

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 11 January 2012 at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present: Cllr B Thorne (In the Chair), Cllr O Foster (Vice-Chairman), Cllr A Glass, Cllr P Pearce-Smith MBE, Cllr L McDermott, Cllr R Wappet.

Also present: Cllr B Coyston, Cllr M Fidler, Cllr B Hall, Cllr E Holtham, Cllr K Smith.
One member of the public.

In attendance:

Stephen Nash, Parish Clerk.

Mrs Sue Markides, HR&Admin Officer.

- 1. Apologies:** 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 2 November 2011 be signed as a correct record.

Standing orders were suspended.

- 4. PUBLIC SESSION:** The Chairman agreed to move Item 10 (Proposal to increase price of the Gang Warily Inclusive Group sessions) to this part of the meeting.

A member of the Gang Warily Inclusive Group (GIG) asked those present if they were aware of the group and what went on there. Each person in the group was disabled and required assistance during the sessions, many were over 60 years old and some were pensioners trying to overcome a disability or mobility problem. He asked that the councillors bear in mind the staffing levels of the group and stressed the importance of adequate guidance and supervision in the cause of safety, which he considered essential.

The group was very successful and should not be penalised for its success, needs were such that this facility should be considered as unique in Fawley. The instructor Jo Nobes, was superb and committed to the group, she deserved support from the Council to carry on her good work. Sessions ran twice a week for 2 hours, this time span was needed as members needed assistance to complete their programmes. He asked that it be noted that there was no other facility like this within easy reach, it was excellent and to remember the type of person using it, including himself.

The Clerk agreed that the group was excellent and it was not really being penalised but brought into line with charges made for other activities that took place at Gang Warily. These usually lasted for an hour, whilst the GIG sessions related to a two-hour session for the same price.

As numbers in the group had increased extra staff had been brought in to assist with the sessions but running costs were not being met. A suggestion that the class be split into two smaller groups had been made and it was hoped this would go ahead.

A further suggestion that the group seek additional funding was made.

RESOLVED: That prices for the two-hour GIG sessions at Gang Warily be increased from £2.85 to £3.50 for a member and from £3.80 to £4.50 for a non-member after notice to the group.

Standing orders were reinstated.

5. **Chairman's Remarks:** The Chairman advised that Sebastian Round, a local schoolboy who had recently achieved success in the sport of wind surfing would be using the facilities of Gang Warily under the Hampshire County Council Talented Athlete Scheme.

A reminder was issued of the invitation to a Business Update with ExxonMobil at Fawley on Thursday 19th January, 15.45pm from the Waterside Sports and Social Club. As numbers had been requested for transport and catering, members were asked to please advise the office as soon as possible if they wished to attend. Photo Id was required.

A DVD of the Fawley Lights Switch On was available.

An invitation to the opening of Lepe Nature Park had been received. It was agreed that Councillor Allan Glass would attend on behalf of the Council. The Clerk to advise the date and time.

6. **Planning**

a) Parish List:

11/97988

19 Hartsgrove Avenue, Blackfield, Fawley SO45 1WG

Removal of conditions 2 and 3 of Planning Permission 86345 to allow a clear glass window with normal opening and retain 1 existing window

(No 5) We are happy to accept the decision reached by the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers.

11/98033

112 Rollestone Road, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2GZ

Single-storey side and front extension; dormers and roof alterations in association with new first floor; detached double garage and store

(No 4) We recommend refusal due to concerns relating to the height of the roof, the proposal would be over bearing to the street scene and out of character with the surrounding area, concerns also relating to the double garage, we agree with the officer comments.

11/98000

Telephone Exchange, 26 Long Copse, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2LD

Replace 4 windows with 4 ventilation louvres

(No 3) We recommend permission.

11/98034

40 Studley Avenue, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2PP

Single-storey side extension

(No 3) We recommend permission.

11/98072

Weland Limited, Hardley Industrial Estate, Hardley, Fawley, SO45 3NQ

Concrete base; storage tank; 1.8metre high fence enclosure

(No 3) We recommend permission.

11/98075

108 Rolleston Road, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 2GZ

Roof alterations; dormers; roof light

(No 4) We recommend refusal due to concerns relating to the height of the roof, the proposal would be over bearing to the street scene and out of character with the surrounding area, we agree with the officer comments.

b) New Forest District Council Tree Works:

11/0528

21 The Glade, Langley, Southampton SO45 1ZP

T1 – Oak – Crown clean, crown reduce by 1metre

T2 – Oak – Reduce lateral branches to give 2 metres clearance from building, crown clean and crown reduce by 1 metre

The Parish Council supports this application subject to the advice of the District Council's Arboriculturist.

11/0529

23 & 24 the Glade, Langley, Southampton SO45 1ZP

T1 – T6- Oak – Crown thin by up to 15%, crown lift to 5 metres

The Parish Council supports this application subject to the advice of the District Council's Arboriculturist.

- 7. Monthly Sales Values November:** Members asked that congratulations be passed on to staff.

RESOLVED: To accept the Monthly Sales Values for November 2011(see attached Appendix A).

- 8. The report of the Operations Managers:** Cllr Holtham asked that David Sumpton, Maintenance Assistant be commended for the brickwork he had completed at the Groundsman's Compound.

RESOLVED: To accept the Operations Managers report (see attached Appendix B).

- 9. A report on Staff Training:** Members noted the core training completed by the Amenities staff.

- 10. To consider proposal to increase price of the Gang Warily Inclusive Group sessions:** This item had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

- 11. To consider price review of all Parish Facilities for 2012/13:** The Clerk explained that the pricing structure needed to be simplified but that this had yet to be completed. For the time being the amendments and recommendations made should be implemented.

RESOLVED: To accept the proposed charges for facilities within the parish (see attached Appendix C), including the additional proposals by the Clerk, these to be implemented with effect from 1 April 2012. This item to be ratified at the Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee meeting to be held on 01 February 2012.

RESOLVED: To simplify the pricing structure currently used, on completion this matter to be brought back to Council for approval of final format and prices.

12. Correspondence.

a) For information:

i) HCC: Closure of Blackfield Library (for refurbishment) on Tuesday 10 January 2012. Static Mobile Library opens in Royal British Legion car park on Thursday 19 January 2012. Saturday 3 March 2012 Static Mobile Library closes in the Royal British Legion car park and Blackfield Library reopens Tuesday 20 March 2012. Opening times for the Static Mobile Library are Tues & Thurs 10am – 4.30pm and Sat 9.30am-12noon. Noted.

b) Available from the office upon request:

NFDC Forward Plan of Key Decisions 01 January – 30 April 2012, Community Action Hampshire, Action Update January 2012. 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.

SEE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTE FILE.

- 13. To consider writing off of hire fees owed.**
- 14. Staffing matters: To confirm new appointments.**
- 15. Date of next meeting: 29 February 2012.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.01pm.

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Chairman