

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

Chairman	p	G R Blunden
Vice Chairman		D E Hawkins

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

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

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming 4 councillors, 2 members of public and a press representative.

Mr Keith Bloodworth, representing Bashley residents read out a speech concerning double white lines in Bashley. A copy is attached to these minutes for further reference.

59. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Hawkins, W Davies, Mrs V Schooling, Beck and O'Sullivan

60. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

61. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To be discussed under Agenda Item 8, Bashley Gateway Signs.

62. MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2017 previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

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

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

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
46 A	Virgin Media	5 September 2017	Town Development Manager
46 B	By-laws & enforcement	17 October 2017	Town Clerk
46 C	Street Market Working Party	TBA	Administrator
47 A	Circus Ginnett	17 October 2017	Administrator
47 B	Forest Scoops	17 October 2017	Administrator
49	Scottish & Southern Wayleave	7 September 2017	Town Clerk
50	Indian Memorial	5 September 2017	Town Clerk
56	Deer Park Close	8 September 2017	Town Clerk

64. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Town Clerk provided an update on the Virgin Media installations in Station Road and that a wayleave may be granted by HCC for Virgin to dig up the road and use ducting under the pavements.

The Chairman suggested that if Virgin Media were charged to use the ducting this may reduce running costs and it is reasonable that we charge Virgin Media as we are ultimately responsible for maintenance of the pavements in conjunction with HCC/NFDC.

The Town Clerk will contact Virgin Media and HCC regarding use of ducting in Station Road and report back.

65. LAND USE REQUESTS

- a) The Town Clerk referred to an email request from Peter Cole Funfair to visit New Milton 8-13 May 2018. Members agreed requesting that the same terms and conditions apply as in the past.
- b) The Town Clerk referred to an email request from Alan Watson of New Milton Lions Club to have their annual Lions carnival in the town on 26 May 2018. Members agreed this request.

66. BASHLEY GATEWAY SIGNS

The Chairman referred to the public participation period and asked if there were any comments. Cllr D Rice-Mundy had concerns about the enforceability of the double white lines and suggests flashing lights could be better.

The Chairman also reminded members that HCC are unable to respond to the fear of accidents and confirmed that NMTC have no jurisdiction pertaining to highway and traffic regulations but would continue to support Bashley residents and appeal to NFDC as necessary.

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, Bashley Gateway Signs, previously circulated. The signs have been agreed and ordered. The matter of the SID/SLR seems to have gone quiet and NMTC will ask the question again.

67. DONATED SEATS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, previously circulated, and summarised that the application, terms and conditions and plaque purchase had been considered in line with neighbouring authorities.

Cllr Rice-Mundy noted the seats are made of recycled plastic and asked about the manufacturer's warranty and if it was 15 years and if the product was durable to survive vandalism. The Town Clerk would confirm these points.

RESOLVED:

That New Milton Town Council adopts the new terms and conditions for the supply of public seating.

68. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, previously circulated and asked members if we should extend the SLA geographically with an enhanced schedule of duties. Members supported the enhancement.

Cllr Alan Rice asked if the salt/grit bins could be checked by the street cleaner as they appear to contain rubbish and debris. The Town Clerk will relay this to the Estates Manager.

RECOMMENDED:

That the SLA with HCC be enhanced to cover all the duties listed across the town, as and when required.

69. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Chairman referred to Appendix 4 and asked members if we should continue on the same basis as now.

RECOMMENDED:

That the SLA with NFDC continues on the same basis as our present agreement.

70. BYELAWS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 5 and the Town Clerk summarised the content of his research into Byelaws and PSPO's noting that there is other legislation that we could use such as The Environmental Protection Act 1990 and the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 allowing us to erect warning signs and issue FPN's. Members noted that better use could be made of CCTV potentially.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Town Council pursue enforcement action using existing legislation, in conjunction with NFDC as appropriate.

71. CORPORATE TREE WORK

The Chairman referred to Appendix 6 and asked members to consider the recommendation which the members supported.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council adopt the proposed Inspection and Funding Regime

72. AMENITIES BUDGET

The Chairman asked members to consider budgeting requirements in particular the services we offer and the subsequent running costs.

The Town Clerk referred to the Cango Bus Service with the current funding agreement ending March 2018, noting that HCC may cut its support to bus services generally and the possible effect this will have locally is yet to be ascertained.

Cllr Rice-Mundy asked about the popularity of the Cango service and whether figures are available. The Town Clerk will investigate and report back.

73. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Chairman invited Cllr Bob Murrow to talk about his visit to the Harvest Celebration at Wimborne Dementia Friendly allotments at Kingston Lacy. Cllr Murrow said the visit was very good and suggested that we could do a similar anniversary event at the Becton Lane Dementia Friendly allotments next June.

Cllr Murrow also mentioned that our twinned town were also interested in our Dementia Allotments project, having recently visited Canteleu with other “twinneders” and the Mayor of New Milton.

The Chairman reminded members that the Annual Allotments Meeting takes place on Monday 20 November 2017.

74. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

None

75. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Monday 27 November 2017 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

Distribution:

Town Councillors
 Estates & Facilities Manager
 District Councillors C V Ward, J L Cleary
 County Councillors M Kendal, F Carpenter and K Mans
 New Milton Library
 Press
 Alan Watson – FOCUS & NMRA

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64	Contact Virgin Media & HCC	27 November 2017	Town Clerk
65 a	Peter Cole Funfair 2018	27 November 2017	Administrator
65 b	Lions Carnival 2018	27 November 2017	Administrator
67	Donated seats	27 November 2017	Estates Manager
68	Salt/grit bins	27 November 2017	Estates Manager
72	Cango use figures	27 November 2017	Town Clerk