

17 October 2007
FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Wednesday 17 October 2007 at 7.00 pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

	p	Cllr E Holtham (Chairman)
	p	Cllr M Fidler (Vice Chairman)
p		Cllr Mrs M Alderman
p		Cllr L Dunsdon
p		Cllr B Hall
p		Cllr Mrs K Lord
	p	Cllr Mrs K Matthewman
p		Cllr Mrs S Read
p		Cllr R A Wappet
	p	Cllr Mrs S Courtney
		Cllr A Glass
	p	Cllr R Lewis
	p	Cllr A McDowall
	p	Cllr Mrs B Maynard
		Cllr G Smith

In Attendance:

Margaret Bernard (Clerk to the Council)
Kevin Loblely (Centre Manager)
Sue King (Minute Clerk)
Carol Dench, Lymington Times
23 Members of the Public

58. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Glass, Cllr Mrs K Matthewman, Cllr G Smith, District Cllr Mrs A McEvoy and District Cllr G Parkes.

59. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute 62 (a) Planning, as he is a member of New Forest District Council Planning Committee. He stated that he would consider applications on the evidence in front of him.

Cllr Mrs Courtney declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute 62 Planning Application Number 07/90972 as she is a member of the Church.

60. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2007 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 5 September 2007 be signed as a true and correct record.

61. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman stated that he had received comments from a member of the Council over the changes on the Agenda, following discussion it was agreed that the smaller version was easier to absorb but some specific details on certain items did require being included on to the Agenda.

Chairman reported details from the Democratic Services Manager at New Forest Council relating to The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places. Discussion took place and it was **RESOLVED** to

support the proposed suggestions put forward by Cllr Dunsdon relating to the location of Fawley, Blackfield and Langley wards and Holbury and North Blackfield ward.

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Phillip Pearce-Smith enquired into the Blackfield and Langley Football Club proposal to extend the rear of Gang Warily. The Chairman advised him that nothing yet had been decided and discussion was due to take place at a later date.

Olwyn Phillips stated her objections to Planning Application 07/92129 Resource recycling situated at Hampshire Turf. These objections include noise disturbance, roads in the area not suitable for movement of heavy vehicles. The original planning application was refused and it appears that no alterations to the new proposed plans have been made.

Jean Prewitt supported all previous objections to Planning Application 07/92129 stating that the application is detrimental to New Forest National Park. The Company at present works Saturday afternoon, Sunday mornings and the noise from the shredder is unbearable, causing disturbance to the local residents.

Bob Dyer a representative of the New Hope Community Church presented his report giving details of the background of the Church and its future ideas, benefiting the whole of the community. These proposals included developing skills and self-confidence for children and young people, community safety relating to prevention of drugs and transport for the elderly.

Tim Lockwood Pastor of the Church and a part time police officer explained how the church is continuing to experience a large rapid growth in the congregation plus a variation of new activities, which is causing pressure on the existing building situated at New Hope Centre. The best way forward is to change to Unit 9 at Hardley Industrial Estate, this will provide the potential for more activities and provide a larger site for the needs of the Community.

62. Parish List

(a) It was **RESOLVED** that the comments made on the Planning Applications appearing in the following lists be forwarded to New Forest District Council.

- 07/90850** Elmbank, Lepe Road, Langley
Land to the rear of 55 to 56 Renda Road and land rear of Single Storey Extension:
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application
- 07/90793** **The Ways, Walkers Lane North**
Rear Conservatory:
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application
- 07/90908** Bay Cottage, The Drove, Blackfield
House, detached garage:
The Council **OBJECTS** on the grounds of adverse visual impact of the position of the garage adjoining to road.
- 07/90914** Standor, Mopley Road, Blackfield
3 dwellings and 1 bungalow:

- The Council **OBJECTS** to this application on the grounds of over development of site. Access to plots 2 and 3 unacceptable: - due to loss of open space. Intrusion of through traffic on what is currently a cul-de-sac. The Council supports the objections received from Mr Briggs.
- 07/90917** 16 Alum Close, Holbury
2 storey rear extension:
The Council **OBJECTS** to this application on the grounds that the proposed extension is out of character with the surrounding area especially the proposed roof design.
- 07/90929** Tenby, Green Lane, Blackfield
Single storey rear extension:
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application
- 07/90939** Pyros Environmental Ltd Charleston Road Hardley
Hazard substances consent:
The Council **AGREES** to accept the decision of the Officers.
- 07/ 90943** Block 6 Fawley Refinery
Blast Proof Building:
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.
- 07/90950** Block 31A Fawley Refinery
Industrial water tank:
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.
- 07/90902** Building 2 Fawley Business Centre
Use as Office
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.
- 07/90972** Unit 9 Hardley Industrial Estate
Use as Church community:
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application as an exception to the planning policy in recognition of significant benefit to the Community and valuable social function in providing facilities for local youth and other parts of the community.
- 07/90979** Land between 59 & 63 Holbury Drove
2 detached bungalows, new access:
The Council **SUPPORTS** this application.

b) New Forest National Park Planning Applications

- 07/92129** Hampshire Turf, Northern access
Resource recycling:
The Council **OBJECTS to** this application on the grounds of noise, dust and vibration problems to surrounding area plus traffic movements on unsuitable roads and not in line with the Policy of New Forest National Park conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the area.

63. County Councillor's Report

Councillor Dunsdon reported on the proposed closure of post office branches within the Hampshire and Isle of Wight area. The branches within the Fawley area are to remain open with the closure of post

offices situated at Fairview Parade, Hythe and 210 Salisbury Road Totton. Any comments of this consultation should be sent in writing to Tim Nickolls, Network Development Manager, c/o National Consultation Team or email consultation@postoffice.co.uk

Applications for County Councillors' Grants: Cllr Dunsdon informed the Council that he is processing these and will come to a decision shortly.

Cllr Dunsdon reported that unfortunately there was no intention of pursuing major improvements to the Marchwood By Pass.

64. District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Dunsdon gave a report relating to planning applications which included the refusal of proposed development of Alum Close Holbury and permission granted for a food take away at the old post office building at Fawley Square.

Cllr Wappet stated that he had decided to donate his £500 allocated from New Forest District Council to University of the Third Age, which was at present in its infancy. Cllr Wappet also mentioned the survey he has been doing at Hardley Industrial Estate relating to the parking of HGV vehicles at night.

Cllr Wappet reported on the Government's proposed infill building areas between villages, which have been strongly objected to. Several pieces of open land in the area have been recommended to be used for gravel extraction. It has been requested that copies of the proposals be forwarded to us.

Cllr Mrs Lord informed the Council of various meetings that she had attended including the Leisure Youth Culture which involved the New Forest District Council, resulting with the decision to keep the management of the forest leisure centres in house, while undergoing an improvement plan. Cllr Mrs Lord also gave a report on the Shelter Housing programme which included various ideas relating to housing for single men, affordable housing to get people onto the housing ladder. Many Landlords own empty houses and these owners should be encouraged to contact NFDC to give them details so these empty houses can be rented by local residents.

Councillor Mrs A McEvoy's report was noted. (Attached as Appendix A)

65. Documents for Information, which are available for viewing at our office.

The following documents were noted:

- a) Clerks & Councils Direct
- b) Hampshire Rural Pathfinder Web Site: www.haptc.org
- c) Caddie (Putting crime and disorder in its place)
Web Site: www.hantsiowcaddie.gov.uk
- d) September 'Action News Community'
- e) Autumn Term 'Horizons'
- f) Defra : 'Ways to tackle climate change'
defra/environment/climatechange/uk/publicsector/index.htm
- g) The Insolvency Service News

- h) Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service 'Our Plan' Consultation Booklet. Invite to attend consultation of proposals 17 October 2007

66. Correspondence: For Information

- a) **Notification of an application form/pack for the Certificate in Local Governance for Councillors is available to download at:**www.seemp.co.uk/cert-in-local-govt-appl-form.pdf
- b) **Community Action Hampshire Workshop: Invite on 24 October 2007 9.30 – 3.30 Shawford Parish Hall, Nr Winchester:** www.action.hants.org.uk/ParishPlans.html
- c) **Request from local resident for an upgrade to a pelican crossing with traffic lights outside Blackfield school.**

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk writes to Hampshire County Council supporting the proposed upgrade to the road outside Blackfield School and for a pelican crossing with traffic lights to be placed within the area.

An invite was received from Planning Portal relating to 'econsultation for parish plans' which is to take place on 6 November 2007.

67. Reports from representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies.

- a) **Community First, New Forest (Cllr Mrs Maynard)**
Cllr Mrs Maynard stated the support given to Calshot Project from the Community First group.
- b) **New Forest Consultative Panel (Cllr Holtham)**
Councillor Holtham reported on the meeting he attended which included pot holes on lay-bys and car parks which are still awaiting repair and the management of highways on the forest roads and safety of horses.
- c) **New Forest East Sports Council (Cllr Mrs Lord)**
Cllr Mrs Lord gave details of the meeting she attended and the New Forest Awards. Cllr Mrs Lord was proposing that the next meeting on the 19 November 2007 takes place at Gang Warily.
- d) **Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau (Cllr McDowall)**
Cllr McDowall explained the problems that the Citizens Advice Bureau was experiencing including the lack of funding and the standards being used at the local office which were not equal to the general standards used by the CAB.
- e) **New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee (Cllr Fidler and Cllr Glass)**
Two reports were distributed from Cllr Fidler and Cllr Glass. These gave details of the meeting that had taken place on 11 October 2007 highlighting problems that had occurred in the Refinery and the problems that may acquire if the area has to be evacuated. It was agreed that a meeting would be arranged for the Fawley Parish Councillors to visit the Refinery.

- f) **Transport Committee** (Cllr Mrs Lord)
Cllr Mrs Lord informed the Council of a Pilot Study, which is taken place for people living in rural areas, and the problems they experience with transport getting to local hospitals. Cllr Mrs Lord confirmed that Calshot area would be included in the study. Train line into the Waterside was still being looked into but it could take till 2016 until a decision is made.
- g) **Waterside Youth Steering Group** (Cllr Mrs Matthewman)
There was no Report
- h) **Calshot Project** (Cllr Smith)
There was no report but Cllr Mrs Maynard informed the Council of the improvements made to the playing field area and the proposed road to be built along to St George's Hall.
- i) **Waterside Heritage** (Cllr Holtham)
Nothing new to report but thanks were made to the volunteers collating the new items received.
- j) **New Forest Beach Hut Owners** (Cllr Holtham)
A report was distributed giving details of the meeting held on 4 September 2007 and the ongoing problems with the lack of toilet facilities at Hill Head plus the lack of security guards looking after the beach huts. Following discussion it was agreed to support and write a letter to the New Forest District Council with copies to Cllrs' Mrs McEvoy and Wappet to stating the following:
a) Support the concept that the Beach Hut owners receive a car park permit issued to there hut. That the Car Park permits should be rationalised with the Amenity permit being discontinued (or used as the Beach hut permit), as there are too many types of permit, which is confusing to many people. Also that one hour charges should be introduced at Amenity Car Parks.
b) That due to the problems with human excrement, that human waste bins be provided and warning signs erected to warn of the health risks.
- k) **PRIME**(Cllr Mrs Maynard)
No Report and it was agreed to take this Local Body off future agendas.
- l) **Police Working Party** (Cllr Glass, Cllr Mrs Courtney and Cllr Smith together with Penny Field (Youth Outreach worker)
There had been no meeting. Pc Woodhead was to leave Hythe Police Station and we were awaiting a new police officer to take over the area. There was to be a confidential meeting with the Parish Clerk and the Hythe Inspector, which is due to take place shortly.
- m) **New Forest District and Parish Liaison Meeting** (Cllr Glass and Cllr Mrs Alderman)
The meeting had taken place on 27 September 2007, attended by the Clerk where discussion took place

relating to the update of local parish plans plus the local development framework.

68. Minutes of Committees.

a) Amenities

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 5 September 2007 be agreed as correct.

b) Public Services

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2007 be agreed as correct.

c) Policy, Resources & Personnel

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 3 October 2007, be agreed as correct subject to the following amendments:

Minute 42 should have read, "Councillor Dunsdon declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 52, 'Web Site Management' as he is a friend of **Jon and Jackie Brown.**"

Minute 60 should have stated "Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk together with the Centre Manager, Councillor Dunsdon and **Councillor A Glass** form a Working Party to look at ideas and to report back to the Council at a later date."

69. To Accept the Annual Audit Letter and Audit Certificate

It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Audit Letter and Audit Certificate be accepted.

70. Appointment of Internal Auditor.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Clerk together with the Finance Assistant be given delegated authority to select the appointment, upon receipt of further quotations. Following further discussion it was agreed to put forward to Policy Resources and Personnel that Pauline Coombes be retitled from Finance Assistant to Finance Officer.

71. To Note Earmarked Reserves as referred from Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Earmarked Reserves were noted and agreed.

72. To Confirm adoption of the Revised Model Code of Conduct including paragraph 12 (2) which determines Members with a prejudicial interest right to speak where members of the public may do so.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised Model Code of Conduct including paragraph 12 (2) and for Fawley Parish Council to place an advert into the Lymington Times to confirm this adoption.

73. To Consider a request from Blackfield & Langley FC to extend the rear of Gang Warily as referred from Public Services Committee 12 September 2007.

It was agreed to form a Working Party to consider this request and to report back to the next Policy, Resources and Personnel meeting.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Chairman Cllr Holtham, Cllr Dunsdon, Cllr Glass, Cllr Lewis, Cllr Mrs Read and Cllr Wappet form the Working Party. The meeting arranged for Friday 16 November 2.00pm.

74. **To Confirm** the renewal of an Agreement relating to the Green at Ashlett, Fawley
It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the renewal of the Agreement relating to the Green at Ashlett, Fawley.
75. **Date of Next Meeting** – 12 December 2007

PRIVATE SESSION

RESOLVED that in accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to Members) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted in the following

76. **To Consider** a request from Jubilee Horse Club, as referred from Policy, Resources & Personnel Committee.
Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** that Jubilee Horse Club rental be reduced to £1,800 plus water rates based on 4 horses being kept in the field and any additional horse sharing the field will be charged £450 per annum up to a maximum contract value of £2880 per annum.
This agreement is to be on a 12 month trial basis.
77. **To Confirm** the Councils' agreement to a proposal to continue employment on a part time basis following his retirement.
It was **RESOLVED** that this request from the head groundsman be accepted.

Chairman's Announcement:

Reference was made by the Chairman, relating to Policy, Resources and Personnel meeting held on 3 October 2007. It was agreed to look further into the outsource of the gym tots and gymnastics provision at Gang Warily. Following discussion it was agreed that this should proceed and to start consultation procedure as required by the employment law.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

.....Chairman