update report from the Youth Worker including further information on street lighting at Newlands Park.** The Youth Worker reported to members on her work within the Parish (see attached Appendix A). Members discussed the report including the siting of a small storage shed at Gang Warily, Criminal Records Bureau checks for volunteers plus the risk assessments that needed to take place prior to the start of the drop-in sessions at the Centre. With regards to the play equipment at Church Lane it was suggested that a cantilever bus shelter could be installed at a location away from the housing to provide shelter, the Youth Worker to advise the local youth who requested an up to date area that this may be a possibility. Members also discussed the options regarding lighting at the Newlands Park site including solar lights, which were considered too costly.

**RESOLVED:** To proceed with the installation of electronic photocell lights at the Newlands Park site, with £1500 grant monies received from New Forest District Council, the balance of £1183.61 to be met from the Youth Provision Skate Park fund.

**7. To receive reports for the following:**

- a) Ashlett: Cllr Hall reported that the Jolly Sailor may be re-opening in the Spring, further information was awaited. Seats/ picnic tables to be located and readied for future use.
- b) Play equipment: Cllr Fidler reported no real change; the safety surface at QEII needed replacing.
- c) Footpaths: Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix B). Includes response to item 8a) i.
- d) Holbury Manor: Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix B).
- e) QEII: Cllr Fidler reported concern at the amount of dog fouling taking place on the pitches recently. A small tree had been cut down and had had to be removed by the ground staff. The Centre Manager was to check that products used for cleaning of the flooring materials at the

QEII were adhering to manufacturers instructions. Graffiti on the new building had proved difficult to remove completely and the Head Groundsman had therefore requested that a weather shield sealant be put on the pavilion to assist in the prevention and removal of any future graffiti damage.

**RESOLVED:** To purchase weather shield sealant at cost of £520.20 excluding VAT to paint exterior of QEII community building, costs to be met from QEII budget.

Councillor Holtham also added that a barrier had been erected along the edge of the old tennis courts to stop vehicles driving onto the field as it is going to be used as an overflow car park when the recreation ground is busy. The original cost for metal barriers was £1500 but telegraph poles inherited from Newlands Park had been used at no cost (see attached Appendix C).

f) Gang Warily: Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix C)

It was also reported that a Kick Boxing event would be taking place at Gang Warily on Sunday 15 February.

g) Allotments: Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix C)

## 8. Correspondence:

a i) New Forest National Park: Ashlett Creek conservation areas- consultation on character appraisals and proposed boundary changes.

**RESOLVED:** That the National Park Authority be advised that the Parish Council is interested in what happens within the area and would make comment on the rare plants, historic character and beauty of the area, use by local residents and the fact that it is the only public quay left that we know of. Members to advise the Clerk of any further comments by 5 February 2009.

Councillor Hall requested that any future documents received on the consultation be forwarded to him.

ii) Letter from local resident regarding condition of footpaths within the Calshot area. Cllr Holtham had answered the queries made in his Footpaths report (see attached Appendix B). Letters to be sent to the resident and the National Park Authority.

iii) NALC Communications Officer: Request for comments on whether Parish and Town Councils should have powers to levy a business rate.

**RESOLVED:** That Fawley Parish Council supports the idea that Parish and Town Councils should have the power to levy a business rate.

iv) Fawley Parochial Church Council:

**RESOLVED:** To agree to a request to hold annual Parish Summer Fete on Saturday 4 July in Churchfield, Fawley.

v) Community First New Forest: "Attracting Volunteers". One day free training event, Friday 3 April 2009 Lyndhurst Community Centre 9.30am – 3pm. Noted. Office to be advised if members wish to attend.

vi) Community First New Forest: Safer People Handling Awareness Course Thursday 23 April 2009 Lyndhurst Community Centre, 9.30am-12.30pm. Cost £25.00. Noted.

vii) Community First New Forest & New Forest District Council: Invitation to an introduction to the Equality & Diversity Toolkit. Wednesday 29 April 2009, Lyndhurst Community Centre, 10am-3pm. Noted.

viii) Waterside Gymnastics Club: Invitation to Annual Gala, Noadswood School 23,24 January 7pm and 25 January 1.30pm. Noted.

ix) NFDC: New Forest Spring Clean. 7-15 March 2009. Noted.

- b i) Royal Navy Fleet Command: Letter of thanks for allowing use of the public slip in Ashlett Creek during recent exercise. Noted.
- ii) NFDC Performance Improvement Officer: Update on BT phone box removal. Objection to removal of boxes in Calshot Rd, Whitefield Rd and Lepe may be appealed against. Noted.
- iii) NFDC: Notification of Tree Preservation Order 29/08. Land of Mopley Close adjacent to the South Western Boundary of 1 Walkers Lane South, Blackfield. Noted.

**Available from the office on request:** HALC: Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Bill January 2009, NALC: Report of the Chief Executive, December 2008, Community Action Hampshire, Communique Dec 08, Action News Update Jan 09 (attached) and Parish Plan News Jan 2009, Communities and Local Government, Communities In Control: Real people, real power, New Forest Business Partnership, Business Connexions Winter08/09, HCC & Amey, Inroads, Jan 2009, NFDC Hometalk, Winter 2008, Exxon Mobil Chemical, Community Matters, Winter 2008, Exxon Mobil, The Lamp Magazine Issue Number 3, National Grid, Gridline, Winter 08, University of Winchester, Information on Foundation Degree Management Voluntary Sector Programme, HCC Quality of Life in Hampshire 2008.

**9. Date of next meeting:** 18 March 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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Chairman