

**NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Tuesday 11 July 2017 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

Chairman	p	G R Blunden
Vice Chairman		D E Hawkins

Councillors:	p	G C Beck	p	W B Davies
	p	D A Rice Mundy		A D O'Sullivan
	p	A W Rice		R Murrow
	p	V E Schooling		

In Attendance:	Officers:	G P Flexman	Town Clerk
		J Hayward	Administrator
		Cllr S Clarke	

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming councillors, a member of public and a press representative.

Mr Keith Bloodworth, a resident of Bashley, spoke on behalf of Bashley residents asking for an update on the Bashley signs.

24. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Murrow, O'Sullivan and Hawkins

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

26. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To be discussed under Matters Arising.

27. MINUTES

It was

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the meetings held on 8 & 30 May 2017 previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

The Minutes were duly signed.

28. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

The Town Clerk confirmed that all items have been or are being addressed.

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
10	Skate-park Competition	12 June 2017	F&GP
11	Bashley Gateway Signs	12 June 2017	F&GP
13	Circus Ginnett	12 June 2017	Administrator
15	Dementia Allotments	29 June 2017	Administrator
16	Electric Vehicle	12 June 2017	Town Clerk
17	Youth Shelter	11 July 2017	Amenities
18	Teenage Market	31 May 2017	Youth Coordinator
19	Coastal Path	6 June 2017	Assistant Town Clerk
20	Habitat Poles	6 June 2017	Assistant Town Clerk
21	Donated Seats	11 July 2017	Working Party
22	Milton Heritage Society	10 June 2017	Cllr A O'Sullivan

The Chairman referred to Minute 11 Bashley Gateway Signs asking the Town Clerk for responses to date. The Town Clerk read the response received from NFDC Traffic section which referred to reduced funding and resources and the need for a careful consideration of traffic priorities.

Members discussed the gateway signs in terms of colour and emphasis on the 30 mph speed limit, by way of **Think 30** campaign.

The Chairman proposed that the wording be changed on the gateway signs and costs of up to £1k provided by way of funding from CIL

Cllr Clarke referred to repeater signs and solar powered SID and suggested perhaps the HCC Cllr could provide funding together with the Town Council and District Ward Councillors. The provision of such signs was welcomed in principle subject to funding and the matter would be referred to HCC and they would need to decide where to locate. (Post Meeting Note: Cllrs Tungate, Clarke and S Davies agreed to contribute £1k from their District Community Engagement Grants).

29. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Town Clerk referred to various letters received from residents with compliments about the glorious floral displays around the town, and one in particular, about the beautifully kept recreation ground, something to be proud of.

- b) Alan Watson from the New Milton Lions had written an email with thanks to New Milton Town Council for their continued support and help throughout the Lions Centennial Festival.

30. LAND USE REQUESTS

The Town Clerk referred to an email from Elaine Ramsdale of ASBOC requesting use of the Recreation Ground during the summer holidays to host various activities on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2-5pm every week from Monday 31 July to Friday 25 August 2017.

It was

**RESOLVED:**

***That Asboc be granted permission to use the Recreation Ground on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2-5pm every week from 31 July – 25 August 2017.***

31. AFTERNOON OF MUSIC EVENTS

The Chairman was pleased to report that these are really popular events with residents as well as visitors, with everyone enjoying the musical entertainment, the skate park and playpark facilities all working well together.

We provide some seating for the afternoon of music events and guests are encouraged to bring their own seats, however, it had been suggested that we provide deck chair seating with 50 green and white striped seats for £2k that HH Drew Ltd had kindly agreed to sponsor.

Members supported initiative, and it was

**RESOLVED:**

***That 50 green and white striped deck chairs be ordered subject to sponsorship from HH Drew Ltd.***

32. BRITAIN IN BLOOM

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, New Milton in Bloom presentation document.

The S&SEIB judging had taken place on 30 June 2017 with judges taken on a walking tour of the town centre, followed by a conducted tour by vehicle to the wild flower areas, floral displays around Old Milton and a visit to the Dementia Friendly Allotments at Becton Lane.

The judging process is continuing with results being officially announced on 20 September 2017. Councillors thanked the Town Clerk and his team for their hard work and support in putting together the briefing notes for the judges.

33. DEMENTIA FRIENDLY ALLOTMENTS

Cllr D Rice-Mundy officially opened the Dementia Friendly Allotments on 29 June 2017 and was pleased to report it was a wonderful afternoon attended by supporters and volunteers and he thanked the press for producing a lovely article in the A&T.

34. SKATE PARK COMPETITION

The Youth Coordinator, Silma Ramsaywack, provided an update on the event planned for 19 August 2017 starting at 12 noon to 4 pm, open to all skaters, scooters, and BMX riders of all abilities. This is going to be a family event offering ice cream and a BBQ with sponsors including NFDC, Maverick Skate parks, Sinclair Cycles, Willow Barns Restaurant and art activities provided by Forest Arts Centre.

Councillors congratulated Silma on her successes in post to date and thanked her for her continued hard work.

35. NEW PLAY PARKS

The Chairman referred to the next project involving new play areas as part of the long term strategic plan. Locations being Ashington Park, Antler Drive, Danesbury Meadows and Hollands Wood Drive.

The brief for the working party would be to consider the 4 locations as one project, arrange public consultations and refer to service users. Total \$106 monies to the value £155k had been allocated for these play areas with any additional funding being sought from grants etc.

The current working party includes Cllrs Rice-Mundy, Reid and Hexter.

Cllr S Clarke would like to be involved in play area discussions for Antler Drive.

36. SPECIALIST MARKETS

The Chairman asked members to consider the short to medium term use of the old skate park space on the Recreation Ground, which could be used for specialist markets such as artisan markets, or vintage, or other.

Members were supportive of the idea which the Chairman said would be considered further.

37. RED TELEPHONE BOX

The Chairman referred to the proposed relocation and refurbishment costs associated with this project and that the TDM had been unable to gain any support from local businesses.

In consideration that there was some merit in this idea and maybe it would be a possibility in the future, the recommendation to members at this stage was not to go ahead with the proposal as it would cost £9k.

Cllr V Schooling asked that a letter to be sent to BT asking them to replace a modern phone box in the town with the iconic red telephone box from near the border to Downton.

38. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Cllr G Beck referred to a resident's complaint about the inconsiderate parking in the A337 service road along Christchurch Road opposite Fawcetts Field. This was a particular problem when big events were taking place at the Moore Close site, ie. annual fireworks display and the Fantastic Thai Festival. As landowners, we acknowledge the need to be good neighbours and the Chairman said that events would be looked at but we cannot dictate where people park.

Cllr Beck noted the overgrown, dilapidated and overall poor condition of the boundary at the Old Milton Green shopping precinct and the public footpath. This area continued to be an eyesore and the lack of contact from the land owner and lack of commitment from the shopkeepers was very frustrating. The Chairman suggested this matter should be looked at further, with a view to working with the owners.

Cllr W Davies asked about the missing bollards from Caird Avenue and the Town Clerk said he had contacted NFDC Traffic and copied him in, but no reply had been received to date.

Cllr Alan Rice asked if the old skate park space on the Recreation Ground could be used for overflow parking for the Memorial Centre which the Town Clerk doubted as the land has to be used for leisure and recreational purposes, in accordance with the covenant covering the War Memorial Recreation Ground.

Cllr V Schooling mentioned a Daily Echo article about the Managing Director of the South Western Railway being the new rail franchise starting on 20 August 2017 (see attached). The Town Clerk had written a letter of introduction and congratulations to Andy Mellors which Cllr Schooling read out to members.

39. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

None

40. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**Next meeting Monday 4 September 2017 at 6.30 pm** in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the public session of the meeting at 7.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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District Councillors C V Ward, J L Cleary

County Councillors M Kendal, F Carpenter and K Mans

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Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
28	Repeater Signs Bashley	24 July 2017	F&GP
30	ASBOC use of Recreation Ground	24 July 2017	Administrator
31	Deck chairs for Recreation Ground	24 July 2017	F&GP
32	Britain in Bloom awards	20 September 2017	Town Clerk
34	Skate Park competition	19 August 2017	Youth Coordinator
35	Play Parks Working Party	TBA	Administrator
36	Specialist Markets on Recreation Ground	4 September 2017	Amenities
37	Red Telephone Box	4 September 2017	Assistant Town Clerk / BT
38	Moore Close parking	4 September 2017	Amenities
38	Old Milton Green shopping precinct	4 September 2017	Amenities