

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Wednesday 24 January 2018 at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Members	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr M Langdale Chairman	√		
Cllr A Glass Vice-Chairman	√		
Cllr A Alvey	√		
Cllr B Hall	√		
Cllr R Wappet		√	
Cllr B Spearing	√		
Cllr B Thorne	√		

Also present: Cllr B Coyston, Cllr C Reece.

1 member of the public

In attendance:

Steve Postlethwaite, Clerk to the Council

Sue Markides, Deputy Clerk

Jason Mansbridge, Grounds Manager

P/S 46. Apologies. Apologies were sent by Cllr Wappet for personal reasons. These were accepted.

P/S 47. Declarations of Interest and dispensations:

47.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
Cllrs Glass & Thorne declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute 52, Planning as they are members of the New Forest District Council Planning Committee. They stated that they would consider the applications on the evidence in front of them at this point in time.

47.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

47.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

P/S 48. Minutes: RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2017 be signed as a correct record.

Standing orders were suspended

P/S 49. PUBLIC SESSION: A member of the public wished to make councillors aware of the condition of roads within the parish; in particular standing water on roads in Holbury/Hardley. He queried whether the council knew if Hampshire County Council (HCC) had completed any checks on / cleaned any roadside drains.

It was considered that drainage maintenance undertaken by HCC took place once a year but enquiries can be made and an update provided to a future meeting. It was also noted that it is not just roads within the parish experiencing standing water but roads everywhere.

Standing orders were reinstated

P/S 50. Chairman's Remarks: The Chairman advised that NFDC have confirmed they are tasking the dog warden to visit our open spaces to enforce dog fouling on the open spaces and sports pitches as a result of complaints received.

P/S 51. To receive a presentation from Suzi Shilling, New Forest National Park Authority Wild Play Project Officer on the Wildplay site at Holbury Manor / Warren Copse.

Unfortunately Suzi Shilling was unable to attend the meeting at the last minute, however her presentation had been provided to the Clerk – see below.



Thank you!

Thanks to the Parish Council for supporting the Project
Thank Steve and Sue for their help, foresight and enthusiasm
Thank Jason and his team for his help with clearance and putting the designs in place
Thank Eddie and his volunteers for all their work
We also had help from HIOWWT for the bats surveys and the work was done by John Shutler Tree Services



Wildplay opening 13 February 2018

- ▶ To try and get a sense of community and ownership we would like the visitors to think of names for the different area and place them on little vegetable labels dotted around the area.
- ▶ Some of these names may even be used in the Wildplay map which will be produced later on in the year.
- ▶ By the local children naming the area it will create memories and hopefully they will then ask their parents to go to (their chosen name) thus adding a familiarity of the area.
- ▶ We will clear the site of dog poo and bag it before the opening. We will talk through the benefits of clearing up after your dogs and also ask that those playing with children do check the area to make sure they are safe before they start playing
- ▶ We will be doing a pop up event to show different things you can do and play with outside

Pop-up event at opening

Pop up Event

- ▶ Art
 - ▶ Dream catchers made of willow, string and then weaved with nature
- ▶ Physical
 - ▶ Welly throwing in the grass area (to encourage them to use all the different spaces on the Holbury site)
 - ▶ Den building, playing and exploring the readymade dens (maybe add a theme or let them add a theme to each dens via a chalk board hung on them)
- ▶ Explore
 - ▶ Wooley worms placed on the edge of the Wildplay area so the children know where the boundaries are to help minimise scratches from brambles and keep them from roaming near the road. Children have to find the worms which are all different colours obvious some blend into the background and are harder to find!
 - ▶ Colour matching with the wooley worms to create a spectrum of colour from nature in and around the wood.
 - ▶ Bug hunting would be great BUT this will be weather dependant.

Future Works

- ▶ John Shutler Tree Services is going to complete the safety work on the main paths and the small Wildplay meander.
- ▶ Any trees we can use, we will enlarge the Wildplay area with more balancing areas and stations which will help make the wildplay path interesting
- ▶ The Working Woodlands Project is still underway and we now have quotes for the bridges and thinning of the woods which should follow on in due course.
- ▶ The works to upgrade the car park and fencing is also due for completion in the coming year.
- ▶ The works will be completed where possible on the woods before March and then again in September as to not disturb the breeding of birds and bats. The footpaths and fencing we will try to complete in the summer when it will cause the least destruction to the woods.

The Clerk considered the project has been a good example of successful partnership working with the end result being in tune with the woodland.

Members noted the presentation and wished to congratulate Suzi for her work on the project and pass on thanks to everyone for their assistance.

The official launch of the WildPlay site is 13 February 2018 between 11am – 2pm.

POST MEETING – Due to unforeseen circumstances the launch has been delayed, new date to be advised shortly.

P/S 52. Planning: RESOLVED: To submit the following observations:

a) Parish List:

Full Planning Permission

17/11727

37 Sycamore Drive, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2QA

Proposal: Raise ridge height in association with new first floor

(No 4) We recommend refusal due to concerns relating to overlooking of the neighbouring property; we consider the proposal is over powering and over development of the site.

Advertisement Consent

17/11723

Unit 1, 144 Hampton Lane, Blackfield, Fawley SO45 1WE

Proposal: Display 1 non illuminated fascia sign; 1 non illuminated panel sign (Application for Advertisement Consent)

(No 3) We recommend permission

Full Planning Permission

17/11760

24 Southbourne Avenue, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2NT

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension

(No 3) We recommend permission

P/S 53. To receive reports for the following:

a) Ashlett – Cllr Hall advised of a recent drainage issue on the path belonging to the parish council which has been resolved. The following information from ExxonMobil was noted and a further update was requested.

Due to the works extending into the SSSI and beyond the low water mark at Ashlett, Natural England have advised that the work will require approval from the Marine Management Organisation, who will consult Natural England formally as part of the approval process. Licensing through the MMO is a requirement under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, and their consultation of Natural England will fulfil our obligations under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The application will require a method statement on the potential impact on the marine environment and SSSI, such as any anticipated disturbance in the area (noise from machinery etc.) in view of impact on wintering birds, plans for excavated material, and expected timing and duration of the works etc. This will be reviewed by law prior to submitting as it will be available on the public register.

Until this process is complete, we are unable to begin the physical work, however please be assured that we are working this as a priority.

b) Play Areas – Business as usual by the Grounds Team, nothing to report

c) Footpaths – see attached Appendix A

d) Holbury Manor & Warren Copse – see attached A & also Appendix B

Members noted the excellent reports by Eddie Holtham and the hard work of the Conservation Group which is much appreciated.

P/S 54. To receive a report from the Grounds Manager: Noted, see attached Appendix C.

P/S 55. To receive summary of Income & Expenditure for Open Spaces: Noted, see attached Appendix D.

P/S 56 Update on the Strategic Action Plan 16/19 objective 2, The Environment.

To note there are no updates. Noted.

P/S 57. To consider proposal to lease Holbury Manor Pond as a Private Angling Club:

Discussion took place. The area is considered to be quite unique and as an ancient monument is subject to various constraints. Members did not wish to commercialise the site but to continue with management as it is currently - they reflected on the hard work of the conservation group and agreed that the proposal, if it went ahead, might result in over cultivation of a natural area.

RESOLVED: To not proceed with the proposal to lease Holbury Manor as a Private Angling Club.

P/S 58. Tree Policy Update: Members discussed the update as provided.

RESOLVED: To accept the Tree Policy update report of the Grounds Manager and to note the Service Level Agreement with New Forest District Council, if decided, will be brought back to Council for approval.

P/S 59. To note in line with expenditure agreed for 18-19, budget code 8517 Plant Purchases, tenders have been invited for the purchase of a tractor mounted side arm unit. Noted.

P/S 60. Meeting Resolution Updates: None

P/S 61. Councillor news and comments.

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

None

P/S 62. Correspondence:

a) For response:

i) Cllrs to submit individual comments on the Highways England Consultation, M3 Junction 9, Improvements, <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/m3-junction-9-improvements/> closing date 19 February 2018. Noted.

b) For information:

i) NFDC Licensing: Temporary Events Notice; All Saints Church, Marsh Lane, Fawley, Live Music Event, 17/02/18 – 1830hrs to 2300hrs, sale of alcohol & regulated entertainment, 130 people. Noted.

ii) New Forest National Park Authority: Volunteer Fair, Lyndhurst Community Centre SO43 7NY, Sunday 28 January 2018, 10.30am-4pm. Noted.

iii) NFDC Current planning appeals in Fawley: 17/11382, Land rear of 73-75 Long Lane, Holbury, Fawley, Proposal: Single-storey dwelling accessed from Waltons Avenue; boundary wall; landscaping; parking; bin and cycle storage. Noted.

c) Available from the Office: NFDC Forward Plan of Key Decisions 01 February 2018 – 30 April 2018 (previously circulated). Noted.

P/S 63. Date of next meeting: 14 March 2018

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.

P/S 64. To receive a report on Staff Training: Noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.47pm.

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Chairman