

FAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting of Fawley Parish Council held on Wednesday 10 March 2021 at 7pm using the Zoom video conferencing solution.

Members	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr A Alvey Chairman	√		
Cllr B Thorne Vice-Chairman	√		
Cllr A Carcas	√		
Cllr B Coyston	√	Technical difficulties	
Cllr A Glass	√	Technical difficulties	
Cllr B Hall		√	
Cllr T Matthews			√
Cllr D McElhenny	√		
Cllr C McGill	√		
Cllr S Milgate	√		
Cllr D Poole	√		
Cllr J Poole		√	
Cllr S Read			√
Cllr P Saunders	√		
Cllr K Smith	√		

In attendance:

Sue Markides, Deputy Clerk
Joshua Bond, Centre & Sports Development Manager

Also present: County Councillor Alexis McEvoy, District Councillor Mark Clark, Samuel Underwood Senior Stakeholder Manager, Water for Life – Hampshire, Nicola Meakins Enabling Manager, Water for Life – Hampshire, Ian Frost Planning and Consenting Manager, Water for Life – Hampshire, 11 members of the public.

Cllr Alvey introduced himself to those present and advised of the procedures for the virtual meeting of Fawley Parish Council. A roll call of councillors in attendance was undertaken. He welcomed the two new councillors for Fawley Parish and hoped they enjoyed their time as councillors.

20/157 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Hall and J Poole for personal reasons. These were accepted. Cllrs T Matthews and S Read were absent.

Councillors are reminded of their obligation to declare any declarations of either pecuniary or personal interest in any Agenda items.

Any member declaring a pecuniary interest should be requested to leave the virtual meeting (will be placed in the waiting room) by the Clerk prior to the item(s) in which the Member has declared an Interest being discussed, then invited to return to the virtual meeting after any corresponding resolution has been made. These actions to be recorded in the Council's minutes.

20/158 Declarations of Interest.

- a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda
Cllrs Glass & Thorne declared a non-prejudicial interest in agenda item 20/163 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.
- b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) None
- c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate None

20/159 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on 10 February 2021.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on 10 February 2021 be signed as a correct record - a printed copy will be provided by the Deputy Clerk to the Chairman for signature after the meeting.

20/160 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman advised of the following:

I regret to announce we have been notified of the death of Philip Pearce-Smith MBE who was a parish councillor for a number of years finally retiring in 2015. I would like to send condolences on behalf of the parish council and personally to his family.

Due to the ongoing Covid restrictions imposed by the Government the Annual Parish meeting due to take place on 28 April is cancelled. Meetings scheduled for the 14 April 2021 and 12 May 2021 will take place online virtually.

20/161 To receive a presentation from Samuel Underwood, Senior Stakeholder Manager, on Water for Life – Hampshire (see item 20/187 a i))

Members noted that the item should read (see item 20/178 a i)) not (see item 20/187 a i))

Mr Underwood introduced his two colleagues and thanked those present for their emails, calls and views expressed which were much appreciated, however one key thing that had been noted was the perception that 23 March 2021 is the cut off date for this proposal and this is not the case. This is non statutory, pre-planning consultation to get early views about plans before Southern Water move forward towards considering an application. The following slides were presented to the meeting.

Water for Life – Hampshire

Fawley Parish Council – March 10, 2021



from
**Southern
Water** 

Hampshire – the challenge

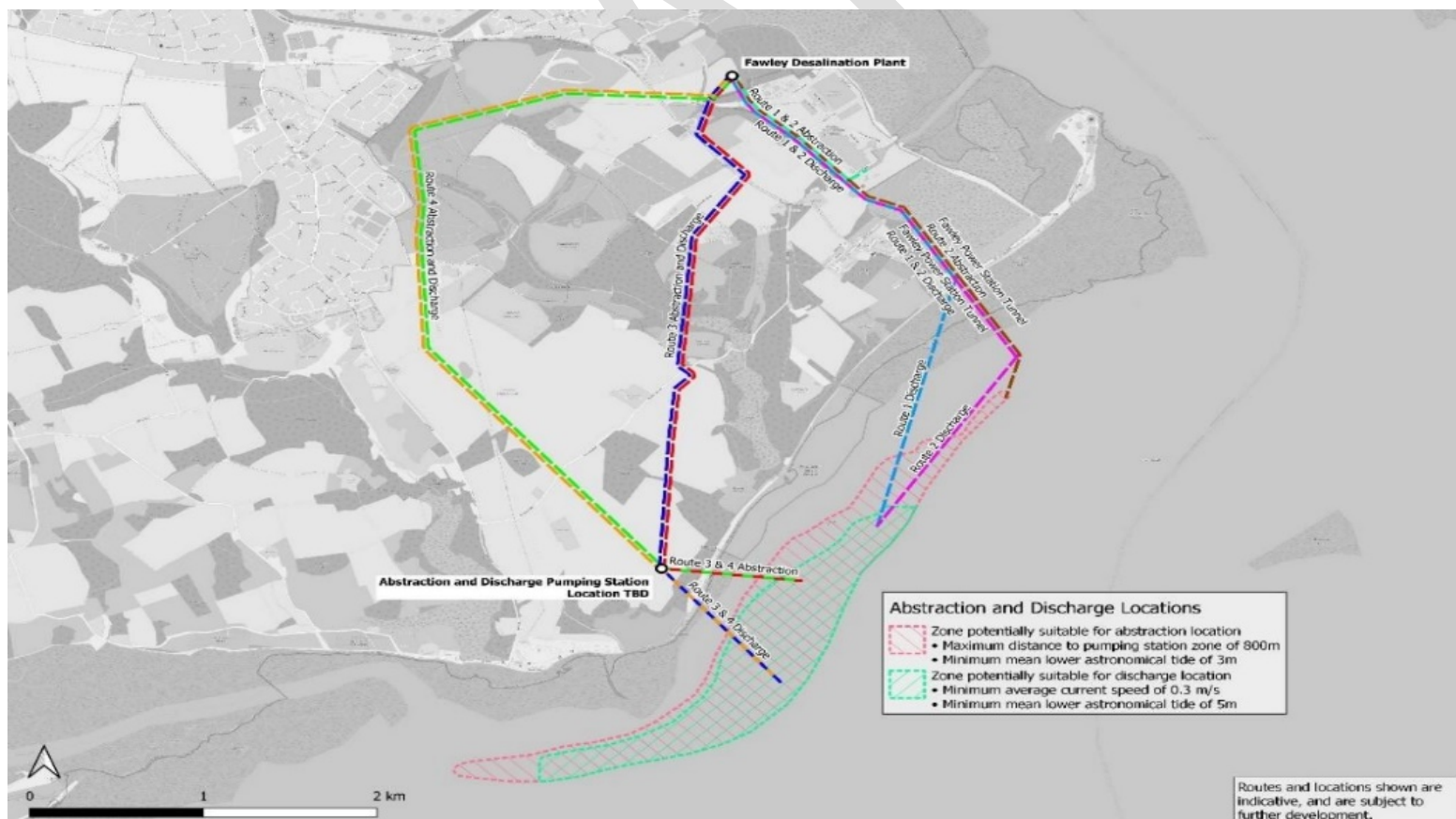
- The twin pressures of more extreme weather events and a growing population is stretching our finite natural resources, including water.
- Additionally, changes to our abstraction licences on the Test and Itchen leave us with a shortfall of 190 million litres of water a day in a drought.
- These chalk streams support a wide variety of species and deserve protection, but they also supply water to more than 700,000 people.
- Our plans include delivering new sources of water such as desalination and reducing leakage and improving water efficiency.



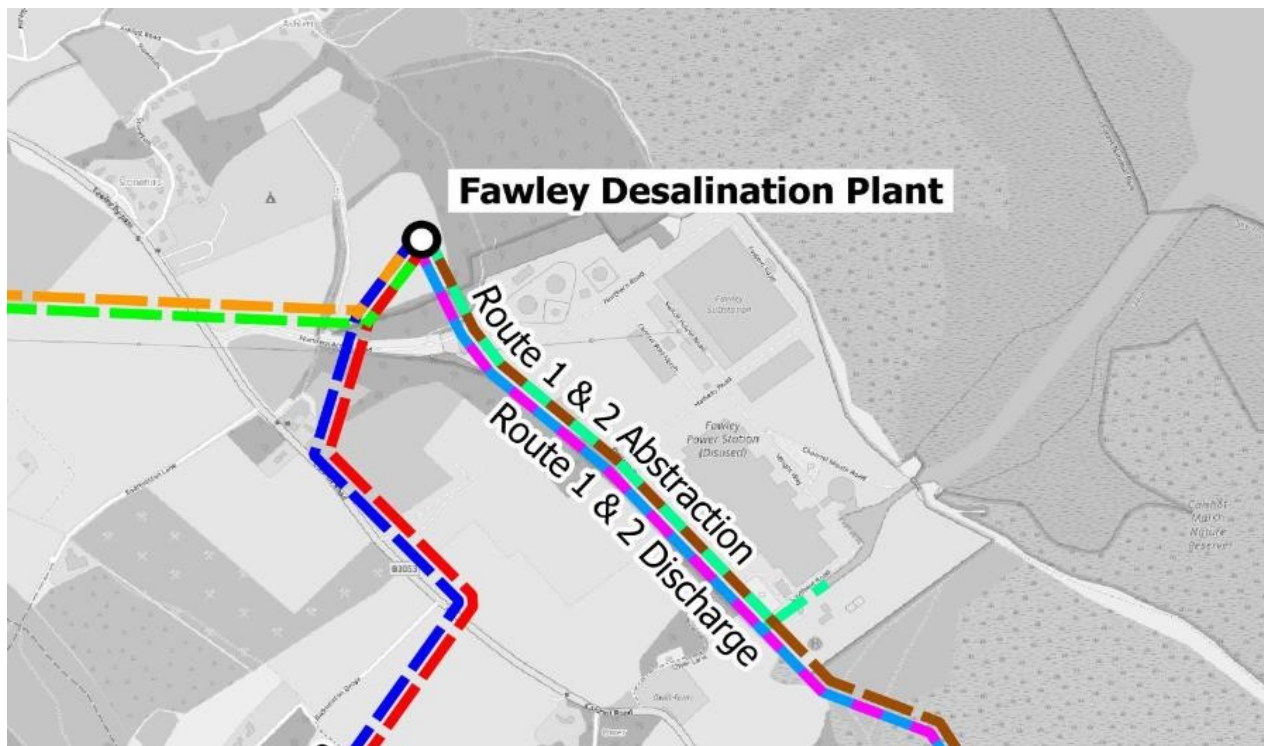
We've also committed to a £9.5m suite of environmental monitoring mitigation and compensation measures – funded by us and delivered on our behalf by the EA, Rivers Trust and Wildlife Trust.

Desalination at Fawley

- Our plan is to deliver a 75MI/d desalination plant at Fawley. This was selected in our Water Resources Management Plan 2019 (WRMP19).
- We have an obligation to use 'all best endeavours' to deliver this scheme.
- Engagement on WRMP19 followed a statutory process between 2016-2018.
- The final plan was approved by the Secretary of State.
- We have not yet submitted a planning application.
- The consultation is non-statutory, pre-planning engagement to get initial thoughts and views on our developing plans.
- Further engagement and consultation will follow.



The Proposed Site at Fawley



Alternatives as back-ups

We are exploring a range of back-ups in case desalination proves unconsentable, including:

- Water recycling
- Additional transfers from neighbouring water companies
- An enhanced use of the Havant Thicket Reservoir
- Additional sizes of desalination

This is part of our prudent risk management and business planning in case Fawley desalination cannot be delivered and is essential to ensure we can continue to meet our supply obligation.

We will present the latest version of our plans to our regulators in September of this year, along with feedback from the current consultation.

Next steps

- The current public consultation runs until March 23 but there will be many other opportunities to help us shape our plans.
- We will listen to views, publish a consultation report and use this to inform the development of the programme.
- Further consultation will take place before any application for planning permission.
- WFLH@southernwater.co.uk inbox has been set up for questions.

Following the presentation Councillor Alvey wanted to ensure that members of the public and councillors were clear that Fawley Parish Council is not in any way the planning authority and has no overriding say on the District Council or National Park, it is purely a consultee to these authorities.

He asked the following questions:

Why did Southern Water pick a desalination plant when all published data shows it is expensive as a method of producing fresh water, Why Fawley, why nowhere else on the South Coast and then did Southern Water take into account that your chosen site is in the New Forest National Park?

Samuel Underwood responded that due to the size of deficit of water that needs to be made up and the timescales required desalination was the only option found in the Water Resources Management Plan 2019. Fawley was selected partly due to its proximity to Southern Water's Testwood water supply works and obviously it is close to the coast for extraction of sea water and the return of brine water that is produced during the desalination process. There is also its proximity to the old Power Station and the potential use of some of the redundant pipelines already there to allow us to release and extract more efficiently as well as Southern Water owning part of the land there. Yes, it is in the NFNP and we have been engaging with the authority for the last two years, if not longer.

Cllr Alvey advised that the Parish Council stands ready to help and assist with future consultations – from providing a room for a public meeting (when allowed) to a physical exhibition similar to the one online.

He asked for clarification of the Development Consent Order Route.

Ian Frost, Planning and Consenting Manager responded: This is a planning application route for major infrastructure and it is used for large schemes e.g., roads etc. and we will use this to progress the desalination plant. Pre-application - we engage with the public and key stake

holders before any planning application goes in. Southern Water is keen to engage on the plans now, later as a statutory consultation and through on-going engagement will continue to develop plans before submission to the Planning Inspectorate. It then goes into a one and a half year examination process. It is a prescribed process of 18 months – 6 months examination of the plans, 6 months for the decision by the Planning Inspectorate and the Secretary of State. Pre-planning application before this depending on the size of the site could last between 1-3 years – we have yet to define how long this will be but typically the process can be about 2 years.

Due to technical difficulties Cllr Glass could not submit his question.

Cllr Milgate asked how many people Southern Water were expecting the desalination plant to cater for and how large an area would they expect the desalination plant to cater for. He also queried why Fawley Waterside.

Mr Underwood considered the “Why Fawley” question to be covered but was happy to provide more details in writing if Cllr Milgate wished to submit the question to him. People wise – it would be catering for the whole of Hampshire as there are plans to expand the grid with up to 125km of new water main across the county to link in with the Otterbourne and Testwood water supply works for increased resilience. There will also be new service reservoirs for future resilience to drought. Everyone one in Hampshire who is a Southern Water customer will be covered and in terms of the reach of water it will cover most of South Hampshire.

Cllr McElhenny asked

With the Waterside Development going on in that area what is the impact of your work given that the power station will be demolished?

What will be the impact on road traffic during construction and afterwards taking the solid waste to landfill?

With regards the pipeline being used from the power station to Testwood, is this straightforward or will there be a lot of work required along the 25km route?

Mr Underwood advised that Southern Water had been in touch with Fawley Waterside for a number of years and Fawley Waterside had engaged in the Water Resources Management Plan 19 process – they had objected to the initial process which is why the site location had been changed (although still within our boundaries). Initially it was mooted to be incorporated within the industrial area of Fawley Waterside but he considered they have their own plans for this. In terms of trying to minimise any disruption we would of course be good neighbours given that the two developments may be constructed at the same time. Being mindful of the impact of traffic, set out in the consultation document is a range of best practice activities which we will examine and undertake to minimise disruption. In terms of the number of people to run the site each day, this would be five and it is envisaged that there will be potentially one lorry per day to remove the solid waste that is produced as part of the treatment process.

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Mr Underwood continued I think it is important to remind people that we are talking about building an asset for a one in 200 year drought, a construction that would not necessarily be used in anger 365 days per year but as and when needed so there will be fluctuations in traffic and waste removal.

The pipeline will be new, routes have been identified in the consultation document with again a range of best practice activities listed and of course we are mindful of being in the beautiful National Park.

County Cllr McEvoy was unable to submit her question due to technical difficulties.

Cllr Glass could again not take part and it was suggested he could submit his question via email.

Cllr Saunders had seen some literature about the old golf course in Blackfield being used for the desalination plant, however Cllr Alvey advised this was not the case and a dog walking project is planned for the area.

Standing orders were suspended

20/162 PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Alvey advised that the session would be limited to 15 minutes and asked members of the public if they could, to be as brief as possible.

A member of the public advised he was fundamentally against the idea of a desalination plant in Fawley and it would be difficult to convince him it is a good idea due to the £55 million cost to construct it when it might get used every 20 years. The simple answer is to build bigger and better reservoirs, we have a plentiful amount of fresh water dropped on us (as today) which should be collected in the right manner and stored and used when needed. He considered it would be a plant waiting to be switched on like the one in the Thames Estuary and would be a huge waste of OUR money that we pay to Southern Water. He would keep pushing the point, No to a desalination plant in Fawley, we have already had Fawley new town agreed, and we don't need anything else in this area which will be ruined for generations to come.

Cllr Alvey asked him to submit his comments via the reception email box set up.

Mr Underwood wished to respond that desalination is costly and would only be switched on as and when needed. Desalination was identified in the Water Resources Management Plan 19 as the only solution to meet this large element of deficit. One alternative back up, if desalination is found to be not consentable, is a reservoir which Southern Water have already committed to build in Havant. This option was not identified in the WRMP 19 so wasn't comparable to desalination at the time; these details are in the consultation document.

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NFDC Cllr Mark Clark asked regarding climate change in particular coastal erosion and how this had been considered in these plans.

Nicola Meakins, Enabling Manager responded that there is a climate change and coastal erosion report which can be made available. An Environmental Impact Assessment will be fully considered over the next 2-3 years and Southern Water have started work on it.

A member of the public stated that yes, drought is projected to increase but so also is flooding risk – integrated catchment management would solve these two problems so why is this not being considered?

Southern Water responded that this is being considered – they are working closely regarding catchment management mainly with farmers to reduce the amount of pesticides getting into the water and therefore reducing the amount of water available as it will be polluted.

They are currently working on a flood plan with Hampshire County Council and will provide Fawley Parish Council with a link to the drainage and wastewater management plans being considered.

Cllr Alvey said there would be other opportunities to discuss this and the meeting progressed.

A member of the public advised that Nick Eves of Southern Water had indicated that parish councils had been invited to workshops during the WRMP19 and wished to ask, were Fawley Parish Council invited and if so, who attended and when?

Cllr Alvey advised that he did not know, he was not conscious of any invite, it could have gone to the office and not been addressed but personally he was not aware of any invitation.

The resident noted that consultation seemed to have been going on since 2016 – she asked Southern Water why when they had been consulting with all sorts of people including Fawley Waterside who don't have any residents in any buildings yet as they have not been built, why were they consulted, when residents who do have properties and live in them seem to be presented with a fait accompli i.e., you have all made up your minds and the desalination route is the way to go. We are going to be consulted on HOW this is going to be achieved rather than IF this is going to be achieved.

Mr Underwood responded that as far as he was aware Fawley Parish Council had been invited – whether or not it was showcased enough or information shared on that invitation as to how pertinent it was, he did not know. Customer engagement locally of the WRMP19 follows a prescribed route, local authority level and above, then once out of the feasibility phase engagement with local communities begins.

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Ian Frost added that it is not a fait accompli – Southern water have got to demonstrate later this year through regulatory processes with OFWAT and the Environment Agency that this is a deliverable scheme and if it continues to be a deliverable scheme then we will need to go through a very rigorous planning process which will be determined by the Planning Inspectorate and it is certainly not a “slam dunk”.

Cllr Alvey closed questions on the desalination plant.

Members of the Southern Water team and seven members of the public left the meeting.

A member of the public provided the following information to the meeting:

TPO/0002/21 – Land Adjacent to The Ruffs, Chapel Lane, Langley

Protection of all trees of whatever species.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the Fawley Parish Council

I would just like to say that the:

- *Forestry Commission,*
- *New Forest Land Advice Service,*
- *Verderers of the New Forest,*

all support the works that have been done to remove the rhododendron, leylandii and laurel within the woodland over the past 12 months.

In relation to TPO/0002/21 - I believe that in its current format, the TPO does not achieve the aims of our national planning policy or implement the recommendations of the Forestry Commission as its logical consequence it to prevent diversification of the tree species and limit biodiversity.

I am sure that you are all aware of the devastation that Dutch Elm Disease caused in 1970 and the impact that Ash Dieback is having across the UK now. I am concerned that should a disease such as Acute Oak Decline hit the New Forest, it could decimate my woodland because oak make up approximately 90% of the mature tree species within it. The disease is already present in south east England and predictive modelling shows that my woodland is at risk as can be seen from the map at Appendix 1.

<https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/pest-and-disease-resources/acute-oak-decline/acute-oak-decline-aod-incidence-and-distribution/>

Therefore, the Fawley Parish Council should reject the TPO in front of you today and request that it is amended to only protect the existing oak and beech that are agreed to be in good health with a high amenity value.

If the TPO is amended in this way it would enable me to begin the process of diversifying the tree species within the woodland, as recommended by the Forestry Commission.

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However, if the Fawley Parish Council disagree with what I have said and vote to support the TPO, I would just like to say that:

- 1. Although obvious, I think it is worth saying that I do not believe that the New Forest District Council have provided you with any evidence that justifies the current form of the TPO. Any vote that supports the TPO would be going against the evidence that I have presented to you.*
- 2. The Forestry Commission woodland management plan will override the TPO in its current format, making a vote in support of the TPO effectively irrelevant.*

Cllr Alvey advised that whatever the outcome at this meeting an appeal could be made which would be held before 5 independent District Councillors.

A member of the public left the meeting.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

20/163 Planning: To consider applications and to note any planning comments that have been submitted under the delegated authority of the Clerk/Deputy Clerk following consultation with Councillors (see list attached) and to consider submitting a response to NFDC Chief Planning Officer regarding the content of planning officer briefing notes recently received.

RESOLVED: To submit the following observations and to note planning comments that have been submitted under the delegated authority of the Clerk following consultation with Councillors

a) Parish List:

Full Planning Permission

21/10165

58 Springfield Avenue, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2LP

Proposal: Proposed loft conversion; front porch; convert rear section of existing garage into an office/gym

(No 3) We recommend permission

Full Planning Permission

21/10195

Baroy, Lea Road, Langley, Fawley SO45 1YW

Proposal: Two storey extensions and alterations to existing bungalow; installation roof lights

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

Full Planning Permission

21/10076

24 Hursley Drive, Langley, Fawley SO45 1ZU

Proposal: Two storey extension

(No 3) We recommend permission

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Town and Country (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2015.

Notification of Change of Use – Prior Approval install/replace Solar PV

21/10244

New Forest Academy, Long Lane, Holbury, Fawley SO45 2PA

Proposal: Installation of roof mounted solar panels PV panels; associated infrastructure (Prior Approval) Noted

Lawful Development Certificate proposed

21/10189

21 Holly Road, Blackfield, Fawley SO45 1WS

Proposal: Loft conversion (hip to gable and dormer) (Lawful Development Certificate that permission is not required for proposal) Noted.

The February Parish Council meeting received the information below and comments are now requested on the Officer briefing notes currently provided on planning applications.

The main purpose of comments from the Parish is to enable you to share information and knowledge about a site or the surrounding area highlighting matters that may not be obvious to the case officers who will not have the same level of local knowledge as you and your councillors.

Officers will be using the revised briefing notes from mid-January I intend to review the position in mid-April. Hopefully, this revised position will achieve a mid-point for everyone.

Discussion took place – it was considered that the officer briefing notes are useful and that councillors would like them to provide the expert knowledge and advice required for each planning application, for example did the application comply with planning law; Cllrs considered that local knowledge was already provided by themselves as consultees.

Cllr Milgate to forward his comments to the office in writing following which the Chair and Deputy Clerk will respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

b) New Forest National Park Authority

21/00092

Land off Calshot Road, Calshot, SO45 1BR

Proposal: Storage building (emails/letter previously circulated)

At this point in the meeting Cllr Milgate advised he knew the applicant and did not wish to comment.

(No 2) We recommend refusal as the Parish Council does not consider that the storage building is necessary but we would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

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21/00098

Land forming part of Fawley Quarry, Calshot Road, Calshot, Southampton SO45 1BB

Proposal: Temporary open storage of wind turbines (use class B8)

(No 3) We recommend permission

21/00129

Lower Lepe Camping, Lepe Road, Lepe, Exbury SO45 1AD

Proposal: Access track to serve campsite and agricultural land

(No 3) We recommend permission

Two members of the public left the meeting.

20/164 To receive updates from District Councillors & County Councillor

County Cllr McEvoy had provided an update report (see attached Appendix A).

20/165 To receive a verbal update from the Deputy Clerk regarding recent Youth Work in the Parish. The Deputy Clerk advised that the Youth Worker continued to support families in the parish, assisting with the Foodbank and Food Larder projects. Cllr Milgate had received the flyers requested from NFDC advertising the Food Larder and these had been delivered in Calshot; pick up is good.

20/166 Updates from Representatives and Nominees on Local Bodies

a) New Forest Consultative Panel Cllr A Carcus advised of the recent meeting which had been lengthy. Topics covered included protection of the forest, broadband and the use of copper link, risk of wildfires and how to stop them, i.e., no BBQs in the forest and an equine virus which has come from Spain and is a problem. There is also new signage in and around the forest which she asked councillors to look out for; the design of which had prompted comments during the meeting of the panel.

b) New Forest Environmental Liaison Committee (Cllrs J Poole & B Thorne) No meeting

c) Waterside Heritage: (Vacancy) No meetings of the group are currently taking place. Cllr Alvey asked whether one of the new councillors would be interested in taking up this vacancy in the future.

d) Police Liaison (Cllr A Glass & Cllr B Coyston) Technical difficulties prevented the cllrs from taking part in the meeting (see attached Appendix B for Police Newsletter).

e) Age Concern NFE: Cllr D Poole advised that essential services only are taking place. Shops will be re-opening when allowed. There is currently an excess of volunteers, particularly for the telephone buddy scheme, possibly due to people being around who are not normally around; however, the volunteers are available if they need to be called upon.

f) Dibden Allotment Fund Cllr A Alvey advised the fund had made awards to the Handy Trust who carry out Youth Work in Hythe and Marchwood (and also have some impact in Fawley) and to Hythe Pier Heritage for the refurbishment of a carriage/carriages.

g) New Forest Association of Local Councils (Cllr D McElhenny and Clerk/RFO) No meeting

20/167 a) Monthly Schedule of Accounts for January 2021 including up to date bank reconciliation.

RESOLVED: To accept Monthly Schedule of Accounts for January 2021 including up to date Bank reconciliation (see attached Appendix C).

20/167 b) To review delegated authority of the Clerk relating to Financial Regulation 4.11

In circumstances where normal council business cannot be conducted (i.e., COVID-19 lockdown) the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council where such decisions cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. Any decisions made under this delegation will be done in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, recorded in writing and will be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority will be reviewed at every meeting of the council whilst it is in place.

RESOLVED: To continue with the delegated authority of the Clerk under Financial Regulation 4.11. To note - No use of delegated power relating to FR 4.11 since last meeting.

20/168 To note Graphic User Interface Summary for the Income & Expenditure of the Council. Noted

20/169 To consider that prices agreed at the Estates & Facilities Committee meeting held on 08 January 2020 for Parish Facilities for use from 01 April 2020 onwards remain in place – i.e., there are no increases in prices charged for use of facilities at this point in time for the coming financial year 2021-22.

Members noted that the Council would be facing price increases relating to services it uses but were happy for the prices agreed for April 2020 to remain in place for the time being.

RESOLVED: That prices agreed at the Estates & Facilities Committee meeting held on 08 January 2020 for Parish Facilities for use from 01 April 2020 onwards remain in place – i.e., there are no increases in prices charged for use of facilities at this point in time for the coming financial year 2021-22.

20/170 Asset Disposal Request JD JS63 Walk behind mower. Approved.

20/171 To receive and note the Internal Audit (Second Interim) Report update and to approve responses to the recommendations of the Internal Auditor.

RESOLVED: To accept the Internal Audit (Second Interim) Report update (see attached Appendix D) and agree the response to recommendation R1.

RESOLVED: Council agreed pending recommendations R1 a), b) & c) from the first interim audit undertaken on 03 November 2020. These will be completed once the Centre reopens.

RESOLVED: Council noted recommendation R2 from the first interim audit undertaken on 03 November 2020 is completed.

RESOLVED: Council noted and agreed recommendation R3 is pending from first interim audit undertaken on 03 November 2020.

RESOLVED: The Council noted the other matters to be brought to their attention as below:
Since the previous interim internal audit review the Finance Manager has removed one of the Cash Books with Nil balances in 2020/2021. A further request will be made to Rialtas

Business Solutions to remove further Cash Books with Nil balances that are no longer required by the Parish Council.

The Council will need to review the Asset Register as at 31 March 2021 to ensure that the asset items are recorded correctly as these will need to be accounted for when completing Box 9 of the Accounting Statements on the AGAR 2020/2021.

The Council have provided evidence of the posting date for the Exercise of Public Rights in 2020 so we are able to answer "Yes" to Objective M on the Internal Audit Report (AGAR) for 2020/21.

20/172 To note that £6350 has been received from the NFNPA as legacy grant funding from the lottery funded OPOF Scheme to cover the ongoing maintenance costs of the new wild play area (£3000) and the access improvement (£3350) at Holbury Manor and Warren Copse. These monies will ring fenced – the NFNPA may request details of any expenditure on which the grant has been spent / applied at any time during the funding period and for up to six financial years thereafter. Noted.

20/173 To consider the recommendation from staff that the **Armed Forces Day Event initially scheduled for 19 June 2021 does not go ahead.** Whilst disappointed members reluctantly agreed that the event should not proceed in June 2021.

RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation of staff members that the Armed Forces Day Event initially scheduled for 19 June 2021 does not go ahead.

20/174 To agree that this Council writes to NFDC to advise it strongly opposes the closure and demolition of the Calshot Slipway Toilet Block as reportedly planned by NFDC.

Members noted the disquiet felt by residents/users of Calshot Beach regarding the closure of toilets at Calshot.

RESOLVED: The Chairman and Deputy Clerk to draft a letter from the Parish Council to NFDC objecting to the closure and demolition of the Calshot Slipway Toilet Block as reportedly planned by NFDC.

20/175 To consider under **Section 137 LGA 1972 grant applications received from the following:** **RESOLVED:** To make the following awards:

- a) **Victim Support** - £100.00 (Section 137 LGA 1972)
- b) **Waterside Heritage** - £250.00 (Section 137 LGA 1972)

20/176 Meeting Resolution Update:

20/122 Parish Council 23/12/2020: Dog Walking Project on the Old Golf Course at Gang Warily. Initial discussions have taken place with NFDC regarding the Service Level Agreement and a virtual meeting took place on 18 February 2021. FPC has submitted to NFDC some suggestions to reduce future maintenance costs and await a further meeting date to progress the SLA which will then be brought to Council.

10/03/21 Ongoing discussions have taken place and we await a draft SLA in the near future which will be brought to Council for approval.

20/177 Councillor's News and Comments. Cllrs are reminded that this agenda item involves no more than an exchange of information.

Cllr McElhenny advised he volunteered and has been accepted as the contact for the parish council on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan with his first meeting scheduled for 19 March and due to last four hours.

This group to be added to the Representative to Outside Bodies on each meeting of the parish council.

Cllr McGill expressed support for the comments relating to the toilet block at Calshot.

Cllr Milgate congratulated Cllr McElhenny on his appointment as rep to the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

20/178 Correspondence:

a) For response:

i) Southern Water: Water For Life – Hampshire - consultation. Response due by 23 March 2021.

RESOLVED: The Chairman and the Deputy Clerk to draft a letter in response to the Water For Life Hampshire consultation to include all the questions raised during the meeting and to forward this to councillors for comment before submission to Southern Water.

ii) NFDC: Formal notice of TPO/0002/21 Land adjacent to the Ruffs, Chapel Lane, Langley

Members noted the comments made during public session. A vote took place.

RESOLVED: To support the formal notice of TPO/0002/21 Land adjacent to the Ruffs, Chapel Lane, Langley

iii) Safety Advisory Group: Notification of proposed cycling event to take place 15/16 May 2021 (subject to Covid restrictions) Noted.

b) For information:

i) NFDC Policy & Planning: To note: Designation of Ringwood Parish is confirmed as a Neighbourhood Area by NFDC Noted

ii) Transforming Cities Fund – Southampton. Letter from Cllr R Humby Noted

iii) NFNPA – Supporting Ground Nesting birds in the New Forest – 2021 campaign Noted

c) Available from the Office: NFDC Cabinet Forward Plan for 12 month period commencing 01 March 2021 (previously circulated)

20/179 Date of next meeting: Full Council 14 April 2021.

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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.

20/180 Staffing matters:

- a) Salary increments

RESOLVED: To accept the salary increments for 2021-2022 as presented.

20/181 Verbal update from the Deputy Clerk regarding outstanding debtors.

The Deputy Clerk advised of outstanding debtors. A report detailing the way forward will be brought to the next Parish Council meeting due to be held on 14 April 2021.

The Chairman advised of the continued sickness absence of the Clerk. Members wished him well.

The Chair and other councillors thanked the Deputy Clerk and staff members for their hard work in his absence.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.52pm.

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Chairman