

## FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 April 2010 at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present: Cllr M Fidler (In the Chair), Cllr Mrs M Alderman, Cllr B Hall, Cllr E Holtham, Cllr R Lewis, Cllr Mrs K Lord, Cllr L McDermott, Cllr A McDowall, (from item 124), Cllr Mrs S Read, Cllr D Walker, Cllr R Wappet.

### **In attendance:**

Gordon Richardson, Acting Clerk to the Council.  
Mrs S Markides, HR & Admin Officer.

**Also Present:** County Councillor Mrs A McEvoy (from item 124 until item 134).

**122. Apologies.** Cllr L Dunsdon, Cllr A Glass, Cllr G Smith, Youth & Community Worker Debbie Elliott.

**123. Declarations of interest:** Cllr Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item 126 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 time.

**124. Minutes**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2010 be signed as a correct record.

**125. Chairman's Announcements:** None.

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

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

**a) Parish List:**

10/95387

22 Hursley Drive, Langley, Fawley SO45 1ZU

One and two-storey side & front extension

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

**b) New Forest National Park Authority:**

10/95072

Four Winds, Ashlett Road, Ashlett Creek, Fawley, SO45 1DT

Two storey extension and link

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

**127. An update report from the Youth Worker:**

I chaired the first Youth Engagement meeting. This meeting brings together other local organisations with an interest in arranging activities for youths in the summer.

This first meeting was very productive with many good ideas being suggested. I am looking forward to the next meeting at the end of April and am confident we can arrange an exciting programme of activities with something for everyone!

Fawley Youth Club will be opening its doors on the 22nd of this month for 3 trial sessions. I have already bought Wiis and other equipment and have been busy publicising the open day at

local schools. Mary Stoker, who has previous experience running youth clubs, will be there to lend a hand and give advice.

I am also working hard with Steve Robinson from Gang Warily to run the Fun Day, which this year will be held on 8 May. Any money raised will be donated to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Service.

The event this year will be scaled down from previous years and will consist of a 5 a side football tournament (with the help of Blackfield and Langley Football Club), bouncy castles, tombola and refreshments.

The construction of the skate park is now in full swing. I am working hard with the local youth who helped to design the scheme to come up with an exciting opening ceremony. Watch this space!!!

Last but not least, I continue to attend Colours Youth Centre on Tuesday evenings. This is part of my Youth Worker training which is being organised in conjunction with the Hampshire Youth Service in order to bring me up to speed with identified training needs.

The time since the last meeting has been very busy but I think I am really beginning to make a difference to the youth in the parish.

**128. County Councillor's report:** Cllr Mrs McEvoy gave the following report.

I intend to focus only on highway issues this evening, as I believe they should be of interest to everyone.

The state of the roads resulting from the recent very bad weather continues to be a high topic of conversation so I thought I would like to explain the County Council's Operation Restore and Resilience designed to look after Hampshire's roads long term.

An investment package of around £100 million, spanning seven years and aimed at improving Hampshire's roads and pavements, has now been announced by Hampshire County Council. The aim is to restore the condition of our roads and bring them up to a standard that will enable them to withstand adverse weather conditions. A considerable amount of work has been done to ensure that funds will be forthcoming without impacting on service delivery, the council taxpayer or drawing on funds set aside for other purposes. It is hoped that this strategy to strengthen roads will go a long way to reducing the prevalence and frequency of potholes and similar defects over the coming years.

Improving the condition of Hampshire's roads is one of the eight targets identified in the Council's Corporate Improvement Plan as being important to the county's residents.

Maintenance Scheme for A326

A £1.7 million major work programme on the A326 to strengthen the existing carriageway, provide a new road surface and improve the drainage and signs starts on Monday 19 April.

The 20 week scheme is on top of the recent £450,000 of improvement work agreed by Hampshire County Council and will be carried out by contractors Osborne.

The new work covers two sections of the A326 – the Marchwood bypass from the Rushington roundabout to where it merges with the A326 Totton western bypass, and the A326 from the Dibden Purlieu roundabout to the Hardley roundabout (including both roundabouts). The works north of and including the Dibden Purlieu roundabout will be completed by 16 July to reduce delays and inconvenience to road users, as the A326 is an important holiday route during the summer.

The scheme includes resurfacing the existing carriageway, improving the highway drainage and replacing or renewing signs and road markings. Most of the work will be carried out during daytime off-peak hours between 9.30am and 4pm. Temporary two-way traffic lights will be used where appropriate, along with 30mph speed limits to protect the workforce.

Some of the work – including road surfacing – will be carried out during the night to reduce disruption to road users. Two way traffic flows will be maintained on the A326 both day and night throughout the work, although side roads may have to be closed temporarily as required, with signed diversion routes in operation.

As you know the A326 is a busy and important road providing access to the waterside area and villages in the New Forest. Over the years, sections of the road have deteriorated and now require strengthening to the carriageway and remedial work to the highway drainage. This will help to prolong the life of the road and reduce the need for future maintenance and repairs, which can inconvenience road users.

The A326 has also recently benefited from other safety works including new road markings and signs, a signalised pedestrian crossing at the Twiggs Lane junction, reduced speed limits and new street lighting between the Staplewood Lane and Twiggs Lane junctions. The County Council hopes this major investment will improve safety on the A326 and make it more resilient to daily wear and tear.

**129. Reports from District Councillors:** As District Councillor Mrs McEvoy provided the following report:

New Forest District Council has introduced two initiatives to make recycling easier for local residents. People using the district's bottle banks will no longer have to separate their old glass bottles and jars into green, brown and clear. Instead, all the glass can now be placed into the same container.

Glass collected by NFDC is taken to a processing plant at Southampton Docks, where a machine has been installed to sort the glass into colours, before it is recycled into new glass bottles and jars.

The switch to mixed glass is good news for the environment because it will mean that NFDC can operate a more efficient service, saving mileage and fuel consumption.

Just a reminder that glass cannot be put into the clear recycling sacks for safety reasons, but there are more than 100 glass recycling sites across the district to take old bottles and jars.

However items such as drinking glasses, Pyrex dishes and vases cannot be recycled.

There is more good news about recycling because empty aerosol cans may now be recycled.

There is now no reason why empty aerosol cans cannot be put into the clear recycling sacks or into cans and plastic recycling containers at the recycling containers. Empty aerosol cans from products such as furniture polish; air freshener and shaving foam can all now be recycled.

Cllr Fidler thanked Cllr Mrs McEvoy for her recent efforts in securing funds for the parish.

Cllr Wappet informed the meeting of recent grant payments made to the Calshot Watch Tower and to the Search and Rescue Organisation. NFDC had announced plans to build 10 eco friendly council homes in Pennington.

**130. Reports from Representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies:**

- a) New Forest Consultative Panel. Cllr E Holtham had raised concerns to the NFPCP regarding the campsites at Roundhills and Holmsley.
- b) New Forest Sports Council. Cllr D Walker: No meeting had been held.
- c) Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau. Cllr A McDowall had nothing to report.
- d) New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee. Cllrs M Fidler and Mrs S Read: No meeting had been held.
- e) Transport Committee. Cllr M Fidler: No meeting had been held.
- f) Waterside Youth Steering Committee. Cllr Mrs K Lord had been unable to attend.
- g) Calshot Project. Cllr G Smith was not present. Cllr Mrs A McEvoy reported that a complete maintenance review of St Georges Hall was due to take place.
- h) Waterside Heritage. Cllr E Holtham advised that the meeting was to be held next week.

- i) Police Working Party. Cllrs M Fidler, A Glass and A McDowall. Cllr McDowall advised that Cllr Lin McDermott had also attended the meeting where members had received an update report from the Police. Cllr Holtham asked that damage being experienced at Warren Copse be reported to the next meeting of the Working Party to be held on 21 April 2010.
- j) New Forest Association Local Councils. Cllrs A Glass & Mrs B Maynard: Not present.
- k) Age Concern. Cllr R Lewis reported that a new Chairman of Age Concern had been appointed and of the formation of a fund raising committee.

**131. Minutes of Committees:** To adopt the Minutes and to accept the recommendations of the Committees:

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Amenities Committee 3 March 2010 be signed as a correct record.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Public Services Committee 17 March 2010 be signed as a correct record.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Policy Resources & Personnel Committee 31 March 2010 be signed as a correct record with exception of item no 8 NFDC Environmental Design Fees for Newlands Park. Cllr Holtham to further research this matter and to report back to the next meeting of the Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee to be held on 9 June 2010. Cllr Mrs McEvoy offered her assistance if required.

**132. Review of the Parish Council website:** The Acting Clerk reported that a staff member was currently undertaking a review of the Parish Council website, this work to be completed during normal shift hours.

**133. Travel and Subsistence Allowances paid to Parish Councillors:**

**RESOLVED:** To continue with existing arrangements for travel and subsistence allowances paid to Parish Councillors but to review this when budget setting for the next financial year.

**134. Correspondence:**

**a)**

i. HCC: Advice that recent application for additional grit bins had been noted. A response to comments concerning the supply of salt to a network of volunteers in the parish to follow. Noted.

ii. Calshot Association: Advice that request for Parish Council Representative to sit on the Association will be discussed at the executive meeting to be held in June. Noted.

iii. NFNPA: Advice of new Chief Executive, Alison Barnes who will be taking up her position from 1 June 2010. Noted.

iv. NFNP: Advice of the Greener Living Show. Sunday 25 April 2010 at Brockenhurst College 9.30am – 4.30pm. Free entry. Noted.

**b) Available from the office upon request:** Community Action Hampshire, Action News April 10 (see attached), Community First New Forest, Newsletter Spring 2010, HCC, Planning Hampshire's Future, Trees & Design Action Group, Report entitled No Trees, NFDC, New Forest Today Spring 2010, Here and Now, The Magazine of the Parish of Fawley.

**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.

- 135. Staffing matters:** Members were advised of the ill health retirement of the Clerk and thanked staff members for the hard work undertaken by them during this period.  
Cllr R Lewis left the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** To proceed with the recruitment of a new Parish Clerk.  
To note new appointments as follows: Maintenance Assistant, Grounds Maintenance Assistant and Cleaner at Gang Warily.

- 136. Date of next meeting:** Annual Parish Meeting 28 April 2010. Members were also reminded of the presentation to a local resident to be made the same evening.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.27 pm.