

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 October 2011 at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present: Cllr R Wappet (In the Chair), Cllr A Glass (Vice-Chairman), Cllr A Alvey, Cllr B Coyston, Cllr M Fidler, Cllr B Hall, Cllr E Holtham, Cllr C McDowall (from item 5), Cllr K Smith, Cllr B Thorne.

Also present: District Cllr M Harris, Danny Godfrey of the Green Energy Centre (until item 6), 2 members of the public (until item 5).

In attendance:

Mr S Nash, Parish Clerk.

Mrs S Markides, HR & Admin Officer.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr O Foster, Cllr L McDermott, Cllr S Read.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute 6, Planning, as he is a member of the New Forest District Council Planning Committee. He stated that he would consider the applications on the evidence in front of him at this point in time.
- 3. Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2011 be signed as a correct record.

4. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman advised members regarding the new Business Free Automated Transactions Tariff which enables the bank account to process non-paper payments, such as direct debits, debit card payments and on line banking free of charge. This had commenced on 28/09/11 for a period of three months, following which a review will take place.

The Head Groundsman has offered to help run the Fawley Falcons Mini Soccer School at Gang Warily on as Saturday morning on a voluntary basis and has asked if during bad spells of weather if they could use part of a pitch or five a side pitch respecting prior bookings - and free of charge.

RESOLVED: To allow the Fawley Falcons Mini Soccer School free use of a part pitch / 5 a side pitch for training on Saturday mornings during bad weather as long as no other booking has been received.

Members were reminded of the Annual Parish Service to be held at All Saints Church, Fawley on Wednesday 19 Oct 2011 2pm, the staff meeting being held on Tuesday 25 Oct 2011 8am at Gang Warily and the Fireworks Night being held at Newlands Road on 5 November 2011.

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Cllr Wappet then advised that he had recently received a letter from a local schoolgirl regarding the QEII Recreation Ground. He had invited her to attend the meeting and take the Chair to inform Councillors of her concerns.

The following speech was made to the meeting:

Hello my name is Caitlin Lawrence. Thank you very much for inviting me to attend and speak at today's Parish Council meeting. I wrote to Councillor Wappet about the state of the QEII Recreation Ground: glass, plastic bottles, wrappers, dogs' mess and even a fire. As I walk my dog there most mornings and play football there on Tuesdays and every other Saturday, it is not nice to see piles of litter everywhere and broken glass, which is dangerous. I know the groundsman do their best to keep the rec clean as I see them sometimes in the mornings. Also when we go to collect my brother from cubs on a Friday evening there are hoards of teenagers drinking, shouting and swearing and we find this very intimidating.

I am very pleased to see that some improvements have been made to the play park including a fresh coat of paint and resurfacing. It would also be really nice to see some new modern equipment like the play parks that I sometimes visit in Christchurch and Hythe and also some swings for babies and toddlers.

It might be helpful to have a litterbin near to the new pavilion to encourage people to dispose of their rubbish correctly and even a recycling bin as I notice that a lot of the litter is plastic bottles and cans. Thank you very much for listening.

The meeting applauded Caitlin and Cllr Wappet advised that the Parish Council staff tried their best to keep the recreation ground clean and to make Fawley a pleasant place to live but it was an on going problem.

5. A presentation on Solar Power:

Danny Godfrey of the Green Energy Centre advised of the Government commitment to renewable energy, the different tariffs available, efficiency figures, life expectancy of systems and the different solar panels available for installation.

Computer Intelligent Mains Panels were handed out to the meeting but Mr Godfrey advised that these had no value as he received them free from a utility company.

6. Planning:

a) Parish List:

11/97661

RWE NPower Cogen, Charleston Road, Hardley, Fawley, SO45 3BP

Modify steam path; "A" framed condenser

(No 3) We recommend permission.

11/97716

Grass verge on north side of Fawley Bypass (B053) (to the east of junction with Calshot Road), Fawley

Replacement of the existing 11.4 metre high telecommunications pole with a 13.5 metre high replica telegraph pole telecommunications installation with 02 and Vodafone antennas within the pole; provision of 1 additional small scale equipment cabinet and minor ancillary works (Prior notification to carry out Telecommunications Development)

Cllr Wappet advised that this application had already been decided at the NFDC Planning Development Control Committee meeting held earlier that day.

11/97757

Crofton, Lea Road, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1YW

Rear conservatory

(No 3) We recommend permission.

11/97761

1A Springfield Grove, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2LL

Removal of condition 6 of planning permission 09/94106 to allow occupation without installation of turntable

(No 4) We recommend refusal as it is considered that the turntable would ensure the safe exit of vehicles from the property i.e. cars facing forward instead of backing onto traffic.

b) New Forest National Park Authority:

11/96808

Calshot Activities Centre, Jack Maynard Road, Calshot, Southampton. SO45 1BR

Re-clad existing dining building with timber and render

(No 3) We recommend permission.

7. **An update report from the Youth Worker:** Members noted the report (see attached Appendix A).
8. **County Councillor's report:** Not present.
9. **Reports from District Councillors:**

Cllr Glass advised he had been working on the review of car parking within the New Forest. Cllr Alvey had nothing to report but was happy to take any questions that members might have.

Cllr Wappet advised he had been involved with a disciplinary appeal and planning matters. Cllr Harris was attending his first Fawley Parish Council meeting as District Councillor for the Hardley Ward. He was currently interested in the Hardley Industrial Park particularly concerns relating to empty units where the building had been allowed to deteriorate. He thought that the young lady speaker at the start of the meeting had been excellent.

Cllr Wappet apologised for not formally welcoming him to the meeting.
10. **Reports from Representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies:**
 - a) New Forest Consultative Panel: Cllr E Holtham had attended the meeting on the first of September where the following matters had been discussed.

Under matters arising Cllr Holtham had raised the fact that once again the ragwort had not been pulled along the A326, which was now 3 years in a row but unfortunately David Richardson from Hampshire Highways did not attend.

Presentations were made by Ian Barker, NPA Ecologist, John Durnell from H&IOW Trust on the Natural Environment White Paper and Pat Thorne who gave an overview of the work of the Verderers.
 - b) New Forest Sports Council: a new meeting date had been received; the Clerk to ensure a staff member would attend.
 - c) Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau: Cllr A McDowall advised the meeting was taking place at the same time as the Parish Council meeting and so he was unable to attend, however he stated that new claims were increasing all the time.
 - d) New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee: Cllrs Glass and Thorne: Meeting to be held on 13 October 2011.
 - e) Transport Committee: Cllr R Wappet had nothing to report. The Clerk advised that a letter of support had been received from HCC regarding a minibus for community transport from Calshot.
 - f) Waterside Youth Steering Committee: Cllr P Pearce-Smith MBE was not present.
 - g) Calshot Project: The Clerk and Cllr Smith had attended a meeting and offered assistance to the group regarding grant applications provided that a constitution had been set up and balance sheets were produced.

- h) Waterside Heritage: Cllr B Coyston advised that a recent quiz night had been cancelled due to a lack of interest. Definitions of the term “Waterside” were requested, as it appeared to be a local title. Cllr Wappet thought that NFDC had a definition on file.
- i) Police Working Party : Cllrs A Glass, P Pearce-Smith MBE and A McDowall: No meeting. The Clerk to write to the Chief Constable to enquire regarding the policy of police attending liaison meetings, their frequency and who should attend.
- j) Age Concern: Cllr K Smith advised that the sub title should read Age Concern New Forest East as at present, this group did not come under Age Concern UK. Waterside Good Neighbours were affiliated to Age Concern NFE and had recently received £450 through the Waitrose token scheme.
Cllr Smith had been asked to thank the council for allowing free use of the room at Jubilee Hall until Christmas for the computer classes run by Age Concern NFE.
- k) Calshot Association: Cllr O Foster was not present.
- l) Parent Link: Cllr Mrs T Joof was not present. The Clerk was able to advise that a disabled club was being now run by Parent Link at the Colors Youth Club site on Saturdays 10am – 12noon and that a second club would start next month, this being funded until March 2012 by HCC. Closure of the Colors Youth Club was expected in March next year but it was hoped that applications for funding to continue the club would be successful. Parent Link was also providing extended services to parents in Romsey and were going from strength to strength.
- m) Neighbourhood Focus Group: Cllr A Glass had not heard from the group but understood they were still in the process of setting up.

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

- a) **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 31 August 2011 be signed as a correct record.
- b) **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 14 September 2011 be signed as a correct record.
- c) **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee meeting held on 28 September 2011 be signed as a correct record.

12. The Audit Commission: External Auditor’s Report of the Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2011.

RESOLVED: To accept the External Auditor’s Report of the Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2011 (see attached Appendix B). A letter of thanks to be sent to the Finance Officer for her efforts in completing the report and the high standard of work that she consistently achieved.

13. Proposed opening/closing Christmas hours for Parish Facilities:

RESOLVED: To accept the proposed Christmas opening hours for 2011 and to ensure they are circulated (see attached appendix C).

14. Quality Council Status: Cllrs Alvey and Glass advised of a visit to discuss Quality Council status with Kingsclere Parish Council, which was a Quality Parish Council.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to produce a report on the steps needed to be taken to achieve Quality Council Status and any costs involved. This to be brought to the Parish Council meeting to be held on 7 December 2011.

15. Production schedule for the Fawley Parish Guide 2012: Members were asked for contributions/suggestions for the next issue of the Parish Guide.

16. Diamond Jubilee Beacons – 4 June 2012:

RESOLVED: To give authority to the Clerk to proceed with the idea of Diamond Jubilee Beacons for June 2012. To bring this item back to Council, once arrangements have been confirmed.

- 17. Surgeries within the Parish:** It was noted that this idea had previously been unsuccessful and that not many residents attended the council meetings, which were mostly fortnightly. Cllr Glass said that on occasion a room in any of the parish facilities would be useful for meetings with residents. Cllr Harris thought that if responses to letters/requests from parishioners were publicised more then perhaps more people would get in touch. The Clerk advised he would investigate the complaint regarding litter at the QEII Recreation Ground as mentioned in the public session.

18. November promotion for badminton block bookers (10% discount Sunday evenings):

RESOLVED: To allow badminton block bookers 10% discount on Sunday evenings until the Christmas closing period and then to review thereafter.

19. Use of All Weather Pitch by JD5:

RESOLVED: To confirm Use of All Weather Pitch by JD5 (see attached Appendix D).

20. Correspondence:

a) For information:

i) National Minimum Wage: New rates from 01 October 2011. Noted.

ii) NFNPA: Notice of NFNPA “Guidelines for Horse-Related Development Supplementary Planning Document” Adoption Statement. Noted.

Cllr Wappet advised that he had received an acknowledgement of his letter regarding traffic concerns in Church Lane, Fawley from Cllr M Kendall and Cllr K Thornber of HCC.

b) Available from the office: Community Action Hampshire, Action News Update October 2011, Local Councils Direct October 2011. Noted.

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.

21. Staffing matters: SEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE FILE

22. Date of next meeting: 7 December 2011.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

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Chairman