

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Wednesday 22 June 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 O Foster, Cllr B Hall, Cllr E Holtham, Cllr K Smith, Cllr B Thorne.

Also present: County Councillor Mrs A McEvoy, Youth and Community Worker Debbie Elliott, Jackie Hilton of Parent Link, one member of the public and one member of the press.

In attendance:

Mr S Nash, Parish Clerk.

Mrs S Markides, HR & Admin Officer.

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr T Joof, Cllr L McDermott, Cllr A McDowall, Cllr S Read, District Councillor M Harris.
- 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. Cllr Alvey declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 11/97088, Solent House, Ashlett Road, Fawley as the owners were known to him. Cllr Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning applications 11/97088 Solent House, Ashlett Road, Fawley, 11/97218 Plots 5&6, land adjacent to Elmside, Ashlett Road, Fawley and 11/97219 Plots 1-4, land adjacent to Elmside, Ashlett Road, as he lives nearby.
- 3. To sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April, the Extraordinary meeting 27 April, the Annual Parish meeting 27 April and the Annual meeting 11 May 2011.**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April, the Extraordinary meeting 27 April, the Annual Parish meeting 27 April and the Annual meeting 11 May 2011 be signed as correct records with the exception of minute 5d of the Annual meeting 11 May 2011 which should be amended to read Cllrs Glass and Thorne.

4. Chairman's Announcements:

Cllr Mrs McDermott had advised that due to health reasons she would not be able attend any meetings of the Council or of its Committees or any other body for six months.

As she had not attended a meeting of the Council or attended a meeting as a representative to the Council since 18 May 2011 this period would commence from 19 May 2011.

The Chairman advised of an error on the agenda, item 10g Calshot Project should read Cllr K Smith.

A consultation paper had been received regarding Manor Infant School and a possible change to becoming a Church of England School. Members to complete the response form individually by 22 July 2011. A public meeting would be taking place at the school on Tuesday 28 June 2011 at 6.30pm with a "drop in" session also being held on Tuesday 5 July from 3 – 4pm.

The Chairman also reminded members of the Armed Forces Day being held at Gang Warily on Saturday 25 June 10am-10pm which he hoped would receive a lot of support.

PUBLIC SESSION: Planning application 11/97088, Solent House, Ashlett Road, Fawley, A member of the public stated that he was unaware of a dividing line between The Square and Calshot Road demarking commercial from domestic use and raised concerns relating to the change of use, parking on site and the surrounding area and being out of character with the street scene.

He also considered that planning application 11/97141 appeared to be a repeat of an earlier application and that NFDC had effectively sold off a piece of the village, removing a public facility, without thought to what could happen to the site.

5. Presentation from Jackie Hilton, Family Support Manager, Parent Link:

Jackie Hilton thanked members for the invitation to provide an update on the Parent Link project. She advised of funding received so far and funding bids that were pending. Consultation had taken place with local parents and new volunteers recruited and trained. A Family Fun Social Club would be commencing on 14 July at the QEII Recreation Ground and a Healthy Eating Course would be running from Jubilee Hall starting 23 June. Positive Parenting Workshops were also scheduled to take place and she would be supporting special needs children to allow them to take part in the organised activities taking place at Gang Warily during the school summer holidays. Mrs Hilton thanked the Clerk for his support and also thanked the staff at Jubilee Hall and the Parish Council who had helped since she started the project.

The Clerk replied that the project was fully funded through Parent Link and that with further funding the work could be sustained over a longer period. Use of the Parish facilities provided the Council with secondary sales.

6. Planning:

a) Parish List: RESOLVED: To submit the following observations:

11/97141

Former Public Conveniences, School Road, Fawley,

Use as a dwelling; single-storey extensions and associated external alterations; 1.8 metre high boundary fence

(No 4) We recommend refusal due to the cramped dwelling conditions and the visual impact of the close-boarded fencing.

Cllr Alvey left the meeting.

11/97088

Solent House, Ashlett Road, Fawley, SO45 1DS

Use of ground floor as 1 flat, fenestration alterations

(No 1) We recommend permission providing that the character of the building is retained but would accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

Cllr Alvey returned to the meeting.

The following applications were discussed together. A member of the public raised concerns regarding parking on site and nearby, pedestrian safety and the impact on the street scene.

A statement from the applicant was read to the meeting.

11/97218

Plots 5&6 land adjacent to Elmside, Ashlett Road, Fawley, SO45 1DS

Two houses; associated parking; bin & cycle store

(No 3) We recommend permission.

11/97219

Plots 1-4 land adjacent to Elmside, Ashlett Road, Fawley, SO45 1DS
2 pairs of semi-detached houses; associated parking; bin & cycle store
(No 3) We recommend permission.

b) New Forest National Park Authority:

11/96413

Beach Hut 13, Calshot Beach East, Calshot
Replacement beach hut
(No 3) We recommend permission.

11/96477

Beach Hut 118, Calshot Beach East, Calshot
Retention of replacement beach hut
(No 3) We recommend permission.

7. **An update report from the Youth Worker** (see attached Appendix A).
8. **County Councillor's report:** Cllr McEvoy reported on the continuation of the Broadband Campaign of the County Council, National Safety Week, the Engineering Excellence Awards and a sponsorship request for a cross channel swim (see attached Appendix B).
9. **Reports from District Councillors:** Cllr Mrs McEvoy reported that she had recently been elected as Vice-Chairman of NFDC and regarded this as a great honour not only for herself but also for the South Waterside and especially for Fawley Parish.

Cllr Wappet formally congratulated Cllr McEvoy on her election on behalf of Fawley Parish Council.

Cllr Hall asked whether Cllr McEvoy was able to explain the removal of the lay-by near to the Dibden Roundabout as this had provided over night parking for lorries. Cllr McEvoy replied that this had resulted from the tragic accident on the A326.

Cllr Wappet reported that he had mainly dealt with planning issues. Grant payments to District Councillors to distribute to worthy causes may be increased. Plans were progressing to make it easier for Parish Councils to access Developers' Contributions.

Cllr Glass advised that he attended various training sessions and had been appointed to several different committees.

10. Reports from Representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies:

- a) New Forest Consultative Panel. Cllr E Holtham advised he had attended the meeting on 12 May where an interesting talk had been given and film shown on the "Shipwrecks of the Western Solent" by James Brown, National Park Maritime Archaeology Education and Out Reach Officer.
Alison Barnes, NFNPA Chief Executive had explained the new staff structure of the authority, implemented to address budget cuts.
An update was received on the Higher Level Stewardship Fund that is being used to re-dig the roadside ditches, first installed in the 1970's to keep cars off the open forest.
Cllr Holtham had enquired why the Hampshire Wildlife Verges Project were designating forest roads when the New Forest is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and how they were going to stop the animals from grazing on them.

Trials on the removal of Himalayan Pygmy weed from forest ponds would be taking place this year using various methods including a dye, which would discolour the water but was safe for animals and humans.

- b) New Forest Sports Council. Facilities Manager Gang Warily. No meeting had been held.
- c) Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau. Cllr A McDowall: Nothing to report.
- d) New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee: Cllrs Glass and Thorne. Cllr Glass had raised concerns to the committee regarding drainage at the local waste transfer station and the Parish Clerk was contacting the Environment Agency. He hoped that a meeting with Exxon could be arranged to discuss the slipway and pond at Ashlett.
- e) Transport Committee. Cllr R Wappet: Meeting to be held in July. Cllr Holtham requested that the lack of timetables at the bus stops in Calshot again be reported.
- f) Waterside Youth Steering Committee. Cllr P Pearce-Smith MBE: Not present.
- g) Calshot Project. Cllr K Smith advised that he had not been contacted by the Calshot Project and requested that another letter informing them of his appointment be sent.
- h) Waterside Heritage: Cllr B Coyston had informally met with the Chairman and other members but had been unable to attend the meeting.
- i) Police Working Party. Cllrs A Glass, P Pearce-Smith MBE and A McDowall. The Clerk to write to the new Inspector to express disappointment that no meeting had been held. Cllr Holtham advised of the recent security problems at the Groundsman's Compound and Cllr Smith of problems experienced by the Good Shepherd Church. Cllr Coyston advised that action had been taken by the Police following parking concerns raised at a previous council meeting.
- j) Age Concern. Cllr K Smith advised the meeting was the same date as the Parish Council meeting.
- k) Calshot Association. Cllr O Foster reported she had attended the meeting on 31 May and been asked to find children between the ages of 8-16 for a taster day at Calshot i.e. climbing, skiing and archery to use the Jack Maynard Bursary Fund. This is for children who would not otherwise get to the Calshot Centre.
Marina Round of Blackfield School aged 11, had recently won the RYA National Windsurfing Championships at Rutland Water.
The SB6 plane from the Southampton Aviation Museum will be visiting Calshot later this year.
- l) Parent Link. Cllr Mrs T Joof: Not present.

11. Neighbourhood Focus Group, Heather Road:

RESOLVED: Cllr A Glass to represent the Council on the Neighbourhood Focus Group, Heather Road.

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 18 May 2011 be signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 25 May 2011 be signed as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee meeting held on 8 June 2011 be signed as a correct record.

13. Use of Developers' Contributions to offset advertising costs:

RESOLVED: To not make any decision on use of Developers Contributions until the Finance Officer produced a grants report to the next Policy, Resources and Personnel meeting to be held on 3 August 2011.

14. Correspondence:

a) For response:

i) New Forest Transportation Section: The Design and Implementation of Transport Proposals using Developers' Contributions. Comments by 29 July 2011. Noted.

b) For information:

i) NFDC Transportation Section: Deployment of Speed Limit Reminder Device, northbound traffic, Lamp post 42, Hampton Lane, near Thornbury Avenue, Blackfield, from 20/06/11. 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.

15. Staffing matters: See confidential minute file.

16. Date of next meeting: 17 August 2011.

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

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Chairman