

2nd April 2008
FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Wednesday 2 April 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	Cllr Mrs S Courtney
p		Cllr L Dunsdon	p Cllr A Glass
p		Cllr B Hall	p Cllr R Lewis
p		Cllr Mrs K Lord	
p		Cllr Mrs K Matthewman	Cllr A McDowall
p		Cllr Mrs S Read	p Cllr Mrs B Maynard
p		Cllr R A Wappet	p Cllr G Smith

In Attendance:

Police Inspector Kevin Leckey
Police Sergeant Kevin Gillespie
PCSO Andrew Spooner
Cllr Graham Parkes
Mr Nick Stockdale (Npower)
Nigel Burt and Trevor Green (Exxon Mobil)
1 press representative
2 representatives from Linden Homes
Margaret Bernard (Clerk to the Council)
Kevin Lobley (Centre Manager)
3 members of the public

119. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs S Courtney, Cllr A McDowall and District Cllr Mrs A McEvoy

120. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute 125 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 Wappet further declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application number 0891865.

Cllr Mrs Lord declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application number 0891917.

121. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2008 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 27 February 2008 be signed as a true and correct record.

122. To Receive a presentation from Nigel Burt (Community Affairs Manager) and Trevor Green (Improvement Project Manager) Exxonmobil to give an update on Fawley Refinery Security Fence improvements.

The Managers explained the background of the decision to undertake improvements and increase security measures as a result of a review carried out in 2005 following a site risk assessment. Planning approval was then obtained in 2006. Tree clearance and ground preparation works were now approaching completion and construction of the intruder detention fencing was to be started in May of this year. Work in the different areas involved was outlined and the likely timescale. Completion of the overall project was anticipated to be in early 2010. The details of the types of fencing, height, lighting and means of installation, in all the areas affected was explained. Mr Burt asked that he be contacted should any further questions arise.

123. To Receive a presentation from Cllr G Parkes relating to Archaeological Work at Holbury Manor.

Cllr Parkes thanked the Parish Council for their very kind support of Waterside Heritage in their investigation of Holbury Manor and its past history. This had been undertaken in partnership with Southampton University and Brockenhurst College. During June and July of 2007, trenches and magnometry surveys had been undertaken and these showed some anomalies in the site. A further three weeks work in 2008 was now planned, which the Parish Council had supported. Local knowledge was welcomed. Members suggested that a letter be sent to local schools to encourage involvement, and that the Holbury Hall would be a suitable place for a display with public access. A slide presentation was offered and suggested for the Annual Parish Meeting on 23rd April.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Gus Angus registered his support for the funding of a PCSO, the local demand and request for the Parish Council's support in this provision.

Representatives from Linden Homes reported on the changes proposed for the planning application relating to Long Copse, to meet the criteria as required by New Forest District Council. These addressed previous concerns at the impact on trees on this site.

124. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman expressed his congratulations to the pupils from Blackfield Primary School who were the winners of the New Forest Primary Schools Cross Country Championships held at Gang Warily recently. It was suggested that they be presented with a certificate and offered junior membership of Gang Warily.

A letter of thanks was requested, following members recent enjoyable and informative visit to the Honeypot centre.

The ECO trail walk previously planned had been postponed from 12th April and a revised date would be advised in due course.

In order to record the Council's accounts in good time, an extraordinary meeting was now planned for 6.30pm on 23rd April, prior to the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm. The Planning meeting scheduled for 30th April would now be cancelled.

An invitation had been received to attend the Planholders Plus day, to be held at Appletree Court, 10am – 4pm on 10th May.

Members were asked to advise if they planned to attend the visit to Fawley refinery on 1st May. It was agreed to request that the invitation be extended to Councillors from Hythe & Dibden.

The District Council had advised that the developer had now agreed a street name for the development rear of Renda Road, but that the proposal to ask Cadland School pupils for suggestions will be considered for future consultation.

125. Planning:

It was RESOLVED that the comments made on the planning applications appearing in the following list, be forwarded to New Forest District Council.

a) Parish List:

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| 08/91865 | The Niche, Walkers Lane North, Blackfield
Dormer and roof extension
(No1) We recommend PERMISSION, but would accept the decision reached by the District Councils officers under their delegated powers. |
| 08/91917 | Land at 38 Forest Edge Fawley
Attached house
(No1) We recommend PERMISSION, but would accept the decision reached by the District Councils officers under their delegated powers. |
| 08/91937 | 27 Southbourne Avenue, Holbury
Single-storey rear extension |

(No1) We recommend PERMISSION, but would accept the decision reached by the District Councils officers under their delegated powers.

08/91971 15 Harrier Way, Hobury:
Raise boundary wall
(No1) We recommend PERMISSION, but would accept the decision reached by the District Councils officers under their delegated powers.

08/91973 19 Wychwood Drive, Langley:
.First floor side extension
(No1) We recommend PERMISSION, but would accept the decision reached by the District Councils officers under their delegated powers.

08/91982 21 Saxon Road, Blackfield:
Single storey rear extension
(No1) We recommend PERMISSION, but would accept the decision reached by the District Councils officers under their delegated powers.

08/91970 16 Falcon Fields, Fawley
Two-storey side extension
(No1) We recommend PERMISSION, but would accept the decision reached by the District Councils officers under their delegated powers.

08/91986 Waybak, Exbury Road, Blackfield
Single-storey extension
(No 5) We are happy to accept the decision reached by the District Council's officers, under their delegated powers.

08/91965 Land at 28,30 and 36 Long Copse,Holbury
13 dwellings
(No 4) We recommend REFUSAL, for the reasons listed below:
the development requires the loss of trees, which it is considered should be subject to Tree Preservation Orders.

b) TPO/08/0084 39 Saxon Road, Blackfield: Tree work application: It was agreed that this be left to the Arboriculturist.

c) Tree Preservation Order 54/07: Land at 34 Studley Avenue, Holbury
Meeting to be held at Gang Warily on 15 April 2008 – It will start with a visit to the site at 9.30am followed by the formal meeting at 10.00 am to hear objections to the making of this Tree Preservation Order.
The Parish Council SUPPORTED the Tree Preservation Order, the Chairman to attend the meeting.

d) To Note Appeal and to consider any further comments relating to Planning Application No 07/91145 Long Copse made by Linden Homes.
This appeal was noted.

e) New Forest National Park Planning Applications:
08/92717 Hut 97, Calshot: Replacement of Beach Hut
The Council SUPPORTS the application
08/92715 Admiral Taverns Langley Public House New Signs
The Council SUPPORTS the application.

126. County Councillor's Report

Cllr Dunsdon reported on his tour of the area with County Council officers and the Parish Chairman, to look at main issues in the parish, including flooding at Lime Kiln Lane. The Foxcroft Drive traffic calming was now in place and improvements already noticeable. Cllr Ken Thornber had recently announced plans for a Hampshire Senate and considered that

unitary status was likely. The March meeting had led to the recognition of joint working and the next meeting was planned for June. There was concern at the reduction of bus services, especially in the evenings, and the impact on socially deprived areas, where a better service was needed. Two possible new sites had been identified for the National Park headquarters, based in Lyndhurst or Brockenhurst and currently under consideration. Cllr Dunsdon had attended a National Park members' workshop to consider a draft plan, the public consultation for this to be undertaken in late summer. Issues discussed included the need for more affordable housing for people with connections with the new forest, which needs to be balanced against over-development of the area. The Parish Plan process is to be encouraged, to insure local input. Advice on funding available was also requested. It was preferred that employment sites be retained and visitors also accommodated. There was some support for the downgrading of some roads and the need to take the lead in animal casualty reduction. Some road closures were under consideration, as was park and ride, plus the back-up grazing land to be available to commoners and protected.

127. District Councillors' Reports

Cllr Mrs Lord reported on the Youth Trust and the hope to provide more facilities for young people. The District Council was having a great impact on the Fawley Fun Day, giving support with advertising and a grant of £500. The provision of It's a Knockout was recommended and further funds needed for this. The Parish Chairman offered to meet £100 of the costs from the Chairman's Allowance, which was gratefully received.

Cllr Wappet reported on his attendance at planning and budget meetings and also advised that the manhole cover outside the bakers in Hampton Lane was now repaired. The District Council had agreed to finance Calshot Hall for three years.

Cllr Mrs McEvoy submitted a written report, as follows:

Planthunters' Fun Day

It's nearing the time of year for Planthunters' once again and hopefully the weather will be on our side this year! Planthunters' is a fun day out for all the Family. It will take place at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Saturday 10th May from 10 am till 4 pm.

This year there will be the usual excellent range of stalls selling plants, and garden related items plus approximately 20 arts and crafts stalls in our new marquee. There is a hog roast, a selection of sandwiches, cakes and strawberry afternoon teas as well as plenty of fun for the children. The entrance fee is still only £2.50 with 12 year olds and under FREE!

Time Capsule Event, Hampton Lane

I attended the time capsule event on the Raglan Housing Association scheme on the land to the rear of 86 Hampton Lane. This was an opportunity for some local children representing Blackfield Primary School to bury a time capsule under the foundations of the new development. The capsule contained a wide range of objects that the children thought were representative of school life in 2008.

I was delighted that this event gave the children of Blackfield Primary School an opportunity to feel part of the Blackfield community and offer their view of school life in the village to people in the future.

Traffic Issues

Together with other local Councillors, I will be meeting with Nick Hunt, Principal Engineer, on 24th April to discuss a variety of traffic issues around The Drove junction and Hampton Lane. If you have any specific concerns that you want raised, please e-mail me on

alexis.mcevoy@newforest.gov.uk

Concessionary Fares for Young Person's

There has been plenty of publicity about Concessionary Fares for the over 60's but I'm not sure how many people know about Concessionary Fares for Young People.

The Council is giving assistance amounting to £40 to each person who qualifies. This will be given in the form of a booklet which will contain 80 vouchers each valued at 50p. Any young person over 14 years of age and under 18 qualifies.

The vouchers can be used as part or full payment on the Hythe Ferry, Bluestar Buses and Wilts & Dorset Buses as well as New Forest District Council registered taxis/private hire vehicles and special bus services.

FINALLY

If anyone would like to make me aware of problems they may be experiencing, please contact me either by e-mail on or via my website at www.newforest.gov.uk/alexis.mcevoy.

I hope this short report is useful to you and if I can help the Parish Council in any way, please contact me via the Clerk.

128. Reports from Representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies

- a) **Community First, New Forest (Cllr Mrs B Maynard)**
Cllr Mrs Maynard informed the Council that the next meeting was later in April. Information had been requested on the results of British cycle racing and the use of a local site.
- b) **New Forest Consultative Panel (Cllr E Holtham)**
Cllr Holtham advised on his attendance at a meeting of 6th March and that the Chairman had been re-elected for a further year. There was an update of the Commoners Review and its progress with the implementation of the recommendations. A presentation was given from New Forest Community Media on their bid for a Community Radio Station licence based in and broadcasting to the National Park area, which could be used for promoting events.
- c) **New Forest Sports Council (Cllr Mrs K Lord)**
Cllr Mrs Lord reported attendance at the AGM and the prizegiving.
- d) **Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau (Cllr A McDowall)**
There was no report
- e) **New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee (Cllrs M Fidler & A Glass)**
No meetings had been advised.
- f) **Transport Committee (Cllr K Lord)**
No meetings had been advised.
- g) **Waterside Youth Steering Committee (Cllr Mrs K Matthewman)**
No meetings had been advised.
- g) **Calshot Project (Cllr G Smith)**
No meeting had been attended, these were now held quarterly.
- h) **Waterside Heritage (Cllr E Holtham)**
Cllr Holtham advised that the recent meeting had discussed matters as reported by Cllr Parkes.
- i) **New Forest Beach Hut Owners (Cllr E Holtham)**
No meeting had been held but information provided that New Forest District Council were to replace a toilet at Barton Undercliffe.
- j) **Police Working Party (Cllrs Mrs S Courtney, A Glass, G Smith and Youth Worker P. Field).** No meeting had been held.
- k) **New Forest Liaison Committee (Cllr A Glass and Cllr Mrs M Alderman)**
The Clerk reported on the meeting held on 27th March which had discussed public transport links to hospitals, the introduction of e-planning, plus an offer to Councillors to visit the Planning Department.

129. Minutes of Committees – To Adopt the Minutes and to accept the recommendations of the Committees.

- a) **Amenities**
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 February 2008 be agreed as correct.
- b) **Public Services**
It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th March 2008 be agreed as correct.
- c) **Policy & Resources**
Discussion on the agreement of the minutes as correct was deferred to the closed session of the meeting.
Regarding the Internal Audit Report, the Chairman registered his commendation of the Finance Officer on the high quality of cross-referencing and record-keeping of the accounts.

130. Correspondence:

- a) **For Response:**
 - i) Invite to attend 'New Forest Access For All' Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 8 April 2008 at 11 am to 1 pm at Colbury Hall, Ashurst.
The invitation was noted.

- ii) Invite from CPRE Hampshire to take part in '2026 – A vision for the Countryside' to be held on Wednesday 28 May at Littleton Village Hall, Nr Winchester. There will be a choice of sessions either 10am – 1pm or 1.30 – 4.30 pm.
The invitation was noted.
- iii) Local Bus Services consultation
It was agreed that members submit their comments on the consultation paper, on the form provided, to be returned to the office for submission.
- iv) Letter concerning a request from local resident relating to an increase in street lighting.
It was agreed that this be referred to Hampshire County Council.

b) For Information:

- i) Details relating to:
 - - Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour around Fawley
 - - A summary of the findings of the Fawley Consultation
 - - Map of Post it Comments
 By Ben Taylor Hampshire Police.
- ii) Changes to the Standards Framework by the Standards Board for England.
- iii) Information relating to the next Council's Forward Plan which is available on the Council's Website: www.nfdc.gov.uk/media/adobe/p/q/april08.pdf

The above information details were noted.

c) Documents:

- i) CPRE Hampshire March 2008 Magazine.
- ii) New Forest District Council 'Today' Spring Magazine.

The above documents were noted.

- 131. Update from the meeting** of the Working Party of Fawley Parish Council and Blackfield and Langley FC.
The Chairman reported that the meeting had been postponed. Following informal discussion it was advised that the FC preference was to stay in the smaller bar and to implement other changes downstairs. The timescale to be advised. A working party meeting to be held on 10th April at 2.30pm.
- 132. Preparation of a Community Plan:** Cllr Glass reported on an offer received from Npower for a qualified student/team member to help with this process. This was to be confirmed at a meeting of the liaison committee. Advice would also be sought from the District Council Community Plan Coordinator. Members welcomed this opportunity and awaited further feedback in due course.
- 133. To Consider** a recommendation referral from Policy, Resources and Personnel relating to funding a local PCSO.

Following discussion it was **RESOLVED:** That funding of £6,000 be provided for a local PCSO, for a trial period of twelve months.
- 134. Community Safety Consultation:**
Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that Option 2 of the recommendations put forward by the NFDC Community Safety Co-ordinator be adopted, as follows:
To work in partnership with young people to find out what they would like and then try to deliver their needs appropriately. Cllr Mrs Lord to lead on this, with the assistance of a new Prime Development Co-ordinator in post and Fawley Parish Council.
- 135. Date of Next Meetings:** – Fawley Annual Parish Meeting: 23 April 2008

PRIVATE SESSION

It was **RESOLVED** that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public, including the press, be excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

- 136. To Consider** a request relating to the appointment of Operations Manager
Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to agree the Centre Manager's proposal to employ an existing member of staff in the role of Operations Manager.
- 137. To Note** letter of resignation from a member of the staff.
The Chairman reported the resignation of the Minute Secretary and that arrangements would be made to fill the post accordingly.
- 138. To review Banking arrangements.**
Following discussion it was **RESOLVED** to accept the offer from New Forest District Council to be included in their Securicor collection of funds from Gang Warily and Jubilee Hall for banking, at a cost of £15.24 +VAT per collection, which would be an average monthly total of £198.12.
- 139. Committee Minutes – To adopt** the Minutes and to accept the recommendations of the Committee.

Policy, Resources and Personnel

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2008 be agreed as correct.

The meeting closed at 10pm