

## FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Services Committee held on Wednesday 16 September 2009 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

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

**Also Present:** Cllr Mrs M Alderman (until item 11).

**In attendance:**

Mrs S Markides, Clerical Assistant.

Under the Parish Council's Standing Orders No 14, Cllr Holtham requested that an item be added to the existing Private and Confidential session as this required urgent attention.

**RESOLVED:** To add Staffing Matters to the Private and Confidential session of the agenda.

**1. Apologies:** Cllr R Wappett.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Mrs Alderman declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 5 planning application 09/94507 and stated she would leave the room whilst this was discussed.

**3. Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2009 be signed as a correct record.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** There were no members of the public present.

**4. Chairman's Remarks:** New Forest District Council had advised that an application had been received for the temporary road closure of Newlands Road, Fawley on Sunday 11 October by New Forest Race on behalf of Hardley Runners. Marshalls and a special constable would be in place.

**RESOLVED:** To inform NFDC that the Council wished to ensure that the correct signage was in place for the temporary road closure.

Hampshire County Council had sent an invitation to take part in a trial for the National Highways and Transport Survey. Cllr Wappett was to complete this on behalf of the Council.

**5. Planning:**

**a)**

09/94465

9 Harvey Court, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1SG

Attached house; parking; cycle store (details of access, appearance, landscaping & scale development granted by outline permission 08/92344)

**(No 5)** We are happy to accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

Cllr Mrs Alderman left the meeting

09/94507

Land adjacent Linden, Lepe Road, Langley, Fawley, SO45 1YT

Attached house

(No 5) We are happy to accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers although we do support the concerns listed on the consultation briefing regarding the parking/turning facilities proposed.

Cllr Mrs Alderman returned to the meeting.

## 6. To receive reports for the following:

a) Ashlett:

**RESOLVED:** To contact NFDC regarding a new litter bin at Ashlett, this to be of an acceptable design bearing in mind it is a conservation area. The bin to be repaired for the time being.

b) Play Areas: Cllr Fidler (see attached Appendix A). It was noted that the dog bin also needed to be repaired and the fence at the far of the recreation ground was to be taken down.

c) Footpaths: Cllr Holtham provided an Annual Report (see attached Appendix B).

d) Holbury Manor & Warren Copse: Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix C). The meeting was also informed that the pond area may be improved as part of the ExxonMobil Employee Volunteering Day.

**RESOLVED:** To apply for the removal of the Tree Protection Order for Warren Copse during the development time scale of the site (currently 20 years) but to reinstate it after this.

**RESOLVED:** To proceed with the dedication of a Right of Way within Warren Copse.

e) QEII: Cllr Fidler: (see attached Appendix D). Following a complaint, members discussed the positioning of a bench within the recreation ground.

**RESOLVED:** To not remove the bench for the time being but to review the situation in January 2010.

f) Gang Warily: Cllr Holtham reported that in future the wire fence around Gang Warily would not be replaced when damaged as this was considered to be unnecessary when a ditch also surrounded the centre.

g) Allotments: Cllr Holtham reported that currently 71 people were on the allotment waiting list. Members discussed the annual charge for each plot. The possibility of a new site using the field at Fawley School was being investigated.

**RESOLVED:** To increase the annual allotment charge from £10.10 to £10.50 for 2010, the deposit charged for new allotment holders to be raised from £20.00 to £25.00.

**RESOLVED:** To accept in principle using the field at Fawley School as an allotment site subject to costs and information on the availability of grants and developers contributions. To contact the Education Department of HCC regarding access.

7. **Seating provision in Blackfield:** Members discussed a recent proposal for "staging post seats" within the Blackfield ward. It was considered that previously seats provided in the location had been damaged and consequently removed and that the Parish Council was unable to provide any new seating at this time.

## 8. Wessex Close Play Area:

**RESOLVED:** To investigate the cost of registering the Wessex Close Play Area.

9. **Update regarding Coastal signage and Jet Ski Activity at Calshot:** Members were advised of the recommended information to be included on the coastal sign at Calshot as provided by the Royal National Lifeboat Institute.

**RESOLVED:** To write to NFDC and request the signage currently in place at Calshot be changed to reflect the risk assessment carried out by the RNLI.

To suggest that the signs to the front and rear of Stanswood Rescue Headquarters be changed to indicate that a lifeguard is on duty if the flag is flying.

To advise that the minutes of the Calshot Beach Hut Owners Focus Group record that the problem of Jet Ski usage has been discussed on numerous occasions since 2004.

10. **Maintenance work required at Jubilee Hall, Fawley:** It was considered that improvements needed to be made to the building as soon as possible.

**RESOLVED:** The Centre Manager to be advised of all works required. The work to be prioritised with immediate attention to be paid to the exterior of the building. Costs to be met from budget code 7711.

11. **Flooding – Lime Kiln Lane:**

**RESOLVED:** To contact the Highways Department to request positive action regarding the flooding at Lime Kiln Lane as previous efforts to solve the problem have proved unsuccessful.

12. **Correspondence:**

a)

i. Planning Solutions Consulting Ltd/HCC Lepe Country Park Development Consultation Questionnaire.

**RESOLVED:** To respond to questionnaire stating that Lepe Country Park is considered to be fine as it is.

ii. Unlock Democracy: The Sustainable Communities Act. Noted.

iii. HCC: Hantsweb Awards. Invitation to nominate. Noted.

iv. HCC Community Led Planning Pilot Launch (New Forest) 29 September 2009 6pm Minstead Village Hall. Noted.

v. CPRE: Invitation to seminar “Enhance the countryside in your Parish”. Wednesday 11 November, Sutton Scotney Hall, Nr Winchester. 9.30 am – 3 pm Free to one member. Noted.

vi. North Wessex Downs: Invitation to Opportunities for Economic Development in a Protected Landscape Forum. Thurs 15 Oct 2009 10 am – 4 pm Marlborough Town Hall. Noted.

**b) For information:**

i. Letter from local resident regarding Hardley Roundabout. Noted.

ii. NFNPA: Ashlett Creek conservation area- consultation on character appraisal and proposed boundary changes. Further report now to be taken to NPA meeting 24 September. Noted.

iii. NFDC: Advice of new website for young people 11-18 yrs being launched. Noted.

**c) Available from the office on request:** Community Action Hampshire, Action News Update Sept 2009 and Parish Plan News Sept 2009, ExxonMobil Chemical, Community Matters September 09, Here and Now, The Magazine of the Parish of Fawley, September 09, New Forest District Council/NF Community Safety Partnership Cool View for Kids Press Release, Clerks and Councils Direct September 2009.

**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.

**13. An update report on Renda Road Play Area:**

**RESOLVED:** To contact the planning department of NFDC to discuss the Play Area at Renda Road and the way forward.

**RESOLVED:** To send a strong letter of complaint to NFDC regarding the Open Space Department and access to the Parish Council's Developer's Contributions.

**14. Items appertaining to Public Services Committee following recent Staff Review.**

**RESOLVED:** To ensure that the suggestions made at the recent Staff Review were progressing.

**15. Staffing Matters:** Members were advised that the Groundsman had been unable to complete a course to obtain a qualification to operate a Chainsaw from Rope and Harness. A refund of costs of a follow on course would be obtained.  
An incident had occurred at the Gang Warily Compound, which required investigation.

**16. Date of next meeting:** 11 November 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.26 pm.

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Chairman