

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on 13 October 2010 at 7.00 pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present: Cllr M Fidler (In the Chair), Cllr L Dunsdon (Vice-Chairman, from item 3), Cllr Mrs M Alderman, Cllr A Glass, Cllr B Hall, Cllr E Holtham, Cllr Mrs K Lord, Cllr Mrs L McDermott, Cllr A McDowall (from item 4), Cllr Mrs S Read, Cllr R Wappet (until item 13).

Also present: 4 members of the public.

In Attendance:

Mr S Nash, Parish Clerk

Mrs S Markides HR& Admin Officer

- 1. Apologies:** County Cllr Mrs A McEvoy.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** Cllr Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute 5 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. Cllr Wappet also declared a personal interest in 10/96209, 8 Eastcot Close, Holbury and stated that he would leave the meeting whilst this was discussed.

3. Minutes:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2010 be amended to read that Cllr Holtham had looked at the trees at Jubilee Hall and reported that nothing could be done until the autumn.

- 4. Chairman's Announcements:** The Chairman reminded members of the Annual Parish Service to be held at All Saints Church, Fawley on 20 October at 2pm. He also advised that as Cllr David Walker had not attended a Council meeting or performed any Council business for a period of six months he had automatically lost office. Cllr Holtham hoped that the expense of an election could be avoided but as this was not an agenda item the meeting moved on.

PUBLIC SESSION:

BC wished to update members regarding the Asbestos Transfer Station in Holbury. He advised that a meeting had been held in the Jubilee Hall on 5 October 2010 with 61 people attending. A group had been formed called Anti-Asbestos Alliance whose aims were not to close the firm down but to get the transfer station moved to another site. Donations made on the evening of the meeting totalled £475 with £600 required to fund a letter from a solicitor to be sent to Hampshire County Council requesting a reappraisal of the planning consent. A bank account had been set up and it was requested that the Council provide £250 to ensure the letter could go ahead and to provide a contingency fund.

Residents had reported concerns relating to work taking place at the site and photos and witness statements were available.

It was proposed that agenda item 14 was brought forward and discussed.

RESOLVED: To make a grant payment of £250 from budget code 7901 to the Anti-Asbestos Alliance.

To send a letter enclosing the photos of concerns on site to the local MP, the Minister for the Environment, the Health & Safety Executive, the Chairman of NFDC, the Chairman of HCC and the Environment Agency.

RL expressed his concern regarding the traffic management of Church Lane, Fawley. He advised members that the Hampshire Highways engineer was attending a meeting with local residents on 27 October at 10am and he hoped that some progress could be made. He considered that the delays in providing a solution to the speeding traffic were unacceptable. Members had supported the plans that had previously been put forward but advised that it was Hampshire County Council that needed to give the go ahead and suggested that the Transport Portfolio Holder be invited to the meeting with residents and advised of the 8 year time period that this scheme had so far taken.

RS advised that he had continually brought his concerns to notice over the years and considered that unless measures were taken there would be a fatal accident in Church Lane.

Another member of the public who also lived in Church Lane, advised of the problems that residents experienced when trying to reverse out of their drives particularly at shift change time.

RESOLVED: A letter to be sent to Transport Portfolio Holder of Hampshire County Council asking that he use his authority to ensure the traffic calming in Church Lane, Fawley proceeded with cost effective proposals to be agreed before the end of the year. This letter to state that it was endorsed by all Councillors who requested urgent action.

Cllr Mrs Lord left the meeting.

5. Planning:

RESOLVED: To submit the following observations

a) Parish List:

10/96104

Almas, Mopley, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1YJ

Single-storey front, rear and side extensions; porch

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

Cllr Mrs Lord returned to the meeting.

10/96142

69 Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1WN

Single-storey rear extension; detached garage

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

10/96148

Land of Blackfield Baptist Church, Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Fawley SO45 1XA

4 detached dwellings; access; parking; landscaping

(No 2) We recommend refusal due to concerns regarding overcrowding and vehicle access but would accept the decision of the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

10/96192

Green Haze, 46 Springfield Avenue, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2LP

Single-storey rear extension; conservatory

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

Cllr Wappet left the meeting.

10/96209

8 Eastcot Close, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2FG

Re-build first floor due to fire damage

(No 3) We recommend permission but would wish the rebuild to take place in the original style to match the style of attached property.

Cllr Wappet returned to the meeting.

Cllr Dunsdon left the meeting.

b) New Forest National Park Authority

10/95673

The Hollies, Ashlett Road, Ashlett Creek, Fawley, Southampton SO45 1DT

Demolition of existing garage and store buildings (Application for Conservation Area Consent)

(No 3) We recommend permission.

10/95643

Mount Pleasant Farm, Ipers Bridge, Holbury, Southampton, SO45 2HD

Replacement dwelling with annexe attached (demolition of existing); Outbuilding

(No 3) We recommend permission.

c) New Forest District Council Tree Works

10/0494

24 Sherwood Way, Langley, Southampton SO45 1ZQ

T1 Oak – Fell

T2 Oak – crown thin 20%

T3 Oak – Fell

We object to the felling of T1&T3 unless diseased or dangerous but would accept the advise of the District Council's Arboriculturist.

We support T2 crown thin 20%.

Cllr Dunsdon returned to the meeting.

6. **An update report from the Youth Worker:** Members congratulated the Youth Worker on her comprehensive report that had been previously circulated.
7. **County Councillor's report:** Not present.
8. **Reports from District Councillors:** Cllr Mrs Lord advised that the Leisure Panel were expecting budget cuts but it was hoped that savings could be made that were not detrimental to the community. It was disappointing that the free swimming had been stopped but it was hoped that there might be other ways to fund this in the future.

Cllr Wappet reported on the rescheduling of domestic refuse and recycling collection days, which had commenced on 4 October. It appeared to be going well though some problems with notification letters had been experienced. He also advised that different coloured glass no longer needed to be sorted when recycling.

The District Council had been displeased when they were not involved in the consultation regarding the application for a Waste Transfer Station in Holbury and had sent a strongly worded letter to HCC. The Clerk requested a copy of the letter sent by NFDC.

Cllr Wappet also reported on a Tree Preservation Order appeal hearing and advised that he had recently undertaken a tour of 2 sites where planning applications had gone ahead to assess how these had been undertaken.

Cllr Dunsdon as a member of the Planning and Transportation Panel updated members on the recent designation of brown field to white land and changes in procedures. He also reported that travel concessions for those over retirement age had been handed over to the County Council, which could well impact on the concessions currently offered to users of the Hythe ferry service.

Cllr Holtham requested that District Councillors suggest to NFDC that the way Developers Contributions are allocated to Parish Councils be simplified.

9. Reports from Representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies:

- a) New Forest Consultative Panel: Cllr E Holtham had attended a recent meeting where there had been a presentation on Operation Restore – a follow on from the pot hole patching, to resurfacing sections of the highway that had been affected by the bad weather last winter. A further presentation had been made on the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme grant that had been given to the New Forest and how it was to be distributed. Issues raised at the meeting by Cllr Holtham were the lack of Ragwort pulling on the A326 during the past two years and the lack of reinstatement in the Fawley enclosure following the thinning operations last winter.
- b) New Forest Sports Council: Cllr D Walker. Not present.
- c) Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau. Cllr A McDowall advised that he had recently attended a bankruptcy hearing with the CAB.
- d) New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee: Cllrs M Fidler and Mrs S Read reported on a recent meeting which had also been attended by an officer of NFDC's Environmental Health Department. A presentation by Exxon updated the meeting regarding the recent problem at Ashlett Mill Pond. The Clerk advised that Southampton University had been commissioned to undertake a study of the pond next year.
- e) Transport Committee: Cllr R Wappet. Meeting in November.
- f) Waterside Youth Steering Committee: Cllr Mrs K Lord advised that she had attended a recent meeting with the Youth Worker and was pleased to report on the professionalism shown and comments made on how well she was doing. During the summer holidays there had been varied activities on offer. St John's Church in Hythe had sound equipment etc that was available to borrow by arrangement.
- g) Calshot Project : Cllr G Smith not present.
- h) Waterside Heritage: Cllr E Holtham reported that meeting was due to be held next week and that the Fawley volume of the History of the Waterside, produced by Waterside Heritage was due to be launched on Sat 16 Oct. Permission was granted to offer to sell the book from the office at Jubilee Hall.
- i) Police Working Party: Cllrs M Fidler, A Glass, L McDermott and A McDowall. No meeting had been held.
- j) Age Concern: Cllr R Lewis. Not present.

k) Calshot Association: Cllr Holtham. Meeting in November.

10. Minutes of Committees:

Cllr Mrs Read presented the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 1 September 2010.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 1 September be received and the recommendations be adopted.

Cllr Holtham presented the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 15 September 2010.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 15 September be received and the recommendations be adopted.

Cllr Dunsdon presented the minutes of the Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting held on 29 September 2010.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting held on 29 September be received and the recommendations be adopted.

11. Audit Commission: External Auditor's Report of the Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2010 (see attached Appendix A). Members congratulated the Finance Officer once again on an excellent report. Members noted that the recommendation to increase the Fidelity guarantee Insurance to £552,000 had already been actioned.

12. Alcohol Exclusion Zones within the Parish:

RESOLVED: This matter to be referred to the next meeting of the Public Services Committee to be held on 10 November 2010.

13. Pay scales of Casual Leisure Assistants at Gang Warily:

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation of the Clerk that all new Leisure Assistants commence employment at the National Minimum Wage rate with enhancements following training achievements.

14. Grant payment to the Anti-Asbestos Alliance: See Public Session.

15. Correspondence:

a) For response:

i. NFNPA: Review of Planning Enforcement in the New Forest National Park (previously circulated). Noted.

RESOLVED: To request from the NFNPA Development Control an update regarding the property at Eaglehurst.

b) Available from the office upon request: Community Action Hampshire Action News Update Oct 2010, NFDC Hometalk Magazine for Tenants & Leaseholders of NFDC, Autumn 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.

See confidential minute file.

- 16 Staffing Matters: to include selection of members to sit on probation panel.**
- 17. Personal Interests.**
- 18. Use of Instructors for facilities within the Parish.**
- 19. Date of next meeting: 8 December 2010.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.22pm.

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Chairman