

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on Wednesday 11 January 2017 at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present: Cllr A Glass (Chairman), Cllr L Llewellyn, Cllr R Wappet, Cllr P Wappet-Madden.

Also Present: Cllr B Coyston, 1 member of the public.

In attendance:

Steve Postlethwaite, Clerk to the Council

Sue Markides, Deputy Clerk

Ian Souch, Centre & Sports Development Manager

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were sent by Cllr Alvey, Cllr Foster and Cllr Read (personal). These were accepted.
2. **Declarations of interest and dispensations:**
 - a. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
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.
 - b. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests
None
 - c. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
None
3. **Minutes: RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 05 October 2016 be signed as a correct record.

Suspension of standing orders

4. **PUBLIC SESSION:** The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

Standing orders reinstated

The member of the public left the meeting.

5. **Chairman's Remarks** None

The member of the public returned to the meeting.

6. **Planning: RESOLVED:** To submit the following observations:

a) Parish List:

Full planning permission

16/11627

Land of Annexe, Broad Oaks, 36 Long Copse, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2LD

Proposal: One pair of semi-detached houses; parking; access from Wentworth Grove

Draft awaiting confirmation at the next Parish Council meeting

(No 2) We recommend refusal due to concerns relating to access; we support the comments made by the Highway Officer but would accept the decision of the District Council's Officers under their delegated powers. Please also note that the Parish Council raise concern and question ownership of the land.

Full planning application

16/11623

ExxonMobil Engineering Europe Ltd, Cadland Road, Hardley, Fawley SO45 3NP

Proposal: 25 portable cabins

(No 3) We recommend permission.

Full planning permission

16/11685

The End Bungalow, New Road, Blackfield, Fawley SO45 1WA

Proposal: Rear extension & pitched roof to garage; boundary fence

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

Full planning permission

16/10861

68 Forest Edge, Fawley SO45 1FN

Proposal: Single-storey extension

(No 3) We recommend permission.

Full Planning Permission

16/11167

Esso Petroleum Company Ltd, Marsh Lane, Fawley, Southampton SO45 1TX

Proposal: Raise roof height of compressor house in block 8

(No 3) We recommend permission.

Full Planning Permission

16/11637

Vacant site, Unit 8A, Hardley Industrial Estate, Hardley, Fawley, Southampton SO45 3ZH

Proposal: 1 two-storey builders supply building (Sui generis); 1 single-storey block of 6 light industrial units (Use Class B1); parking and landscaping

(No 3) We recommend permission

b) New Forest National Park Authority:

16/01026

Lakeside, West Common, Langley, Southampton SO45 1XJ

Proposal: Alteration and single storey extension to existing outbuilding to create 1 no. 2 bedroom holiday let

(No 3) We recommend permission

7. To receive Monthly Sales Values September, October & November 2016: Members noted the steadily rising income under item 18, Fishing and the event held in September 2016 which produced an income of £343.33, item 24. The Clerk advised that from April 2017 there will be a change in presentation of the sales values which he hoped would make them easier to read.

RESOLVED: To accept the Monthly Sales Values September, October & November 2016 (see attached Appendices A, B & C).

8. To receive a report from the Centre & Sports Development Manager: In addition to the report provided and noted by members (see attached Appendix D) the Centre and Sports Development Manager advised that, due to timings of current bookings, the Boxing Club previously sited at the Waterside Sports and Social Club could not be accommodated at the QEII building. Other options, including potential use of the squash court at Jubilee Hall are being explored. The WSSC Cricket Club will be able to access the cricket facilities at the WSSC and will be using facilities at Exbury too but use of our cricket facilities have also been offered to them. There has been an increase in the Pilates classes now being run at Gang Warily, whilst it is hoped a new regular booking at the QEII Recreation Centre will be confirmed shortly; this will generate new income of £5600pa. 41 Gym promotions have been sold in week one, total sales of £1911 – a report on the retention figures will be brought back to Council at the end of the promotion. NFDC have advised that the cardboard and glass recycling containers currently at Gang Warily will be removed by the end of March. The Centre may need to organise a separate cardboard collection with our current waste disposal firm.

9. To receive a verbal update on the Strategic Plan 16/19, objective 3 'The Community' from Cllrs Llewellyn and Read: Cllr Llewellyn advised of work undertaken on the Strategic Plan, simple, achievable objectives with set time frames. She invited the member of the public present and anybody he may know that would be interested, to take part in the next stage - consulting with the community to find out what the community wants.

10. To consider commenting on Intended Public Payphone Removals in the New Forest and National Park. The Clerk to query the location of telephone box No 45 on the list provided as the picture shown was of Fawley Village and not Calshot SO45 1BB.

RESOLVED: To agree with the recommendation of the NFDC Town Planning Officer to object to the removal of the telephone box at the junction of Hampton Lane/New Road Blackfield due to its value to the community.

11. To note service carried out by staff at Jubilee Hall on behalf of the Foodbank, Blackfield. Members noted that staff at Jubilee Hall had handed out Food Bank vouchers in the week leading up to Christmas as there was nowhere else that was able to hand them out that was open. Members thanked staff for providing this valuable service.

12. Meeting Resolutions update;

Minute 10, 05/10/16 ACTION: Viability and options available for Jubilee Hall, Fawley. The Clerk will aim for the report to be presented at the next meeting on 11 Jan 2017.

UPDATE: This has been included by Cllr Thorne in her Strategic Plan Action Plan and will form part of that work that will hopefully be started early this year.

Noted as in progress.

13. Correspondence:

a) For response:

i) Friends of the New Forest, New Forest Association: Invitation to "What Future for the New Forest". Members to pre book their place if they wish to attend. Noted.

b) For information:

i) Fawley Events Committee: Letter of thanks received for support of the Council to the "Fawley Lights Switch On". Noted.

ii) Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government gives his statement on the local government finance settlement. Statement 16/12/16 Parish councils - "... last year we saw a worrying 6.1% rise in precepts by town and parish councils. That's why, earlier this year, we consulted on extending Council Tax referendum principles to larger town and parish councils. These councils play an important role in our civic life,

And I understand the practical considerations of scale. So we will defer our proposals this year, while keeping the level of precepts set by town and parish councils under close review.

I expect all town and parish councils to clearly demonstrate restraint when setting increases that are not a direct result of taking on additional responsibilities. I am also actively considering with the sector ways to make excessive increases more transparent to local taxpayers." Noted.

a) **Available from the Office:** NFDC Forward Plan of Key Decisions 01 December 2016 – 31 March 2017 (previously circulated), Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited (CTIL), Winter 2016 Landlord Newsletter, Forest Matters Review of the New Forest Association Autumn/Winter 2016. Noted.

14. Cllrs news and comments.

Cllrs are reminded that this agenda item involves no more than an exchange of information.

None.

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. To receive a report on Staff Training. Noted.

16. Staffing matters: Members noted that letters and amendments to contracts following the conclusion of the Pay and Grading Review and Appeals process had been sent to the staff members concerned for signature; these to be returned by Friday 20 January 2017.

The Clerk advised that a grievance had been taken out by a staff member but that the Council's Grievance Procedure is not applicable to grievances raised regarding the grading of an employee's post. As stated in paragraph 1 of the Council's Grievance Procedure "Grievances are concerns, problems or complaints that employees have other than those related to the grading of their post".

17. Date of next meeting: 01 March 2017

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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Chairman