

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Wednesday 21 February 2018 at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Members	Present	Apologies	Absent
Bob Wappet Chairman		√	
Alan Alvey Vice Chairman	In the Chair		
Cllr S Carroll		√	
Cllr B Coyston	√		
Cllr A Glass	√		
Cllr Hall	√		
Cllr M Langdale			√
Cllr L Llewellyn	√		
Cllr S Milgate	√		
Cllr S Read			√
Cllr C Reece	√		
Cllr K Smith	√		
Cllr B Spearing			√
Cllr B Thorne	√		
Cllr P Wappet-Madden	√		

Also present: County Councillor A McEvoy until 7.30pm, 1 member of the public.

In attendance:

Steve Postlethwaite, Clerk/RFO to the Council
Sue Markides, Deputy Clerk

17/92 Apologies for Absence: Apologies were sent by Cllrs Carroll & Wappet for personal reasons. These were accepted. Cllrs Langdale, Read & Spearing were absent.

17/93 Declarations of Interest.

a. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
Cllrs Glass & Thorne declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute 17/97 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.

b. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)
None

c. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate
None

17/94 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2017 with the following amendments:

17/78 RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation from the Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee Meeting 15 November 2017 to purchase a Wash Off Bay for the Groundsman Compound. Cost of £17,500 excluding VAT to be met from the Earmarked Contingency fund for the Wash Bay, £12,040.08 and £5451.92 from an underspend of Ground staff salaries, budget code 8500.

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17/79 RESOLVED: To not accept the recommendation of the Clerk/RFO to amend the budget figures but to accept the recommendation of the Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting 15 November 2017 to agree the precept figure for 2018/19 as £534,157 and submit this to NFDC.

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RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2017 be signed as a correct record with the amendments as above.

17/95 Chairman's Announcements: The Vice-Chairman advised of the nominations received so far for the Chairman's Cup awarded at the Annual Parish meeting; no other nominations were made and the recipient was agreed on.

Suspension of standing orders

17/96 PUBLIC SESSION: The member of the public present did not wish to speak.

Reinstatement of Standing Orders

17/97 Planning: RESOLVED: To submit the following observations:

a) Parish List

Full planning permission

18/10080

Appletree House, Lime Kiln Lane, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2HH

Proposal: Front porch; single-storey rear extension; detached garage

(No 3) We recommend permission

Reserved Matters

18/10116

Combined Heat and Power Station, RWE Cogen Hythe Ltd, Charleston Road, Hardley, Fawley SO45 3BP

Proposal: 3 containerised gas engine generators; associated infrastructure (Details of appearance, landscaping and layout, development granted by Outline Permission 17/10470)

(No 3) We recommend permission

Full Planning Permission

Re-consultation on planning application 17/11578

Land of Annexe, Broad Oaks, 36 Long Copse, Holbury, Fawley, SO45 1XT

Proposal: House; parking; access from Wentworth Grove

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

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b) New Forest National Park Authority:

Full Planning Permission

18/00076

Fawley Solar Farm, Newhouse Field, Whitefield Farm, Stanswood Road, Fawley, SO45 1AB

Proposal: Storage container

(No 3) We recommend permission

Response received to enquiry made following comment during December 2017 meeting that the briefing notes provided for NFNPA Planning Applications are not helpful.

There is a balance to be struck between providing details of the case and timely issue of briefing notes. We also cannot prejudge a case. The briefing notes provide a summary of the relevant policies together with the planning history which are key considerations in relation to an application. Officers also provide a summary of likely relevant issues and highlight any immediate concerns. Officers are always happy to discuss cases with parish councils and our direct lines are included in the application documentation so please do take this opportunity if clarification is needed in relation to an application.

17/98 To receive an update from County Councillor: Cllr McEvoy provided the following report:

2018/2019 BUDGET

Sometimes it is really difficult to appreciate the size of the numbers the County Council has to deal with.

Hampshire has a gross expenditure requirement of £2billion and a huge £750million budget funding requirement from which we have to save a further £140million by 2020. There are 1.3million residents in Hampshire for whom we provide adult social care, children's services, and road maintenance amongst other services and yet our Grant has been cut from £115 to £100 per head, a reduction of well over £15million. Compare that to Nottingham for example who receive £335 per head against our £100. Funding per head for Hampshire's school children is similarly difficult. In Hampshire at £5,060 per pupil it is the second lowest in the Country. Compare that to Nottingham with £6,062 per pupil and Tower Hamlets receiving £8,299 per pupil. I'm sure we all have some difficulty in understanding such a discrepancy. If we received anything like the same grant as Nottingham we would receive well over £200 million more per annum, a sum that is badly needed to support our increasing numbers of over 85's and young adults who need help as well as the very expensive Travel to School. By 2019/20 Hampshire's revenue savings will have reached close on £ ½ billion.

The pressures arising from our care budgets were eased by the extra 1% council tax increase Government authorised us to make for social care and in the final adjustment of the local government settlement by the Government, almost £3million additional funding was allocated to Hampshire. This all helped. We are still having to make economies elsewhere but our strategy is clear by helping people to lead independent lives for as long as possible we keep the lid on the enormous £300million plus, social care budget. Our strategy is paying off. Fortunately Hampshire Conservatives have ignored the call year by year from Liberal Democrats to draw down our reserves and keep on spending. We are consequently in a much stronger position than neighbouring councils and counties like Northamptonshire that has had to go so far as to sell its offices to break even.

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If the recommended increase for this coming year of 5.99% for a Band D property is agreed tomorrow, Hampshire is likely to still have one of the lowest council tax levels of any county and as a result of council tax being frozen for 5 years from 2010 it will be lower in real terms than it was in 2010 when measured against inflation. £100 less.

In spite of all these difficulties, the planned cuts to tips across Hampshire have been axed as have the planned cuts to school crossing patrols and community transport schemes. These cuts will no longer go ahead. Although it is necessary to proactively seek ways to increase revenue; there will also be no closure of libraries. After all these pressures, Hampshire is likely to remain in the lowest 5 county precepts in the country and possibly keep our 2nd lowest position.

17/99 To receive updates from District Councillors:

Cllr Glass advised that he is working with the Coastal Funding Team. NFDC will now be managing some council properties themselves resulting in a slight reduction of rents payable. NFDC will be setting their budget shortly. Cllr Alvey that Council Tax will be set by NFDC for 18-19 at a meeting being held next Monday with a 5% overall increase expected.

17/100 To receive a report from the Youth Worker: The Clerk read the following report to the meeting.

School Drop In's and Education Outreach

I continue my regular lunchtime drop in at New Forest Academy. This is a great opportunity to chat informally with students and staff. I have managed to develop a sound working partnership with the school that will benefit our young people. On the 23/1/18 I delivered an assembly to Years 9/10/11 on Drugs & Alcohol and associated risks. Due to the recent work in the school and assemblies, I have been approached to come in more often, and with the school intend to implement a programme of sexual health and relationship education. Feedback from the students has found that this is education that they feel they need and would like.

31/1/18 I spent the day at Applemore delivering the C.E.O.P.S. resource on sexual exploitation. Approximately 150 Y.P in Year 9 received this education from myself and the staff at Applemore. I would like to visit Cadland and Blackfield Schools to get to know their Year 6's and invite them to Youth Club after Easter.

Andy Butler of the Fire Service has asked for my involvement in this year's Young Citizens Project.

TYSS PROJECT

This years' project concludes at the end of March. By that time I would have worked one to one over 6 sessions with at least 6 young people. Funding has been awarded to the Handy Trust to continue this project from April 2018.

YOUTH CLUBS

These continue to thrive with average numbers of 55 – 77 attending each week. On Friday 15th Dec we had our Christmas Party. 77 Y.P enjoyed a totally FREE night that included disco, karaoke, games,

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and party food. Prizes were given for Christmas Jumper/Outfit or whatever amused the adults. All young people went home with a selection box from 'Santa'. We also donated some to younger siblings, and families in need (funds raised through Youth Club subs).

DETACHED AND OUTREACH

Works Facebook continues to enable people in the community to contact me. I now have over 200 'friends' I have signposted many to agencies that can help with their situation.

The Wave 105 and The Tesco Tree Appeal at Dibden enabled us to donate presents to 19 young people in the Fawley Parish. One chicken dinner was donated by Tesco's.

JOINT WORK

Youth Club is visited by our local Police and P.C.S.O's We recently had a visit and new Youth Club member shouted "Lisa why are the Police here? What's happened? What's wrong? We and regular members have become so accustomed to visits that the young people see it as part of their evening, and an opportunity to talk about any worries. I explained this to the nervous young man, who went away happily to continue his football game.

FUTURE WORK

On Monday myself and a holiday club parent went to visit the W.I at St Francis. We are hoping that the ladies will give their time to support our Holiday Clubs with cooking food and possibly craft making. We may also get some volunteers for Youth Club, which we continue to desperately need.

I am still hopeful that the homeless project will happen this year, with N.F.A joining us.

17/101 Updates from Representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies:

Please note the Clerk asks that if members are unable to attend meetings of the Local Bodies that apologies are sent.

- a) New Forest Consultative Panel (Cllr Glass) Next meeting early March.
- b) New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee (Cllr Thorne & Cllr Read)
Meeting cancelled due to lack of agenda items.
- c) Transport Committee (Cllr Wappet) No meeting
- d) Waterside Youth Steering Committee (Cllr Llewellyn & Clerk to the Council)
Meeting cancelled.
- e) Waterside Heritage (E Holtham) No meeting.
- f) Police Liaison (Cllr Glass & Cllr Coyston)

Cllr Coyston provided the update below following the attendance of the Clerk at the Police and Communities Together Meeting 19 February 2018 at Hythe where a variety of partners including PS Cross, PCSO Bonner, and the Clerk were present.

FPC

The on-going problems with local groups of young people coming in to GW and causing a nuisance have reduced. Police are aware and are collating information

Anecdotal evidence that drugs are still being used in Newlands Park.

There was an isolated incident of damage to the dug outs at Blackfield & Langley football club.

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NFDC

Continued parking issues at Southbourne Avenue. The Clerk contacted Jamie Burrows from NFDC enforcement who will get an enforcement officer to visit the area, (plus previous ACTION for Cllr Glass to chase).

The Clerk had a meeting with NFDC yesterday and they have informed that there has been fly tipping at the rear of St. Georges Hall, Calshot where 9 x Commercial Fridge/Freezers were dumped 2 weekends ago.

On 17 or 18th February a large commercial fridge/Freezer and a large bag of Asbestos were dumped at Park Lane, Holbury Manor. NFDC have removed the freezer and are in the process of getting the asbestos removed by a specialist. As it was on the road and not over the fence on to our land the cost is borne by NFDC.

For Information - The car park at the Grove will be handed over to Lidl on 06/04/18 by which time the site will be cleared and then perimeter boarding installed until the store is built.

The Police

Report there is an increase in drug use by older people (not teenagers) relating to crack cocaine and heroin. This is being dealt with by the relevant agencies.

ASB is occurring outside local shops across the waterside and Blackfield & Holbury are main locations in our Parish.

They are struggling to get residents to sign up to 'Community Speedwatch'. This will be revisited again in the near future.

- g)** Age Concern NFE (Cllr K Smith) Cllr Smith continues to attend the monthly meetings and advised that the Totton shop will be closing in May 2018.
- h)** Dibden Allotment Fund (Cllr A Alvey) Cllr Alvey had attended 5 meetings of the DAF. Data protection training has been successfully completed by the staff. He asked that if members knew of anyone who needed help to note that DAF application forms are available at various offices throughout the parish.

17/102 Minutes of Committees: To adopt the Minutes and to accept the recommendations of the Committees:

- a) Amenities – 10 January 2018**
Cllr Glass presented the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 10 January 2018.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Amenities Committee meeting held on 10 January 2018 be received and the recommendations be adopted.

- b) Public Services – 24 January 2018**
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RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting held on 24 January 2018 be received and the recommendations be adopted.

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c) Policy, Resources & Personnel – 07 February 2018

Cllr Alvey presented the minutes of the Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee held on 07 February 2018.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting held on 07 February 2018 be received and the recommendations be adopted.

Before leaving the meeting County Councillor McEvoy advised that the car park at Calshot will soon be using automatic number plate recognition for car parking fees.

17/103 To consider amendment to Standing Order 31: Members noted the amendment to current standing order 31.

RESOLVED: To agree to amend current standing order 31, Terms of Reference for Committees, Committee Functions to include relevant delegated authority (see attached Appendix A).

17/104 Internal Audit Report and Issues Arising: Members wished to congratulate the Finance & Transparency Officer for the work completed including process improvements since commencing in post. The Clerk/RFO was also commended for actions taken on the issues arising.

RESOLVED: To accept the Internal Audit report 2017-18 (Interim Update) (see attached Appendix B) and to note the issues arising, the actions taken and those that will be taken as listed in the Clerk's report (see attached Appendix C).

RESOLVED: The services of Auditing Solutions are retained for a further year as internal auditors for the Council.

17/105 To provisionally agree the Calendar of Meeting dates 2018

RESOLVED: To agree the meeting dates as presented for 2018 and to note dates for 2019 will be presented to a future Parish Council meeting (see attached Appendix D).

17/106 To consider recommendation from Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting 07 February 2018 that FPC invest all surplus funds above the operating costs in a CCLA Deposit Fund to minimise the risk of the council losing funds through bank failure and to provide high liquidity of funds.

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17/107 To consider recommendation from Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting 07 February 2018 to adopt Debt Procedure.

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation from Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting 07 February 2018 to adopt Debt Procedure (see attached Appendix E).

17/108 To consider recommendation from Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting

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07 February 2018 that the Council proceeds with the purchase of the relevant number of land entitlements to secure extra payments under the Basic Payments Scheme until 2020. Costs to be met from payment of the 2017 RPA claim once received.

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17/109 To note registration to take part in the Great British Spring Clean 2018 was completed (nationally weekend 2-4 March 2018) and to consider setting a date for the Council to organise an event. Members noted registration has taken place but wished to organise an event later in the year when the weather is warmer. The Clerk to circulate some possible dates to all. It was noted that some events have been organised locally and will run between 2-4 March 2018.

17/110 Meeting Resolution Update:

17/84 Renda Road, Holbury – RESOLVED: To form a working party consisting of Cllrs Glass, Langdale, Reece & Thorne to scope further options for the site prior to engaging the services of an architect.

The Working Party has met and initial scoping has been undertaken. Information is being collated. Cllr Alvey suggested a time frame be set for progression of this project.

17/111 Councillors News and Comments.

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

Cllr Glass advised of a talk on defence with a question and answer session being given by Dr Julian Lewis MP on Saturday 24 February 2018 at 11am at the Community Centre in Totton. Cllr Llewellyn considered the recent meeting with Fawley Waterside had been beneficial – it had been good to see what progress had been made so far with plans for the area.

17/112 Correspondence: None

17/113 Date of next meeting: 18 April 2018

17/114 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.

17/115 Staffing Matters

a) To consider recommendation from Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting 07 February 2018 to continue employment of staff member

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation of Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee meeting 07 February 2018 to continue employment of staff member.

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

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