

## FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on 8 December 2010 at 7.00 pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

**Present:** Cllr M Fidler (In the Chair), Cllr L Dunsdon (Vice-Chairman, from item 4), Cllr Mrs M Alderman, Cllr A Glass, Cllr B Hall, Cllr E Holtham, Cllr Mrs L McDermott, Cllr Mrs S Read, Cllr R Wappet.

**Also present:** County Councillor Mrs A McEvoy & 1 member of the public (until item 10), 1 member of the press (from item 3 - until item 14).

### **In Attendance:**

Mr S Nash, Parish Clerk

Mrs S Markides HR& Admin Officer

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr Mrs K Lord, Cllr Mrs B Maynard & Cllr G Smith.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** Cllr Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute 6, Planning, as he is a member of the New Forest District Council Planning Committee. He stated that he would consider the applications on the evidence in front of him at this point in time.
- 3. Co-option to fill Councillor vacancy:**

**RESOLVED:** To co-opt Mr Marshall Palmer to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council.

- 4. Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2010 be signed as a correct record.

- 5. Chairman's Announcements:** The Chairman advised of the successful installation of grit bins within the Parish. He wished it to be recorded that the grit was not to be used on private driveways.  
A letter of thanks had been received from a resident following the comments made by the Parish Council relating to a successful planning application.  
The Chairman reminded those present of the Christmas Festivities taking place on Saturday 11 December in the village with a timetable of events available and he hoped that as many as possible would attend.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

- 6. Planning: RESOLVED:** To submit the following observations:

**a) Parish List:**

10/96418

57 Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Fawley SO45 1WN

Detached garage

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

10/96428

Land adjacent Francis Court, Waltons Avenue, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2LU

House; garage; parking; access

**(No 4)** We recommend refusal due to concerns relating to overcrowding, (there are currently 2 portacabins on site) and concerns regarding access and parking.

10/96436

42 Springfield Avenue, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2LP

Single storey rear extension

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

**b) New Forest National Park Authority**

10/95904

1 Bramblebank Cottages, Calshot Road, Calshot, Southampton, SO45 1BR

Two storey extension and balcony

**(No 3)** We recommend permission but would wish to add that the finish be the same as the rest of the block.

**c) New Forest District Council Tree Works**

10/0601

11 Falconer Court, Holbury, Southampton, SO45 2PY

Oak – Fell

The Parish Council expressed disappointment that all information is no longer sent to the Council with tree work applications. They had been unable to access the information online and therefore wished to comment once this information had been received.

7. **An update report from the Youth Worker** (see attached Appendix A). Members were also informed of the new Police Community Support Officer assigned to the Parish.
8. **County Councillor's report:** Cllr Mrs McEvoy advised of her position as Chairman of the Hampshire 2012 Olympic Steering Committee and some of the events that were to take place. NFDC Officer Jamie Burton was to coordinate the New Forest Olympic effort and the Hampshire 2012 Coordinator was Barry Kitcher at HCC, Tel 01962 847708.

Cllr Mrs McEvoy also updated members on the Fields in Trust Scheme (FIT). This is the only independent UK wide organisation dedicated to protecting and improving outdoor sports and play spaces and has been doing so since 1925. The vision is to ensure that everyone – young and old, abled and disabled and whether they live in an urban or rural area – has access to free, local outdoor space for sport, play and recreation. To achieve this FIT will work in a number of different ways:

Permanently protecting individual playing fields from development

Improving the available facilities on playing fields

Influencing government policy to ensure our remaining fields aren't sold off

Campaigning to save fields under threat

Helping local communities to manage their fields

Working with partner organisations to enhance local communities through improved facilities and activities

Increasing awareness of the value of playing fields

There are various ways that you can help your local community and its access to playing fields.

You can help to improve a field, create a new one, save a threatened field.

The best way to save a field is to use it well and protect it before the threat of building development.

Saving a field protected by charity, land or contract law is much easier than relying upon the planning system. There are other benefits of this protection as well – guaranteed public access,

protection of investment, certainty of recreational use and attractiveness to potential donors. FIT can help with this.

For playing fields to fulfil their potential as valued community assets, they have to offer good quality facilities that encourage participation and use by all sectors of the community. For this reason they actively support initiatives to maximise the potential of playing fields for everyone's benefit. For more information, please access the web site <http://www.fieldsintrust.org/>

Cllr Mrs McEvoy explained the County Council current thinking on 20mph zones. The results of a MORI poll have given the County Council a mandate to introduce the "Village 30" scheme but there was not the same level of public support for the reintroduction of 20mph zones. However, 20mph zones could be created if they were supported by the Police. The County Council is currently investigating the process for setting up of the 20mph zones but it has been pointed out that any new 20mph zones would only be effective if motorists could see the need for them because only then would they be likely to comply.

Cllr Mrs McEvoy advised that she had made the following payments from her Community Engagement Grant:

Fawley Parish Council – Bus shelter Langley £1000.00  
Indigo Hampshire – Therapeutic Group £2000.00  
Waterside Cancer Support Centre - £1000.00  
Hythe Dragons Kickboxing Club - £1250.00  
Blackfield & District Senior Citizens Club (Christmas Lunch) - £750.00  
Fawley Parochial Church Council - £1500.00  
Fawley Parish Council – Christmas Lights - £1000.00

Cllr Mrs McEvoy also advised that grit bins had been delivered on a first come, first served basis. Requests for further bins needed to be made through the Clerk to the Council although she would be happy to assist if she could.

Finally Cllr Mrs McEvoy wished everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and successful New Year.

## **9. Reports from District Councillors:**

Cllr Wappet had little to report. It had been agreed that the New Forest District Council Tax would not be increased for the coming financial year. The District Plan was currently out for public consultation. Land available for development (for various uses) needed to be identified and once identified would be subject to the usual planning regulations.

Cllr Dunsdon also had little to report. There had been a drop in the number of planning applications being made. The NFDC Enforcement team was now back to a full complement. It was believed that the Government might allow local authorities to set their own planning fees at some time in the future, currently planning applications were subsidised.

## **10. Reports from Representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies:**

- a) New Forest Consultative Panel: Cllr E Holtham reported on continuing dialogue with HCC re the lack of Ragwort pulling on the A326 and the Forestry Commission for the way the Fawley Inclosure was reinstated after the thinning operation last winter. The latest meeting had been advised of the problems that had been experienced during the recent closure of Bridleway 26 from the Hardley Roundabout to the Fawley Inclosure. The kissing gate into the Inclosure was stolen during the installation of a new gas pipe. The replacement barriers were then removed on three occasions resulting in open access for animals to stray onto the A326.

There had been an interesting presentation on stock management in the New Forest by Jonathon Gerrellii, Head Agister.

- b) New Forest Sports Council. No report.
- c) Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau: Cllr A McDowall was not present.
- d) New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee: Cllrs M Fidler and Mrs S Read. No meeting had been held.
- e) Transport Committee: Cllr R Wappet. Nothing to report.
- f) Waterside Youth Steering Committee: Cllr Mrs K Lord was not present.
- g) Calshot Project: Cllr G Smith was not present.
- h) Waterside Heritage: Cllr E Holtham reported that sales of the book "Fawley & Southern Waterside" were doing well.
- i) Police Working Party: Cllrs M Fidler, A Glass, L McDermott and A McDowall. Cllr Glass proposed that as no Police Liaison meetings had taken place for a few months and the fortnightly reports on local crime showed an increase that the Parish Council request assurances regarding the level of policing in the area. A letter to be sent to the Inspector at Hythe Police station, the Chief Constable of Hampshire and Dr J Lewis MP.
- j) Age Concern: Cllr R Lewis was not present.
- k) Calshot Association: Cllr Holtham reported he had attended his first meeting in November. The turnover there was £2.7m, slightly down but successful. This year there has been a reduction in bookings and some staff had been laid off during the winter period but it is still performing better than other centres throughout the country. Parking meters that can also take payments for boat launching will be installed next year, which should also increase their income.

#### **11. Minutes of Committees:**

Cllr Glass left the meeting.

Cllr Mrs Read presented the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 3 November 2010.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 3 November 2010 be received and the recommendations be adopted.

Cllr Glass returned to the meeting.

Cllr Holtham presented the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 10 November 2010.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 10 November 2010 be received and the recommendations be adopted.

Cllr Dunsdon presented the minutes of the Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting held on 24 November 2010.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting held on 24 November 2010 be received and the recommendations be adopted.

**12. An update report on the Waste Transfer Station:** Cllr Glass advised that he was awaiting replies to letters sent to the Minister for the Environment and the Health & Safety Executive. Concerns had been expressed relating to the bagging of asbestos on site and that whilst the employees wore protective clothing on site, the residents living next door did not.

**13. An update report on Jubilee Hall:** The Clerk advised that the Parish were to take over the running of the NFDC Information Office at Jubilee Hall. An agreement had been reached with NFDC who would provide finance for one part time member of staff. Currently a new member of staff was being trained and it was hoped that the Information Office and Jubilee Hall would be manned full time from January onwards.

The evening staff had experienced problems with the youth recently and of course there had been the theft of lead from the roof. The Police had advised that the remaining lead should be painted with “DNA” paint and steps to prevent access to the roof were being undertaken.

**14. Deed of Dedication of land for public footpaths at Warren Copse & Holbury Manor:**

**RESOLVED:** The Chairman, Councillor Fidler to sign the Deed of Dedication of land for public footpaths at Warren Copse & Holbury Manor on behalf of the Council.

**15. Charges for facilities within the Parish:** The Clerk was asked to look into the water meters installed on various Council premises and the recharging to users. Members were advised that staff would continue to work on the pricing structure and that discounts would be brought to the next meeting of the Amenities Committee.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the proposed charges for facilities within the parish (see attached Appendix B), which include the annual price increase and the increase in VAT from 17.5% to 20% with effect from first January 2011.

**16. To agree Council budget for 2011/12 and to submit a precept of £473,833** (see attached Appendix C pages 1-9).

**RESOLVED:** To agree the Council budget for 2011/12 as presented and to precept the sum of £473,833 from New Forest District Council.

**17. Correspondence:**

**a)**

i. NFDC Address Management Section: To consider suggestions for name of new access road

**RESOLVED:** To advise that the Parish Council would prefer to name the new access road at the Development of Cadland Primary School, Mary Drake Close.

**b) For information:**

i. NFNPA: Planning (listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, Section 69, Ashlett Creek conservation area. Noted.

ii. Planning Inspectorate: Notice of Appeal Decision 15 Perrywood Close, Holbury, Southampton. SO45 2HT. Appeal allowed. Noted.

iii. NFNP Governance: Presentations and question and answer sessions to be held at the following venues:

2pm-8pm Tuesday 7 December New Forest Centre, main car park, Lyndhurst

2pm-8pm Thursday 9 December Landford Village Hall, Lyndhurst Rd, Landford

2pm-8pm Wednesday 15 December, Hyde Memorial Hall, Blissford Hill, Hyde. Noted.

iv. NFDC: Notification of Road Closures for Fawley Village (3pm-8pm) for Christmas Festivities on 11 December 2010. Noted.

**c) Available from the office upon request:** HCC: New Forest Directory of Highway Works December 2010, Here & Now December 2010.

**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.

**18. Staffing Matters:**

a) Selection of members to sit on probation panel (final review) of Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** Cllrs Fidler and Hall to complete the final review of the probation period of the Clerk.

b) Recommended salary increase for staff member (see confidential minute file).

c) Honorarium payments to staff (see confidential minute file).

**19. Date of next meeting:** 16 February 2011.

Cllr Wappet also advised that he had given his New Forest District Council Grant payment to the Blackfield Baptist Church.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.42pm.

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Chairman