

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Services Committee held on Wednesday 23rd July 2008 at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present:

	p	Cllr E Holtham (In the Chair)
	p	Cllr Mrs B Maynard (Vice-Chairman)
p		Cllr L Dunsdon
	p	Cllr M Fidler
p		Cllr B Hall
		Cllr C A McDowall
		Cllr Mrs K Matthewman.

Also present: Cllr R Wappet

In attendance:

Mrs M Bernard, Clerk to the Council
2 members of the public

- 1. Apologies:** Cllr C A McDowall
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Dunsdon and Cllr Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in Minute 6 Planning, as they are members of the New Forest District Council Planning Committee. They would consider applications on the evidence in front of them.
- 3. To sign the Minutes of the Meetings held on 28th May 2008.**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the above meeting be signed as a correct record.

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No comments were made.

- 4. Chairman's Remarks**
The Chairman reported a letter of thanks received from All Saints church for allowing the annual Parish Summer Fete.

Advice had been received from New Forest District Council regarding recommendations for changes to the play area surface at Jubilee Hall and the possibility of funding from Developers Contributions. The District Council had provided the figures for these (attached as Appendix A) and further clarification was requested of the various sections.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk obtain quotations for the resurfacing of the play area and submit a request for the funding to be taken from Developers Contributions.

5. **To receive a report from the Youth Worker** (attached as Appendix B).

6. **Planning applications**

RESOLVED: To submit observations as follows:

08/92408

Kilderkin, Lea Road, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1YW

1.8-metre high close boarded fence.

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

08/92457

1 Walkers Lane South, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1YN

Roof alterations in association with rooms in roof; dormers; roof lights.

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

08/92528

Montrose, 21 Walkers Lane South, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 1YN

Rear conservatory.

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

08/92645

Land of Baiz Croft, 1 Walkers Lane South, Blackfield, Fawley, SO45 IYN

Pair of semi-detached houses; parking; access from Mopley Close.

(No4) We recommend REFUSAL, on the grounds of over-development of site, lack of amenity space, potential adverse effect on neighbouring properties, inadequate parking.

7. **Wessex Close Play Area**

Members discussed the future of the Wessex Close Play Area, as agreed at the Annual General Meeting and notified to local residents accordingly. No further complaints had been received and two local householders had registered their support for the play area.

RESOLVED: That the play area remain at this location and that funding also be sought for better fencing and a litterbin to be installed. The fencing to be on the footpath side and along the roadside, with two gates on the front and one on the footpath side.

8. RESOLVED: To receive reports for the following:

- a) **Ashlett:** Cllr Hall reported a meeting with Hampshire County Council representatives and their agreement to provide drainage to alleviate water problems, this to be carried out within the next six months. Hedges and verges along the Stonehill access were overgrown and strimming was to take place during August. Cleaning and repainting of the four fixed seats also to be undertaken. It was suggested that the Council web site include a request for people with properties adjacent to highways to ensure that no hedgerows are overhanging. Concern was also expressed at the lack of life-saving equipment to help people in difficulty in the water. Two small life-throws were recommended to be provided on the hard area, costs to be obtained.
- b) **QE11:** Cllr Fidler reported on the lack of nets in the netball hoops, the reduction in plastic covering on the slide frame and the need for fencing repair. The age notice was not visible and the door had been removed, allowing dogs to enter. It was also requested that quotes be obtained for replacement of safety surfaces. The Fawley Falcons had their annual ten football pitch camping weekend in early July. Golf is still played on the field and no notice is up to discourage this. The entrance sign is still missing and needs replacing. Smashed bottles were still a problem. The northerly concrete litterbin had been hit and a triangular lump was missing. The new pavilion should be completed by mid September.
- c) **Buses:** Cllr Wappett reported advice received on the current situation within the tendering process and that more bids needed to be received. A full report on this was anticipated at the November meeting of the Public Transport Committee. The Yellow Bus scheme to local schools and colleges continued but no additional transport was available for children attending for only a half day.
- d) **Footpaths:** Cllr Holtham reported on the footpaths and bridleways. (see Appendix C)
- e) **Holbury Manor:** Cllr Holtham reported that the archaeologists had now finished and a report was anticipated in the near future. Although not much was found in the way of pottery or artefacts to help in dating, the site survey gave much hope for future finds. Path repairs had been carried out and it is hoped that the incoming pipe to the main pond and the outgoing pipe from the second pond will be replaced.
- g) **Gang Warily:** Cllr Holtham reported that pitches had sand slit drainage undertaken and that the golf course greens annual maintenance had been completed. It was recommended that the skateboard park have a fence installed. Developers Contributions to be looked into to provide the funding.

- h) Allotments:** Cllr Holtham reported on thefts experienced on allotments this year, affecting a number of plots. A complaint had also been received about the drainage.

The Clerk reported on advice given at a recent Clerk's seminar, as follows: Potential sources of funding for the provision of allotments includes Awards for All, Access to Nature and the National Allotments Association, who also provide advice. New land acquisition is likely to be high cost. Possible alternatives include applying for change of use of existing owned land, for example that which is currently used for grazing. Previous land-use, eg. Landfill, to be taken into account to determine suitability. Parking spaces also needed to be considered. Other potential costs included the provision of water supply, which is recommended although not a legal requirement. 5 rod plots are most often provided but councils could consider offering 2.5 rod plots at the beginning, to enable allotment holders to judge the workload and whether they wished to progress to a full size 5 rod allotment.

It was agreed that the provision of allotments be reviewed in early 2009.

- 9. Brickstore QEII, repair to roof:** Councillor Holtham reported that the hole in the roof and potential rotting of timber was a concern and could cause storage problems. Costs of repair were awaited and future funds would be needed. Estimates to be obtained for discussion at the next meeting of the committee.
- 10. Hampshire County Council: Adoption of the recommended revised LGPS Pension policy statement.**

RESOLVED: That the revised policy be adopted (see Appendix D)

11. Correspondence

i) HCC: Invitation to nominate Hantsweb Awards 2008 for recognition of best web sites in Hampshire and Isle of Wight: Noted

ii) The Post Office, Holbury Branch: Proposed move to new premises 163 Long Lane from September 2008: Noted

iii) HCC Community Transport Review: Invitation for contributions: Cllr Wappet to respond.

iv) Ringwood TC: Clean Neighbourhoods Act: Request for advice from the District Council regarding the implementation of this policy.

ii) NFDC: Provision of Public Toilet Facilities: Advice that the County Council is considering options for the old building at Spit End and that the new facility at Calshot was considered to have sufficient capacity.

RESOLVED: That the District Council be advised of the Parish Council's continuing concern at this loss of facility and the need to consider the advice from the Environment Agency which had provided

a number of options to overcome the lack of discharge. The building is not considered to be structurally unsound and it is proposed that this be reconsidered for provision of an Eco toilet.

iii) Letter of thanks from Friends of Fawley Infant School for the Parish Council's raffle prize. Noted.

Available from the office on request:

Hampshire Now Magazine, Quality Parish Council Guide, Local Councils Update Newsletter, NFDC Home Talk Magazine, Community First New Forest Newsletter.

Date of next meeting: 17th September 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

.....Chairman