

**FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Public Services Committee meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Wednesday 14 March 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 Milgate.  
6 members of the public, 4 until 7.20pm.

**In attendance:**

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

**P/S 65. Apologies:** Apologies were sent by Cllr Wappet for personal reasons. These were accepted.

**P/S 66. Declarations of Interest and dispensations:**

66.1 To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda  
Cllrs Glass & Thorne declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute 70, 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.

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

66.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate None

**P/S 67. Minutes: RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2018 be signed as a correct record.

Standing orders were suspended

**P/S 68. PUBLIC SESSION**

A member of the public advised she was speaking on behalf of residents in School Road and Falcon Fields regarding planning application 17/11577, the former public conveniences in School Road and wanted to query the honesty and transparency of the application. She wished to raise concern relating to the current condition of the site which is full of building

materials and to make members aware of the ownership of land behind the area of the planning application which previously had been believed to be unregistered - she hoped the legal owner had just been discovered - and queried whether these two locations may eventually become joined ?

A second member of the public considered that planning regulations used many years ago would reflect this application as intense over development of the site. He raised concern relating to where the car parking required for the 4 proposed offices and provision of visitor parking would be; in particular as part of the car park at Jubilee Hall is currently leased out, as is the car park at the Falcon Hotel. He hoped he had located the owner of the land behind the application site and considered there had been no discussion regarding additional use of this land.

He also raised concern relating to misuse of the site in general, storage of building materials, trucks on the pavement and is astonished no one has complained before.

Standing orders were reinstated

**P/S 69. Chairman's Remarks:** The Chair advised of the following:

Warren Copse at Holbury Manor, Fawley, has been selected by the National Grid for a £30,000 enhancement programme to create a unique space for families to get active in their local surroundings.

The first permanent wild play site in the New Forest will be built at Warren Copse in Fawley thanks to the funding from the National Grid. The funding will also provide additional woodland management, improvements to footpaths and an upgrade to the surfacing of the car park at Holbury Drove.

The funding is part of National Grid's Landscape Enhancement Initiative project which is giving money for environmental improvements in areas close to its high voltage electricity lines in National Parks. The New Forest National Park Authority worked with Fawley Parish Council and local conservation volunteers to apply for the funding from the National Grid fund.

Sad news to report – we have been informed today that Kath Coles, a Fawley Parish Councillor for many years has died. Details of the funeral service date and time to be advised.

**P/S 70. Planning: RESOLVED: To submit the following observations:**

**a) Parish List:**

Reserved Matters

17/11577

Re-consultation

Former Public Conveniences, School Road, Fawley SO45 1EA

Proposal: Two - storey building for flexible use (Use Class A1, A2, B1a) (Details of appearance and landscaping development granted by Outline Permission 14/11133)

Discussion took place, including the appearance of the building, concerns relating to car parking and previous suggestions made for the site.

**(No 4)** We recommend refusal due to the over powering impact of the proposal and concerns relating to car parking as this may obstruct access to shops in the village.

Councillors present also requested that the Clerk write to New Forest District Council who are the original owners of the site concerning the reoccurring issues of future use of the former public conveniences – it was noted that 9 public toilet blocks have been sold off by NFDC in recent years with only one being successfully redeveloped.

Full Planning Permission

18/10275

Hillstones, The Square, Fawley SO45 1DF

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension; garage; front porch

**(No 3)** We recommend permission.

Full Planning Permission

18/10164

Re-consultation

Ashlett Court, The Square, Fawley, SO45 1DD

Proposal: Use as 2 flats; replacement front single-storey extension; window and door alterations; boundary wall and gate; use of land for 4 parking spaces

**(No 3)** We recommend permission.

**P/S 71. To receive reports for the following:**

**a) Ashlett** – Cllr Hall had nothing to report.

**b) Play Areas** – There are no issues to report. The planned works for the replacement/improvement of play areas at The Warren, QEII, Tristan Close, Harrier Way & Gang Warily are due to start early March. Noted.

**c) Footpaths** – see attached Appendix A

**d) Holbury Manor & Warren Copse** – see attached Appendix A. Cllr Glass raised concern over the condition of some of the paths at the Copse. The Clerk advised that some damage had been caused during recent tree work and that this was made worse by the wet weather conditions. Funds are available to correct this later in the year but in the meantime some signage may prove useful.

**P/S 72. To receive a report from the Grounds Manager:** Noted (see attached Appendix B).

**P/S 73. To receive summary of Income & Expenditure for Open Spaces:** It was noted that Developers Contributions received from NFDC for the Play Areas had been misposted to the Open Spaces income for January (see attached Appendix C).

**P/S 74. Update on the Strategic Action Plan 16/19 objective 2, The Environment.**

To note there are no updates. Noted.

**P/S 75. Meeting Resolution Updates:**

**Public session 24 January 2018 – query raised regarding drainage maintenance.**

Response from Highways Officer

The drainage team continue in their efforts to attend and clean drainage gullies in line with the HCC programme. Where individual reports are passed by members of the public I

investigate and procure the necessary action to alleviate. Not all issues are remedied by jet cleaning and some other repairs have to be instigated.

As I am sure you are aware this is not the ideal time of year to be doing drainage work, we lost over a week where jetters could not be used as the equipment was frozen.

I am sure they will be back on the road again now and continuing the good work they do.

Noted.

**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.

**Update P/S 59** No tender responses were received; the Grounds Manager then obtained three competitive quotes resulting in the purchase of a side arm and topper at a cost of £12,000 excl of VAT from New Forest Farm Machinery; this is under budget.

Noted.

**P/S 76. Councillor news and comments:** None.

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

**P/S 77. Correspondence:**

**a) For response:**

**i) NFDC Licensing:** Temporary Events Notice, All Saints Church, Marsh Lane, Fawley, Concert with band, 17/03/18, 1830-2300, sale of alcohol & regulated entertainment, 300 people. Noted

**ii) NFDC Licensing:** Temporary Events Notice, All Saints Church, Marsh Lane, Fawley, Concert with choir, 23/03/18, 1830-2300, sale of alcohol & regulated entertainment, 300 people. Noted.

**P/S 78. Date of next meeting:** 06 June 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 79. To receive a report on Staff Training:** Noted.

Cllr Hall suggested that first aid training could be provided to councillors in the future. The Clerk will investigate and report back to Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.32pm.

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Chairman