

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Services Committee held on Wednesday 17 March 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, Cllr A McDowall.

Also Present: Cllr Lin McDermott and 2 members of the public.

In attendance:

Gordon Richardson, Acting Clerk to the Council.

Mrs S Markides, Clerical Assistant.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Mrs B Maynard and Cllr R Wappet.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2010 be signed as a correct record.

PUBLIC SESSION: A member of the public enquired whether any Councillor knew who the new owners of the land of the former public conveniences, School Road, Fawley were as he had been unable to find this information out and wished to proceed with plans for a memorial garden behind the site. The meeting was advised that the views of the Parish Council had been sought with regard to a change of use of the site but that the Parish Council had been unable to comment until plans were formally submitted to New Forest District Council. It was suggested that NFDC be approached by the resident for the information.

Concerns relating to the speed of traffic within the village, inconsiderate parking in Calshot Road and the condition of the bus shelter were raised. Cllr Hall to look into the parking concerns and report back to the next Public Services meeting.

Another member of the public asked Councillors to consider the social and economic cost relating to the Calshot Association and suggested that a member of the Parish Council represent the people of the parish on this organisation.

RESOLVED: To investigate further the possibility of the Parish Council being represented on the Calshot Association.

4. **Chairman's Remarks:** The Chairman welcomed new elected Councillor Lin McDermott to the meeting and to Fawley Parish Council.

The meeting was advised that Hampshire County Council Highways Department had informed the Acting Clerk that a T-junction at the junction of Church Lane, Fawley and the B3035 was considered too costly and that they would be looking at other options.

The Chairman was sorry to report the passing away of Jack Smith and paid the following tribute: Jack was a stalwart of this Council when I joined in 1983 and he was an inspiration. Over the years there have been a few hardworking, dedicated councillors for the Parish of Fawley and Jack was in the highest category. When I was learning the trade of being a Councillor and being a Chairman of a Committee, he always had an open door that I could go to for advice and to talk things over.

He worked tirelessly when Gang Warily was being built, overseeing the smooth running of its construction and opening, as at that time we had only a part time Clerk based at Jubilee Hall. He made his mark for Fawley Parish and this should not be forgotten.

The meeting then stood for a minute's silence. The funeral would be taking place on Wednesday 24 March 2.30 pm at Exbury Church.

RESOLVED: A £25 donation to be made to the named charity in memory of Jack Smith.

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

a) Parish List

10/95155

Granuaile, Thornbury Avenue, Blackfield, Fawley SO45 1YQ

Rear conservatory

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

10/95230

28 Long Copse, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2LD

Single-storey side extension

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

10/95260

Waterside Sports and Social Club, 179-181 Long Lane, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2PA

3 portable cabins

(No 1) We recommend permission with the suggestion that a 3-year time limit be imposed but would accept the decision of the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

10/95278

3 Sherwood Way, Langley, Fawley SO45 1ZQ

First floor side extension; single storey rear extension

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

Tree Works

10/0082

26 Forest Edge, Fawley, Southampton SO45 1FN

2 x Birch – Fell and replace with 1 tree

The Parish Council **supports** this application.

Tree Preservation Order 02/10 Land of Hampton Lane and the Scouts Hut, Thornbury Avenue, Blackfield, Comments by 01 April 2010.

The Parish Council **supports** this Tree Preservation Order.

New Forest National Park Authority Tree Works

10/0069

Lepe Area – removal of a 10m section from 11 hedgerows to enable gas pipes to be laid and to reinstate with similar planting species following pipeline operation.

The Parish Council **supports** this application.

6. To receive reports for the following:

a) Ashlett – Cllr Hall: The meeting was advised that two new waste bins would be supplied and fitted shortly with the cost of one bin being met by the Parish Council.

b) Play Areas– Including an update on Wessex Close (see attached Appendix A).

RESOLVED: The Acting Clerk to bring a costed design plan for the Wessex Close Play Area to the next meeting of the Public Services Committee for consideration by members.

Cllr Fidler reported that the play area at Gang Warily had recently been repainted and the areas at QEII and Tristan Close were scheduled to be repainted soon. It was hoped that the safety surface at Tristan Close would be replaced during April.

c) Footpaths – Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix A).

RESOLVED: A letter to be sent to the Rights of Way Department advising of the flooding of Footpath 737, a copy to be forwarded to Hythe and Dibden Parish Council.

d) Holbury Manor & Warren Copse: (see attached Appendix A). Cllr Holtham advised the meeting that a copy of the Management Plan was available for members to view.

RESOLVED: To proceed with the application for the Higher Level Stewardship Scheme for Holbury Manor and Warren Copse.

e) QEII – Cllr Fidler reported that the fencing surrounding the cricket pitch had been pulled down. Cricket matches were scheduled to take place each weekend during the summer.

f) Gang Warily – Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix A). The Acting Clerk advised that the cost of providing play equipment on a par with the play area in Jones Lane, Hythe was upwards of £100,000.00. It was noted that work on the Skate Park at Newlands had commenced.

g) Allotments: (see attached Appendix A). Cllr Holtham added that he had consulted with the residents of neighbouring properties.

7. The Open Space Policy for Fawley Parish Council: Cllr Dunsdon thanked Cllr Holtham for his hard work in preparing the Open Space Policy and suggested two small amendments to the proposed policy.

RESOLVED: To bring the amended Open Space Policy to the next meeting of the Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee to be held on 31 March 2010.

8. Additional salt bins and their location within the parish.

RESOLVED: To advise Hampshire County Council of additional salt bins required with suggested locations at the top of Ashlett Hill and outside the Post Office at Fawley. To suggest that the Parish Council be given a supply of grit by HCC which could be delivered to vulnerable people in the Parish during bad weather.

9. Appointment of members to carry out a review of the Internal Audit:

RESOLVED: Cllrs Fidler and Hall to carry out a review of the Internal Audit.

10. Correspondence:

a)

i Southern Gas Networks: Proposed Cross Solent Natural Gas Pipeline CD. Representations by 01 April 2010. Noted.

b) For information

i. Waterside Heritage: Advice of AGM Thursday 18 March 2010 Community Centre, Brintons Lane, Hythe, 7.30 pm. Noted.

ii HCC/NFNPA/ExxonMobil: Advice of free coastal visits and talks for community groups. Noted.

c) **Available from the office upon request:** Exxon Mobil Community Matters March 2010, Waterside Heritage Newsletter No 45 February 2010, Natural England England's Statutory Landscape Designations, Standards Board for England Issue 47 Community Action Hampshire Action News Update March 2010 and Communique March 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.

11. **Staffing Matters:** Members were advised of forthcoming staff retirements and the resignation of a Grounds Maintenance Assistant. The replacement Maintenance Assistant was due to start employment on 12 April 2010.
12. **Date of next meeting:** 26 May 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

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Chairman