

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Wednesday 7 December 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 T Joof, Cllr L McDermott, Cllr S Read, Cllr K Smith, Cllr B Thorne.

Also present: County Councillor Mrs A McEvoy (from item 4 to item 10).

In attendance:

Mr S Nash, Parish Clerk.

Mrs S Markides, HR & Admin Officer.

- 1. Apologies:** District Councillor M Harris, Debbie Elliott, Youth & Community Worker.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute 5, 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 12 October 2011 be signed as a correct record.

- 4. Chairman's Announcements:** NFDC Planning Development Control have advised the following applications will be considered by the Planning Development Control Committee meeting to be held on 14 December 2011.

11/97832, 2 Pennysprings, The Drove, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1XB

Single-storey rear extension; first floor rear balcony; front open veranda

Parish Council comments at Public Services Committee meeting 9 November 2011

(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

Parish Council comments Parish Council meeting 12 October 2011

(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.

Any member wishing to attend please inform the office before 11am Monday 12 December 2011.

NFDC Licensing have advised that a temporary events notice has been acknowledged for The Scout & Guide Centre, Newlands Road for 31/12/11 from 18.00 – 02.00 on 01/01/12. Sale of alcohol and regulated entertainment (150 people).

And finally a reminder of the Fawley Lights Switch On being held in the village on Saturday 10 December 2011 with the parade commencing at 3.45pm and real reindeer, snow, fair rides and stalls.

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

5. Planning:

a) Parish List

11/97936

62 Larkspur Gardens, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2QH

Rear extension, conservatory & front porch

(No 3) We recommend permission.

To also comment to NFDC that block plans provided would be clearer if the driveways of properties were also included.

11/97947

Belmont, Blackfield Road, Fawley, SO45 1EH

Roof alterations & 4 dormers in association with new first floor; two-storey side extension; rear conservatory

(No3) We recommend permission.

b) New Forest National Park Authority:

11/96971

The Conifers, Bus Drove, Calshot, Southampton SO45 1BG

Single storey front extension

(No3) We recommend permission.

- 6. An update report from the Youth Worker:** The Clerk advised that as per item 1.1 payment for helping at the Youth Club would be made to several different carers (who already attended) depending on who was available to assist with the club and the individuals attending with behavioural problems.

Item 1.5 Mediation Training was for the Youth Worker and for any other member of staff wishing to attend.

Members noted the report (see attached Appendix A) and were pleased to see how well the Youth Worker was doing.

- 7. County Councillor's report:** Cllr McEvoy provided the following report.

As you know Hampshire County Council is responsible for the delivery of a number of services including: Social Care & Health, Education & Learning, Environment & Planning, Waste & Recycling, Roads & transport, Arts, Libraries & heritage, Leisure & Tourism, Business & Economy and Consumer Advice and Protection.

I thought for a change this evening I would speak on one aspect of our service delivery, namely the modernisation of Adult Social care.

Project Extra – Care

The business case for the development of modern forms of care and supported living has been approved in the form of **Project Extra-Care Housing**.

HCC is anticipating its potential investment of up to £45 million will generate significant joint capital investment from partners such as developers, health, Registered Providers and District Councils, to stimulate the market to provide countywide coverage of **Extra-Care Housing**. This will build on the successful development so far which has seen the County Council on course to deliver 240 units of new build **Extra-Care Housing** and 250 units in existing sheltered housing brought up **Extra-Care** standards by 2012.

Phase 1 - consolidation works commenced this year and we have increased the 2011/12 Adult Services capital programme by £3m to include this project. (Funding will be provided from the Invest to Save reserve).

Phase 2 – will see Hampshire committing up to £45m of capital spread over a maximum 8-year period. Each development will have its own business case reflecting need, site identification and availability and all new schemes will be mixed tenure.

To give you a little more detail:

Phase 1 has so far delivered 490 units of **Extra-Care**, of which 240 are new builds.

Phase 2, which is **Extra-Care Housing**, provides a real alternative to residential care for older people, more of whom are now choosing to remain independent and be cared for at home. The schemes comprise of accessible housing where people have their own apartments, enjoy additional communal facilities and where care and support is available day and night if required.

So, what is Extra-Care?

It is the development of one and two bed apartments, for rent and for sale, grouped together with communal facilities, that through the provision of on site 24/7 care services offers a viable alternative to a residential care home for many vulnerable older people, enabling them to remain a part of and active within the wider community.

What are the benefits of Extra-care?

For individuals:

It provides vulnerable older people with a safe environment in which they can remain independent for as long as they are able.

It enables couples to remain together, when one of them develops greater care needs.

Extra-Care increases financial autonomy and flexibility and it promotes greater user independence, well being and choice.

It also provides security of tenure through tenancy agreement or ownership.

Does this deliver improved outcomes?

Research published in September 2011* has shown that compared to those living in the community receiving domiciliary care, those in **Extra-Care** Housing are less likely to enter institutional accommodation.

Those living in **Extra-Care** experience better health outcomes (reduction in care package), those living in **Extra-Care** are less likely to be hospitalised and those living in **Extra-Care** experience a lower number of falls.

*Kneale, D Establishing the Extra in Extra-care: perspectives from three Extra-Care housing providers (International Longevity Centre-UK 2011).

Available from http://www.ilcuk.org.uk/files/pdf/pdf_193.pdf

What then are the benefits of Extra-Care?

For Adult Services:

Extra-Care is compatible with the objectives of personalisation. It is less institutionalised option than the traditional alternative of a registered care home. Care needs are tailored to meet individual needs and the environment encourages independence and re-ablement. It is more cost effective than residential care.

Cost comparison	Residential Care Home Costs	Extra Care Housing
Direct unit costs per week	441-586	150
Income from Client Contributions & Other Sources	148-150	13
Net cost per unit	291-438	137

Adult Services only pay for care costs in Extra-Care, and not for so called “hotel costs”.

Finally, What are the benefits of Extra-Care?

For the wider community: It will provide housing and care based solutions to meet future needs and aspirations. There will be opportunities to release family housing (social or privately owned) back into the market. The scheme facilities will act as a community hub. **Extra-Care** develops a culture of participation both from and with communities and lastly we see it helping to maintain an overall balanced community.

As I have tried to explain, the County Council is transforming and modernising all front line Adult Services in accordance with personalisation, in order to improve and modernise its services, so they

better meet the needs of residents now and in the future, especially for the more vulnerable who are most in need of our support. **Extra-Care** does this by giving older people the choice of remaining independent and being cared for at home, rather than having to go into residential care. Fundamentally it's giving service users more choice and control over their care.

An email had also been received by Cllr McEvoy advising that Blackfield Library was to receive a much-needed face-lift. The library will close to the public at 5pm on 10 January 2012. A temporary service will run from 19 January until 3 March 2012 via a mobile library parked in the Royal British Legion car park. The refurbished library will reopen at 10am on 20 March 2012.

Cllr Glass asked Cllr McEvoy if there was any advance made regarding the work to the Rolleston Road cattle grid. Cllr McEvoy replied that the delay was due to the renewal of the box in which the cattle grid sat (this had had to be especially constructed) but that subject to the weather it was hoped that work would be completed by the end of the week. She had been able to assist in obtaining road signs to advise that the Bridge Tavern was still open.

Cllr Holtham advised he would be reporting the matter to the next meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel.

Cllr Fidler asked whether the black bags issued to residents by NFDC had been changed, as they appeared smaller and were very flimsy. Cllr McEvoy to check if this was the case.

Cllr Read asked if the Extra-Care units would be specific to parishes and whether they would benefit local people. Cllr McEvoy advised that the key point was identifying land on which they could be built and the basis of need. Site suggestions welcome.

8. Reports from District Councillors: Cllr Alvey advised he had attended a Planning Development Control meeting assisting a resident who had an objection to a planning application. He had also attended an Overview and Scrutiny Panel meeting as well a Planning meeting where land allocation for affordable housing was discussed. He advised that various options to deal with the congestion experienced at Blackfield Primary School were still being explored.

Cllr Glass advised he had been involved with a hygiene review of a public house to see whether it met the required standards and whether the public would be interested in a scheme that showed the scores of these reviews on the door of the establishment. He had also assisted in reviewing charges made in car parks owned by NFDC.

Cllr Holtham asked if charges for parking were to be made all year round now at Calshot, as if this was true, then there had been no consultation with the parish. Cllr Glass advised this had not been in his remit.

Cllr Wappet advised that NFDC had been commended for its financial management and astuteness in identifying that 2012-13 would be even tougher than present. The Audit was fairly satisfied that NFDC had a financial plan in place in ride out the difficulties.

9. Reports from Representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies:

- a) New Forest Consultative Panel: Cllr E Holtham had attended the meeting on Thursday 3 November where the proposed restoration work for 2012 and an update on the Forestry Commissions organisational changes, particularly the roll of the keepers was discussed.

The panel looking into the Forestry Commission nationally will be visiting the New Forest on 28 February 2012 and the itinerary for the Consultative Panel tour on 11 November was also given.

Richard Reeves from the New Forest History & Archaeology Group gave a talk on the history of the Consultative Panel from its inception in 1971 to the present.

The Chairman gave an update on the outcome of the governance review where two National Parks, the New Forest and the Peaks District National Parks will trial the concept of direct elections for its members in 2013. They have yet to decide on how many posts will be decided this way without affecting the size of the authority.

The Government are also asking for a report on whether the Consultative Panel should have legal status and the benefits that would derive from this. The Panel have set up a working group, of which I am a member, to consider the implications of achieving legal status and the benefits envisaged for the New Forest.

- b) New Forest Sports Council: The Clerk advised this meeting had been cancelled due to a lack of numbers attending.
- c) Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau: Cllr A McDowall was not present.
- d) New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee: Cllrs Glass and Thorne advised that a Member of the European Parliament would be present at the next committee meeting and that questions already prepared would be forwarded to him for response. Cllr Glass had now been appointed to the committee by NFDC and Cllr Coyston would replace him as the parish representative. The contact details of Cllr Thorne to be forwarded, once again, to the administrator.
- e) Transport Committee: Cllr R Wappet advised there had been no meeting.
- f) Waterside Youth Steering Committee: Cllr P Pearce-Smith MBE was not present.
- g) Calshot Project: Cllr K Smith had attended a recent meeting and advised that the Methodist Church was interested in joining the project as well. The Clerk had recently submitted a grant application to Awards For All to provide activities at Calshot and to assist with the provision of allotments there.
- h) Waterside Heritage: Cllr B Coyston had nothing to report.
- i) Police Working Party: Cllrs A Glass, P Pearce-Smith MBE and A McDowall. No meeting had been held.
- j) Age Concern New Forest East: Cllr K Smith advised the recent meeting had discussed separating from Age UK, a change of logo and the possibility of moving to better premises.
- k) Calshot Association: Cllr O Foster advised of money that would enable children and adults to out on the Alison MacGregor. The dining room was being re-clad. The roof of Calshot Castle needed repair. English Heritage was providing funding with help coming from the Lottery Fund as well. Director of the Activity Centre, Phil Quill would be leaving in 2012, a great loss to the Centre. A caravan had been destroyed when a candle had been left burning and the owner had left the site.
- l) Parent Link: Cllr Mrs T Joof had nothing to report. The Clerk advised of the takeover of Colors Youth Club by Parent Link and of an application for grant funding to continue this beyond April 2012.
- m) Neighbourhood Focus Group: Cllr A Glass had received no information from the group.

10. 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 2 November 2011 be signed as a correct record.
- b) **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 9 November 2011 be signed as a correct record.
- c) **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee meeting held on 23 November 2011 be signed as a correct record.

11. To agree Council budget for 2012/13 and to submit a precept of £473,980:

RESOLVED: To agree the Council budget for 2012/13 as presented and to precept the sum of £473,980 from New Forest District Council (see attached Appendix B).

12. To consider proposal for Renewals Contingency Fund, Budget Code 9989:

RESOLVED: To bring the proposal for the Renewals Contingency Fund to the next Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting to be held on 01 February 2012 for clarification of the title and usage of the fund.

- 13. To consider proposal for future operation of Café at Gang Warily:** Members discussed the proposal including the taking over of the coffee machine rental costs, the requested three months rent free period of the café, the possibility of going out to tender and whether any specific licenses were required.

RESOLVED: To accept the proposal made for future operation of the Café at Gang Warily (see attached Appendix C) on a 3-month trial period basis following which a thorough review to take place.

14. Correspondence:

a) For information:

- i) Licensing NFDC: Temporary Events Notice. All Saints Church, Waterside Musical Society Concert – Sale of alcohol, regulated entertainment and late night refreshment 17/12/11 18.45-2200 (100 people). Noted.
- ii) Planning Inspectorate: Notice of Appeal. Planning Application 11/97141 Former Public Conveniences, School Road, Fawley (NB Subject to Legal Agreement) Noted.
- iii) Speed Indicator Device data for A326 Long Lane, Holbury (Lamp column 24, near Schools) for the week beginning Monday 14/11/11. North bound traffic (40 mph speed limit). The 85%ile speed was 43 mph. Noted.
- iv) HCC: Notification of the Lepe Point, Fawley Nature Reserve Declaration. 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. Quality Council Status:** Members had conducted further research relating to Quality Parish Status. Cllr Foster wished the minutes to show she had no support for this agenda item.

RESOLVED: To not proceed with applying for Quality Council Status at this time but to review this at the December 2012 Parish Council meeting.

16. Staffing matters: SEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE FILE

- a) Consideration of additional expenditure to conclude grievance.
- b) To consider travel allowance payment to volunteer helper.
- c) Staff suggestion scheme: payment to staff member.

- 17. Date of next meeting:** 15 February 2012

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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Chairman