

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 13 January at 7pm in the Jubilee Hall, Fawley.

Present: Cllr D Walker (In the Chair), Cllr Mrs S Read (Vice-Chairman), Cllr L Dunsdon, Cllr M Fidler, Cllr A Glass, Cllr G Smith.

Also present: Cllr B Hall, Cllr E Holtham, A McDowall, Cllr R Wappet (until item 10).
3 members of the public.

In attendance:

Mr G Richardson, Acting Clerk to the Council.

Mr K Lobley, Centre Manager Gang Warily.

Mrs S Markides, Clerical Officer.

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Mrs M Alderman.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Wappet declared a non-prejudicial interest in Item 5 Planning, as he is a member of the New Forest Planning Committee. He stated that he would consider the applications on the evidence in front of him at this point in time.

3. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 4 November 2009 be signed as a correct record.

PUBLIC SESSION: Councillors were able to ask questions of the member of the public who was present with regard to item 6, Request to use a kite and buggy at the QEII Recreation Ground and at Gang Warily.

4. **Chairman's Remarks:** The Chairman asked the meeting to consider whether charges should be made for Jubilee Hall bookings that were cancelled due to the bad weather.

RESOLVED: On this occasion to waive the charges that would normally be made to the Fawley Pre-School and the Village Stitchers for bookings cancelled or curtailed during the first week of January.

5. **Planning**

a) Parish List:

09/94983

Homelea, The Pentagon, Fawley, SO45 1EE

Replacement rear conservatory

(No 3) We recommend permission.

09/94945

Fawley Refinery, Cadland Road, Hardley, Fawley, SO45 1TX

New furnace with integral stack

(No 3) We recommend permission.

b) New Forest National Park

09/94751

Beach Hut 121, Calshot Road, Calshot, Southampton SO45 1BR

Replacement Beach Hut

(No 3) We recommend permission.

6. **Request to use a Kite and Buggy at the QEII Recreation Ground and at Gang Warily:** Members discussed the request including locations, the safety aspects involved and insurance cover required.

RESOLVED: To grant permission for a kite and buggy to be used at Gang Warily and the QEII Recreation Ground with insurance cover to be carried at all times.
To review this arrangement after a period of eight months following advice from the Head Groundsman.

7. **NFDC Information Office opening hours at Jubilee Hall:** Members were advised that a meeting had taken place with Jubilee Hall staff and it was hoped that the revised opening hours would not cause any difficulties although it was appreciated that during the interim period there may be some interruption to the services provided.

8. **Monthly Sales Values October, November and December 09:**

RESOLVED: To accept the Monthly Sales Values October, November and December 2009 (see Appendices A, B & C).

9. **A report from the Centre Manager:**

1, Due to the inclement weather it was not possible to attend the Waterside Arts Festival meeting scheduled for 5 January. I have contacted the organiser with my apologies as well as requesting minutes of the meeting and the date of next meeting. This is now due to take place 14 Jan.

2, January is a traditionally busy period for the gym and our instructors are nearly fully booked for every shift that they work.

3, The Gym Tots Christmas Parties were a success and all the children enjoyed meeting Father Christmas.

4, A leaflet drop has taken place at the primary schools within the Parish advertising the revamped All Sports Club. It also advertises the Soft Play drop in sessions that we now run on Wednesdays.

5, A "Give it a Tri" Gym promotion is being planned for a February roll out. This is being funded from the separate gym-marketing budget and involves clients undertaking a gym-based triathlon.

6, The Amenities Chairman spent a day with the Centre Manager and the staff on Tuesday 12 January to understand how the centre operates. We visited the Heath Public House where one of the rowing machines from the gym is currently being used for a "Lose a pound, give a pound" charity campaign.

7, The reception desk has now been lowered at a cost of £250. The reception staff are happy with the improvement.

8, Many areas of Jubilee Hall have now been decorated and the improvements are noticeable.

The Centre Manager also asked members to consider the formation of a sub committee for the Newlands Park project.

RESOLVED: To form a sub committee to draw up a future plan for Newlands Park, this to consist of two members from each the Parish Council's committees, the Clerk and the Centre Manager. Cllrs Glass and Fidler to be the representatives from the Amenities Committee.

10. Amended 2010/11 charges for Parish facilities, matter referred from Parish Council meeting 9 December 09.

RESOLVED: To note the amended charges for sun bed facilities, Golf, and Unclubbables and the new charges for new activities Adult Bounce, Child Bounce and Guest membership (see attached Appendices D&E).

11. To consider a replacement to the sun bed facility at Gang Warily: Members discussed the equipment available to replace the sun beds.

RESOLVED: The Centre Manager to further research the options available to replace the sun bed facility at Gang Warily and report back to the next Amenities Committee meeting to be held on 3 March. This to include all costings and safety information for the replacement apparatus.

12. A report on the marketing of Parish facilities: Members thanked Councillor Mrs Read for her report.

RESOLVED: The Chairman and Vice - Chairman of the Amenities Committee to meet with the Clerk and Centre Manager to discuss marketing of the Parish facilities. The Centre Manager advised that a new campaign to get women back into sport was being launched with funding available, this matter to be placed on the next Policy, Resources and Personnel Committee agenda 3 February 2010.

13. Correspondence

a). For information:

i) Valuation Office Agency: Advice that following a review the rateable value of Jubilee Hall remains unchanged at £8800.00 effective from April 2010. Noted.

ii) The Planning Inspectorate: Advice that Appeal is dismissed ref planning application 09/93876, 41 & 42 Pavilion Gardens, Blackfield, retention of 2 sheds. Noted.

iii) Advice that the "New Forest Remembers" weekend will take place 3 and 4 July 2010 at Lepe Country Park. Noted.

iv) Young at Heart Club: Thank you letter following recent grant payment. Noted.

v) Local Schools Parent Support Advisor: Thank you letter following recent grant payment. Noted.

vi) Waterside Citizens Advice Bureau: Thank you letter following recent grant payment. Noted.

vii) HCC: Advice that contract has been signed for South Coast Street Lighting. Noted.

b) Available from the office upon request: Community Action Hampshire Action News Update, HCC: New Forest Directory of Highway Works January 2010, NFDC Press Release "Looking at Heather Road life through a lens", Community First New Forest Newsletter Winter 09, Local Councils Update Dec 09, Standards for England The Bulletin No46 (previously circulated), NFDC Information Bulletin December 09, NFDC Hometalk Winter 2009, National Grid Gridline Winter 09.

14. Date of next meeting: 3 March 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

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Chairman