

## FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on 23 June 2010 at 7.00 pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

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

**Also Present:** County Councillor Mrs A McEvoy (from item 15 to item 20), Debbie Elliott, Youth and Community Worker, 15 members of the public.

**In Attendance:** Mrs S Markides, HR & Admin Officer.

**12. Apologies:** Cllr Mrs K Lord.

**13. Declarations of interest:** Cllr Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item 16 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 Wappet also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning applications 10/95672 and 10/95681 and stated that he would leave the meeting whilst these were discussed.

**14. Minutes:**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2010, the minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held on 28 April 2010, the minutes of the Annual General meeting held on 5 May and the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 28 May 2010 be signed as correct records.

**15. Chairman's Announcements:** NFDC have advised of a free "Cycle In" event to be held on Sunday 27 June 2010 at Brockenhurst Primary School between 11am and 3pm. Bike swaps, safety checks and maintenance classes will be taking place although for the more adventurous the day starts at 10am with a bike ride along the new National Cycle Network route from Hythe to Brockenhurst. The 13-mile on and off road route is signed so people can join at any point.

NFDC had also advised of a Speed Limit Reminder sign to be deployed in Rollestone Road (near Whitefield Road) to eastbound traffic, week beginning 28 June 2010.

And finally a reminder of the Gang Warily Global event sponsored by Exxon and npower which is taking place at Gang Warily on Saturday 26 June 2010 10am – 4pm as part of the Waterside Arts Festival.

**PUBLIC SESSION:** A member of the public wished to express concern over the proposed height of the garage on planning application 10/95672. She considered the height of the garage to be excessive leading to a loss of light for the neighbouring property, which would in turn lead to an increase in carbon footprint and a rise in cost of electricity bills.

A member of the public raised concerns in relation to the application for a Waste Transfer Station Area to the rear of 151-153 Long Lane, Holbury. He considered the application did not state how big it would be and under what conditions these products would be stored and he wished to know.

A representative from Solent Environmental Services advised the meeting of the details requested and of the procedures that would be followed should permission be granted. He also

advised of an “Open Day” on Thursday 8 July 2010, which he hoped as many people as possible would attend.

**16. Planning: RESOLVED:** To submit observations as follows

**a) Hampshire County Council Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995**

151-153 Long Lane, Holbury, Southampton. SO45 2NZ

Waste Transfer Station Area to Rear of Existing Yard

Cllr Glass read prepared comments to the meeting (see attached Appendix A). Comments of the Parish Council to be advised to Hampshire County Council and to New Forest District Council.

**(No 4)** We recommend refusal due to concerns that the site is unsuitable for the operations proposed.

Cllr Glass offered to speak if required at any future planning meeting where this application might be discussed.

Cllr Wappet left the meeting.

**b) Parish List:**

10/95672

57 Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1WN

Detached garage

**(No 4)** We recommend refusal due to the excessive height of the garage and the detrimental impact this would have on the neighbouring property.

Cllr Glass offered to speak if required at any future planning meeting where this application might be discussed.

10/95681

Land of 65 Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1WN

Attached house; bin store; cycle store

**(No 2)** We recommend refusal due to the loss, once again, of a large garden, over development of the site and over crowding with no access to the rear of the property in the middle of the terrace but would accept the decision reached by the District Council’s Officers under their delegated powers. If permission should be granted a commuted sum be provided through Section 106 for the provision of new allotment sites within the parish.

Cllr Wappet returned to the meeting.

0/95631

75 Studley Avenue, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2PP

Two-storey side extension; use of garage as ancillary

**(No 1)** We recommend permission as it would be in keeping with other properties in the area but would accept the decision of reached by the District Council’s Officers under their delegated powers

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

10/0229

94 Rolleston Road, Holbury, Southampton SO45 2GZ

Oak – remove the lowest branch, which overhangs no 94.

The Parish Council support this application subject to the advice of the District Council’s arboriculturist.

## **17. An update report from the Youth Worker:**

### Skate Park Newlands Corner.

You may have seen in the Herald a photograph of myself and some of the local youths who worked together on the new skate park on Newlands Corner. The skate park was built with funds from HCC Playbuilder scheme and NFDC Developers' Contributions. So far this new facility has proved exceptionally popular with bmxer's and skaters, with some coming as far as Southampton to use it.

(We will be holding an opening day on the 10<sup>th</sup> July, publicity to follow. I will be involving the local youths with this and I hope it will be successful.)

### Fawley Fun day.

The Annual Fun Day was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May. This year it was reduced in size but still included a 5 a side football tournament, tombola and bouncy castles. Blackfield and Langley Football Club joined in and provided food and refreshments.

It was a shame the weather was not with us on the day but we were able to set up the bouncy castles indoors at Gang Warily and managed to raise approximately £300 for the Hampshire and IOW Air Ambulance Service.

### Fishing Club.

The Council has two places available to fish – Gang Warily and the Manor Pond in Holbury. As before I am running a fishing club at Gang Warily on alternate Saturdays between 10 am and 12 noon with the help of two of the local youths. Membership costs £5 and a £2 charge is made each time they come. I am able to provide equipment so they can come along and join in even if they don't have any of the correct gear or they can bring their own equipment. This fishing club is for age 9+ although any one under 9 is welcome but needs to bring an adult with them.

A fishing open day at Gang Warily is planned for the 21<sup>st</sup> August. We have been lucky enough to get fishing coaches from the Environment Agency to join us and teach the young people to fish and this will all be free of charge! (More information to follow.)

### Fawley Youth Club.

At the moment this has been put on hold until September as numbers declined due to the lighter evenings and good weather. A local lady assisted me with this club and we provided table tennis, pool, a Wii and arts and crafts. The Youths have said that they will be back in September to meet at Jubilee Hall.

### Youth Engagement Meetings (YEM)

I have been working with some local organisations and we meet under the name of Youth Engagement meetings. As Chairperson, I have been assisted by all members and we have managed to organise some summer activities in the Fawley and Holbury area. These are much needed during the summer break. A leaflet advertising these will be produced and will be colour coded to show the age groups of the activities.

### After School Club

I run an after school club at the Blackfield Neighbourhood Centre in Heather Road on a Wednesday 4-5.30pm for 5 to 12 year olds. This is a very well attended club with new people coming most weeks. Art and crafts, role-play and drama are popular activities.

## Training

I attend the Colours Youth Club weekly where the Hampshire County Council Youth Worker Team is on hand to assist with my training and they assess my role. I am committed to doing this so that I am able to meet the professional standards required.

I will also be attending a Sex, Relationships Education Get It On Training course on the 28<sup>th</sup> June in Eastleigh. This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> SRE course I have been on.

I will also be attending a Working with Young People – Universal course in Winchester starting in October this year.

Last weekend I took part in a Parachute Games workshop with one of my volunteers; this was a very good course and I have already put the games in to practise with the groups I run.

## Junior PCSO

This has been a very well run programme between PCSO Bev Hayes and myself. It has come to an end for this year and on the 28<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding a presentation afternoon at the Blackfield Neighbourhood Centre, which I believe some of you, may have been invited to. The Junior PCSOs will be awarded certificates, presented to them by Inspector Kevin Leckey. We hope to be running this scheme again in September with a new group of youths joining.

## ADDITION TO REPORT

The skate park is being used by a wide age group of people through out the day and early evening, with people coming to it from as far away as Southampton and Winchester.

As some of you may be aware we have had some trouble there with underage drinking. Bottles have been smashed, rocks thrown on to the ramps and one of the lights has been broken too.

This damage has been reported to the Police and pictures will be available at the Parish Council meeting.

We were going to hold an opening ceremony on the 10<sup>th</sup> July, but after talking to the youths I have said that this will be postponed until the 24<sup>th</sup> July. Hopefully by then with the help of the youths themselves and PCSO Bev Hayes we will have stopped the trouble and perhaps the youth will take ownership of the park. I have asked for information as to who is causing the damage and I have already had one name put forward.

I would like to add a request - if any one has any funding available that could help with the Skate Park opening day or any ideas where we could get some from I would be grateful if you could please let me know.

It was also requested that the recently agreed street lighting contract be checked in relation to the damage sustained to the light at Newlands Park

## From the Holbury and Fawley Beat Report May 8 – May 21

### Underage drinking

It is disappointing to see that there are lots of issues surrounding the new skate park, which Fawley Parish Council has provided for local youths. Over the last weekend there have been large amounts of alcohol and tobacco seized from youths who aren't using the skate park for any other reason but to act in an antisocial manner and to drink alcohol under age.

All the youths who were in possession of alcohol were stopped and letters are being sent to their parents to make them aware of their children's behaviour and to advise them about the risks involved with underage drinking. It is sad to note that the skate park is being made unusable due to the large amounts of broken glass

and rubbish that are being left around the site. Local police officers will be patrolling this facility each weekend and will deal robustly with any person found to be drinking underage, causing anti-social behaviour or committing other offences.

**18. County Councillor's report:** Cllr Mrs A McEvoy provided the following report:

Energy savings showcased at street lighting launch.

An award winning scheme that will see all 150,000 of Hampshire's street lights either replaced or improved over the next 5 years is being officially launched next Wednesday 30 June 2010 at Intech Planetarium in Winchester.

The new street lights will have a wide range of benefits including less light pollution and clearer night skies, safer streets and 15% energy savings each year – enough to power the equivalent of 1,500 homes. This is due to the replacement of the old “orange” sodium lamps with energy efficient white “natural” lighting, which is directed downwards on to roads and pavements. The introduction of remote lighting management will also improve the performance and flexibility of street lighting levels.

The must have Hampshire app.

No matter where you are in Hampshire the brand new Culture all iPhone mobile app will show you where to find your nearest country park, arts centre, library, discovery centre, museum or outdoor activity centre.

The Culture-all app can be downloaded for FREE from Apple's iTunes app store(<http://bit.ly/daTcXS>) to an iPod touch or iPhone, and provides a new way to find out about all the exciting things to see and do in the county. A short demonstration screencast can be seen at [www.hants.gov.uk/iphone](http://www.hants.gov.uk/iphone).

Maintenance scheme for A326.

A further update on the maintenance scheme for the A326. I was contacted by a local resident who asked me if there was anything I could do about the fact that part of the Fawley Road at Hardley roundabout was due to be closed for a month as part of current road improvements to the A326. With the prospect of a very long detour looming, I had discussions with the relevant officer who agreed to renegotiate the timing of his work. I am pleased to say that the stretch of Fawley Road concerned will now only be closed for a maximum of 8 days with effect from 8 July.

Highlight of the Day.

Thousands of people lined the street of Winchester today when her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall formally welcomed home 650 soldiers of 11 Light Brigade accompanied by 3 military bands.

This national event was the largest of its kind to date and has attracted widespread media coverage. The troops were joined by wounded personnel, family representatives of some of the 64 soldiers killed in action and, relations of the seriously injured who were unable to attend.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire together with the leaders of Winchester City Council and Hampshire County Council are proud to be supporting this national event in Winchester with its strong historic connections to the armed services. This was the final act of 11 Light Brigade before disbanding.

## Public Services Minutes.

I'd just like to mention that I was reading the Public Services minutes and noted that item 9a highlights the cost of repairs to the play area in Tristan Close and the QEII Recreation Ground. I thought that it would have been courteous if they'd mentioned that £10,000 of the funding had come from HCC and topped up with a further £1000 from my own County Councillor's Community Engagement Grant.

Cllr Holtham advised the meeting that at the time of the minutes the grant payment had not been confirmed but that it had now been received and thanked Cllr Mrs McEvoy for her efforts on behalf of the parish.

### **19. Reports from District Councillors:** Cllr Mrs A McEvoy provided the following report:

#### Pre-Census survey under way in New Forest.

New Forest residents are being informed of a 3 month survey currently under way in the district on behalf of the Office for National Statistics. I would just like to assure people that the survey is genuine and is being carried out in preparation for the Census next year.

Officers employed by Capita, on behalf of the government's Office for National Statistics, will be in the area for the next few months to check the accuracy of addresses. On some occasions, the officers may wish to speak to the occupier to ask how many census forms will be needed for next year. Each officer will carry an identity card they can show on demand and at no point will they ask to come into the property. If a person does ask to enter a property, the homeowner is advised not to let them in, close the door and call the police if they are concerned.

Further information can be obtained by calling the Office for National Statistics on 0845 601 3034.

#### Refuse and Recycling Rounds.

I recently attended a meeting of the Environment panel where changes to the refuse and recycling rounds were discussed. As a result of issues raised by employee side representatives, there has been a review to ensure workloads were fair and equal across the 3 depots. This also presented the Council with an opportunity to reduce unnecessary travel across the district by teams and vehicles from different depots and to reassess the resource requirements, labour and vehicles.

As part of the overall efficiency savings this year, a target of £100k was identified as savings on the refuse and recycling services. A £20k saving had already been identified on the glass bank collections, with the remaining £80k saving coming from this process.

#### Wessex Close Play Area.

Cllr Holtham asked for my help regarding the impasses with the District Council over the Wessex Close Play Area. I took your complaint to Martin Devine yesterday giving him a response deadline of today so that I could report back to you. I also made clear that I was supportive of the Parish Council's position. He has emailed me with a copy to the Parish council in which he says: "Officers of the Council do not feel that the proposal provides the play value it could. Offers have been made to help improve that, but it is understood that the Parish Council has considered this and does not wish to amend the scheme. On the basis that developer's contributions should show additional benefit, this is unfortunate.

Notwithstanding this, I am preparing a Draft Decision notice for the Portfolio Holder to consider the scheme. The report will recommend support for the scheme – but we will have to await the outcome of the consultation with affected officers, local members and Scrutiny Panel members to be able to say what the Portfolio Holder will ultimately recommend. I will set that process in motion this week and would normally expect it to take in the order of a month.”

I am unable to comment further as I do not know your specific issues with the District Council but if you would like any further help from me in this case, please let me know.

Cllr Wappet reported on the review of the Sustainable Housing Grant System and the effects it would have on the District Council. He advised he would report back on the final outcome.

Cllr Dunsdon had nothing to report.

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

- a) New Forest Consultative Panel: Cllr E Holtham had been unable to attend.
- b) New Forest Sports Council: Cllr D Walker. Not present.
- c) Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau: Cllr A McDowall advised the meeting of the Citizens Advice Bureaux merge that had recently taken place.
- d) New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee: Cllr M Fidler reported on the recent incidents at the Tradebe Incinerator, Air Quality Management at Lyndhurst and Totton as well as the Community Tours of the Fawley Refinery.
- e) Transport Committee: Cllr R Wappet advised of a meeting to consider the administration of the bus pass scheme.
- f) Waterside Youth Steering Committee: Cllr Mrs K Lord was not present, however she had attended the June meeting with the Youth and Community Worker.
- g) Calshot Project: Cllr G Smith. Not present.
- h) Waterside Heritage: Cllr E Holtham. Nothing to report.
- i) Police Working Party: Cllrs M Fidler, A Glass, L McDermott and A McDowall. Cllr Glass reported on the recent meeting, topics raised had included traffic concerns and vandalism of the Newlands skate park.
- j) Age Concern: Cllr R Lewis. Not present.

Cllr Wappet advised that the District Council were considering grant funding £8000 for repairs to the roof of the QEII Scout Hut and that he had written a letter in support of this.

## **21. Representative of the Council to join the Council of the Calshot Association:**

**RESOLVED:** Cllr Holtham to represent the Parish Council at meetings of the Calshot Association.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Amenities Committee meetings on 5 May and 12 May 2010 be signed as correct records.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Public Services Committee meetings on 5 May and 26 May 2010 be signed as correct records.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meetings 5 May and 9 June 2010 be signed as correct records. Cllr Hall requested clarification from the Auditor of the Parish Council regarding the correct procedure relating to minute No 5 Assistance to Blackfield and Langley Football Club.

23. **The Internal Audit Report 2009/10 (Final).** Members commended the Finance Officer for her hard work once again in preparing the accounts.

**RESOLVED:** To accept the Internal Audit Report 2009/10 (Final) (see attached Appendix B).

24. **Financial options following a request for purchase of Theravital Machine for Gang Warily Go Getters. Financial options relating to Spin Bikes as the replacement sun bed facility: Matters referred from Amenities Committee meeting 12 May 2010 and Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee 9 June 2010.**

**RESOLVED:** To provide further quotes for the purchase of Theravital Machine for Gang Warily Go Getters.

To provide further quotes for Spin Bikes as the replacement sun bed facility at Gang Warily.

These matters to be considered at the Amenities Committee meeting to be held on 7 July 2010.

25. **Transfer of £20,000 from general reserves to contingency fund 7719:**

**RESOLVED:** To enact the resolution of the Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee 25 November 2009 Minute 13 - To agree that if at the end of the financial year 09/10 there is more than the 25% general reserves minimum as recommended by the Auditors then £20,000 could be earmarked as a contingency fund for 2010/11, this being the amount removed from the budget figures item code 7719.

26. **Fawley Fun Day 2011:**

**RESOLVED:** To agree in principle that the Fawley Fun Day goes ahead in 2011.

27. **Correspondence:**

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i. Hardley School and Sixth Form: Request for funding towards Theatre Company production in July.

**RESOLVED:** To decline the request for funding towards Theatre Company production in July as this was outside of the Council's normal grant procedure.

ii) Community First New Forest: Invitation to nominate for Celebration of Volunteering event. Noted.

**b) For information:**

i) Anonymous letter from resident relating to antisocial behaviour in the parish. Noted.

ii) Citizens Advice Bureau: Advice of merger to become single Charity – New Forest Citizens Advice Bureau. Noted.

iii) NFDC Transportation Section: Advice of Speed Indicator Device results for Long Copse, Holbury, The 85% ile speed was 42 mph, which is below the Police enforcement threshold. Noted.

iv) HCC Environment Department: Cllr Holtham to take up invitation to launch event of Coastal Communities adapting to change on 29 June 2010. Noted.

**c) Available from the office upon request:** Hampshire County Council New Forest Directory of Highways Works July 2010, the New Forest National Park's Recreation Management Strategy 2010-2030, Environment Agency Floodnews Summer 2010. Noted.

**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.

**28. Staffing matters:**

**a) Relocation policy:**

**RESOLVED:** To agree the relocation policy of the Parish Council with the addition of  
i) to within a convenient commuting distance of the Parish Offices.

ii) to enter into an agreement undertaking that in the event that the probation period is not successfully completed then relocation costs to be repaid in full.

iii) When the total payments reach £3000 no further payments will be made.

**b) Contract of the Clerk to the Council / Responsible Finance Officer**

**RESOLVED:** To agree the Contract of the Clerk to the Council / Responsible Finance Officer as presented.

Cllrs were asked to be aware of the extra work willingly undertaken by staff members this week due to staff shortages.

**29. Date of next meeting:** 18 August 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.31pm.

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Chairman