

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL
PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Services Committee held on Wednesday 15 September 2010 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

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

Also Present: Cllr A Glass, Cllr A McDowall, Hythe Police Inspector Paul Langridge (until item 6).

In attendance:

Stephen Nash, Parish Clerk.

Mrs S Markides, HR & Admin Officer.

Cllr Holtham as Chairman, welcomed the Clerk to his first meeting of the Public Services Committee.

1. Apologies: Cllr R Wappet.

2. Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.

3. Minutes:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 July be signed as correct record.

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

4. Chairman's Remarks: Cllr Holtham reported that registration of Parish Council land that had not been previously registered was now complete, the last one being the bus shelter in Fawley Square, opposite Jubilee Hall. There was one outstanding item, which was a very small piece of Holbury Manor, currently in the hands of the receivers, which may take some time.

5. Update Police Report: Inspector Langridge reported that the last two months had been relatively quiet. There had been a reduction seen in fires, and problems experienced in Holbury Precinct had abated due to the positive action taken by PC Yates. He was unable at this stage, to comment on expected budget cuts and the effects on services.

Inspector Langridge advised that security was no longer required at the office in Gang Warily currently being used by the PCSO as all IT equipment was now portable.

A Cllr informed the Inspector of an attempted break in and was asked to report the incident to the Police. A speeding offensive in Church Lane, Fawley would be taking place soon.

6. Planning: RESOLVED: To submit the following observations

a) Parish List

10/95992

Little Toller, Chapel Lane, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1YX
House; bungalow; access; demolition of existing

(No 2) We recommend refusal for the reasons listed below but would accept the decision reached by the District Council Officers under their delegated powers. Concerns of over crowding relating to the bungalow in the rear garden and as there would be once again the loss of a large garden, if permission should be granted a commuted sum be provided through Section 106 for the provision of new allotment sites within the parish.

10/96050

26 Springfield Avenue, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2LP

Single storey rear extension

(No 3) We recommend permission as the plot appears to be large enough for the proposal.

10/95931

65 Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1WN

Attached house; cycle store; parking

(No 1) We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the District Council Officers under their delegated powers. We query and are concerned that the front garden is being extended to the pavement and request that as there would be once again the loss of a large garden, if permission should be granted a commuted sum be provided through Section 106 for the provision of new allotment sites within the parish.

b) NFDC Tree Works:

10/0461

22 Sherwood Way, Langley, Southampton SO45 1ZQ

T1 Oak- crown thin by 20%, reduce lateral branches to give 4m clearance from house, sever ivy.

T2 Oak – crown thin by 20%, reduce lateral branches to give 4m clearance from house and deadwood.

10/0460

23 Sherwood Way, Langley, Southampton SO45 1ZQ

T1 Oak- crown thin by 20%,

T2 Oak crown clean

10/0462

24 Sherwood Way, Langley, Southampton SO45 1ZQ

T1: Oak – crown thin by 20%, crown lift to 4m, remove epicormic growth and deadwood

For all applications : We recommend permission but would accept the advice of the New Forest District Council Arboriculturist.

7. To receive reports for the following:

a) Ashlett – Cllr Hall reported as follows:

The bench at Ashlett had been repaired.

The stench given off by the Mill Pond this early September was far worse than on previous occasions. It was unpleasant enough as far away as the village but rife in the Ashlett area. This caused a considerable drop in trade for the Jolly Sailor and Waterside Club and much discomfort to those living nearby. This is not acceptable.

The problem could well be caused by the fact that some water is always left in the pond.

During hot, still summer days this becomes warm and oxygen deficient. Incoming colder water mixes this layer with the water above causing a lack of oxygen throughout resulting in fish or algae kill, resulting in smell. If the pond could be allowed to drain completely on each tide there would be no build up of an oxygen deficient layer and no algae kill.

An independent marine biologist should inspect the pond and or an environmental engineer, carrying out a detailed survey of the pond, it's usage and control (ie filling and emptying) to make recommendations to prevent this problem recurring.

RESOLVED: A letter to be sent to Exxonmobil, the New Forest National Park Authority and the Environment Agency raising concerns.

- b) Play Areas– Cllr Fidler reported that the QEII play area was being well used. Cllr Holtham added that outline planning permission was being sought for the Renda Road play area as previously agreed by Council (see attached Appendix A). It would also be 2 years since the Parish Council had asked NFDC for fencing at the Wessex Close play area.
- c) Footpaths – Cllr Holtham (Annual report see attached Appendix B). A copy to be sent to the Cadland Estate.
- d) Holbury Manor & Warren Copse – Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix A). Members were also advised of the pruning of a tree belonging to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: To write a letter of complaint to the householder advising that the tree in Rollestone Road belonged to the Council and should not have been pruned.

- e) QEII – Cllr Fidler advised different mops needed to be used on the floor of the QEII and of recent vandalism to the door. The Clerk advised that the Football Foundation monitoring form needed to be completed.
- f) Gang Warily – Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix A).
- g) Allotments – Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix A).
- h) Newlands Sub-Committee - Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix A).

- 8. Bus shelter Holbury Drove:** Members were advised of the decision by Clear Channel to not replace the bus shelter due to the current economic climate. A second hand shelter was available if funded by the Parish at a cost of £2500.

RESOLVED: To further investigate the options in replacing the bus shelter at Holbury Drove and to report back to the next Public Services meeting to be held on 10 November 2010.

- 9. Drainage outlet to the Channel to rear of Jack Maynard Road, Calshot:** (see attached Appendix A, report by Cllr Holtham).

RESOLVED: To send letters of concern to New Forest District Council and the Environment Agency regarding the maintenance of the drainage outlet to the Channel to rear of Jack Maynard Road and to add that it was felt that there may be a decline in the numbers of eels currently found at the site.

- 10. Traffic Management Update:**

RESOLVED: To contact Hampshire County Council and ask for the traffic calming measures agreed for Church Lane, Fawley to be included in their 2011/12 programme with a contribution of £3000.00 from Exxonmobil towards the cost.

- 11. Correspondence:**

a) For response:

- i. NFNPA/HCC: Suggestions requested for sign clutter hotspots within the Parish. Members to advise the office of any suggestions.
- ii HCC: Consultation on Local Transport Plan Strategy for Hampshire. Response by 29 September. <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-transport/local-transport-plan/It-consultation.htm>. Councillors to complete as individuals.

b) For information:

- i. NFDC: Changes for bin collection days in the New Forest. Noted.
- ii. HCC: New Forest Directory of Highway Works September 2010. Noted.

c) Available from the office upon request: Community Action Hampshire, Action news Update Sept 2010, Clerks and Councils Direct September 2010, HCC Hampshire Now Autumn Issue.

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.

12. Staffing matters: Members were updated on recent staffing issues.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to proceed with the proposals made.

13. Date of next meeting: 10 November 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.41pm.

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Chairman