

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Services Committee held on Wednesday 20 January 2010 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present: Cllr E Holtham (In the Chair), Cllr M Fidler, Cllr B Hall, Cllr A McDowall, (from item 3).

Also Present: Cllr Mrs M Alderman, Cllr A Glass, Nigel Burt, Community Affairs Manager Exxon Mobil, 8 members of the public.

In attendance:

Mr Gordon Richardson, Acting Clerk to the Council

Mrs S Markides, Clerical Assistant.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr R Wappet.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.

3. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2009 be signed as a correct record.

PUBLIC SESSION: A member of the public wished to object to planning application 09/95035 Land Rear of 231 Hampton Lane. Concerns raised included access to the main road, loss of privacy, drainage, security and damage to the mature oak tree on site. Applications previously submitted had been rejected.

Another member of the public wished to comment on the traffic speeds seen in Church Lane, Fawley and informed the meeting that he considered residents were unable to access their drives safely. Pedestrians also had difficulty walking along Church Lane due to the narrow pavements. Money had been available for improvements and he expressed concern at the delay experienced. Cllr Hall asked what would residents like to see there and it was thought that pinch points might be an improvement but anything that slowed traffic would be considered. Another resident agreed with the comments made and hoped that a solution to the problem could be found when the item was discussed later on the agenda.

Two parents asked councillors to consider play provision within the parish and in particular improvements to the QEII Recreation area, which was to be discussed under item 7 on the agenda. They advised the meeting that the park at Jones Lane, Hythe was far superior to any within the area and hoped that a park similar to this could be provided.

4. **Chairman's Remarks:** The Chairman informed the meeting that the National Coastwatch Institution (NCI) was to open a new watchstation, manned by volunteers, at Calshot Tower overlooking the Solent. A public meeting with an introduction to the NCI was to be held at the Waterside Sports and Social Club on Tuesday 26 January 2010 at 7pm.

A request had been made to use Churchfield, Fawley for the annual Parish Summer Fete on Saturday 3 July and this was agreed.

The Chairman also advised that the Maintenance Assistant will be resigning with effect from the end of March and that he had written to thank him for his exemplary service to the Council. This matter would be considered at the next Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee.

5. Planning:

a) Parish List

09/95032

Forest View, Chapel Lane, Fawley, SO45 1EB

Detached garage

(No 5) The Parish Council endorse the comments made by the neighbour and would be happy to accept the decision reached by the District Council Officers under their delegated powers.

09/95035

Land rear of 231 Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1XA

Bungalow; bin/cycle store; alter access; parking

(No4) We recommend refusal and strongly object to this application due to concerns regarding access, loss of privacy and light, over crowding and possible damage to an oak tree on site. Cllr Glass offered to speak at any future planning where this application would be discussed.

09/95045

Block 16B, Fawley Refinery, Cadland Road, Hardley, Fawley, SO45 1TX

Modification to existing Hydrofiner unit (Hazardous Substances Consent)

(No 3) We recommend permission.

09/95027

26 Waltons Avenue, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2LU

Roof alterations; dormer; roof lights in association with new first floor; first floor side extension with carport under

(No 4) We recommend refusal due to over development of the site and endorse the Officer comments.

09/94912

179-181 Long Lane, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2PA

Temporary siting of existing container for storage of sports equipment (Relief of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 90962 to allow siting until 30 12 2012)

(No1) We recommend permission but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

- 6. Traffic Management** – The Chairman apologised to both residents and ExxonMobil for the lack of progress made regarding traffic concerns in Church Lane, Fawley. Nigel Burt, Community Affairs Manager at Exxon hoped that something could be done to resolve the situation, which had existed for many years. £3000.00 had been donated by Exxon in 2002 for traffic calming measures but due to the inappropriate nature of the plans this had not progressed. He suggested that a meeting with all interested parties be arranged to work on solution to the problem.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to arrange a meeting with the relevant parties to discuss the way forward for traffic concerns relating to Church Lane, Fawley

With regard to the deployment of Speed Indicator Devices within the Parish members considered it was not the responsibility of the parish to supply these devices, which were costly to maintain.

RESOLVED: To not support the funding of Speed Indicator Devices within the Parish.

It was noted that the request that Fawley Village has a 20mph speed restriction would be included in the Community Aspiration log.

7. **Request from local residents to make improvements at the QEII Recreation Ground;** Members discussed play areas within the parish and the need for improvements. The meeting was informed of the difficulty of maintaining play areas and the problems experienced with vandalism and litter.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to investigate further the availability of grants to fund improvements or a new park and to report back to the next meeting of the Public Services committee on 17 March 2010.

8. **To receive reports for the following:**

a) Ashlett – Cllr Hall reported there had been no contact with the Harbour Master and it was requested that the Clerk get in touch with him.

b) Play Areas– Cllr Fidler advised that due to ill health and the recent bad weather he was unable to provide a report. Cllr Holtham added that he had produced a report on the Open Space provision within the parish (see attached Appendix A).

c) Footpaths – Cllr Holtham (see attached Appendix B)

RESOLVED: The Clerk to write to the Hampshire County Council to enquire why the work on Bridleway 30 had not yet been undertaken.

d) Holbury Manor & Warren Copse – (see attached Appendix B). Cllr Holtham requested that members note a travel claim would be submitted in the future from the Developers Contributions Warren Copse fund, budget code 7714 in respect of the collection of a new trailer. Cllr Holtham also requested that it was minuted that the parish land behind the leylandii hedge at the Warren Play Area adjacent to 12 The Warren is not being used as part of their garden.

e) QEII – Members considered the placement of the bench, a matter referred from Public Services meeting 16 September 2009.

RESOLVED: To not move the bench at this time.

A complaint had been received from a local resident regarding a tree at the rear of the property.

RESOLVED: The Chairman of the Committee and the Clerk to the Council to take further advice and resolve the problem regarding the tree at the QEII Recreation Ground.

f) Gang Warily – Cllr Holtham: Nothing to report.

g) Allotments – Cllr Holtham advised members that Developers Contributions were not available to fund the provision of new allotments using the field at Fawley School as they were not considered to be a recreational facility. Planning permission would not have been required for the allotments but would have been needed for any fencing on site.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to contact larger councils to ask for support regarding the interpretation of the regulations to be met for the release of Developers Contributions.

9. **An update regarding Coastal signage at Calshot.**

RESOLVED: To contact the Services Manager of NFDC Communities and Employment to enquire whether the review of the coastal signage has been completed.

10. **Appointment of two members of the Public Services Committee to sit on the Newlands Park Sub Committee.**

RESOLVED: To appoint Cllrs Holtham and McDowall to the Newlands Park Sub Committee.

11. **Report on Developers Contributions:** Members noted the recommendations made.

RESOLVED: The Centre Manager to proceed with an application for funding to enable the provision of a new 5 a side pitch at Gang Warily.

RESOLVED: To proceed with an application for funding for the development of Wessex Close Play Area, this to include fencing.

RESOLVED: To note that £20,000 has been granted from Developers Contributions to be used for the Skate Park at the Newlands Park.

RESOLVED: To look for alternative funding for the provision of new allotments.

RESOLVED: Following a request from NFDC for the Council to take over the Play Area at Heather Road Cllrs to look at the site and discuss the request at the next Public Services Committee. To enquire how much would be available from the Commuted Payments Fund upon take over and how much extra money would need to be budgeted if the Play Area was adopted.

RESOLVED: To only adopt the Harrier Way Play Area and Open Space when NFDC fulfil the terms requested. The Clerk to enquire from Hampshire County Council their views of the dropped kerb required in Harrier Way as it was part of the footpath/cycle way to Holbury Drove in the local plan.

12. Correspondence:

a) Planning Inspectorate: Notice of Appeal Planning Application 09/94507 Land adjacent to Linden, Lepe Road, Langley, Fawley, SO45 1YT, Attached house. Noted.

b) For information

i. North Solent Shoreline Management Plan Hurst Spit to Redbridge. Exhibition at NFDC Lymington Town Hall, Monday 1 February 2010 or plan available at www.northsolentsmp.co.uk Noted.

c) **Available from the office upon request:** Exxon Mobil Community Matters January 2010, Clerks and Councils Direct January 2010, NFDC Forward Plan of Key Decisions 1 February 2010 – 31 May 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.

13. Renda Road: Following a meeting with NFDC outline planning permission would now be submitted.

Land Registry: Members were advised that the application to register land within the parish that had recently been found to be unregistered was now complete with advice of costs to follow.

14. Update on complaint made to NFDC regarding the Open Space Department: The complaint had now been dealt with satisfactorily.

15. Date of next meeting: 17 March 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.18 pm.

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Chairman