



Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Monday 22 January 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

Chairman	p	G R Blunden
Vice Chairman	p	D E Hawkins

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

In Attendance:	Officers:	G P Flexman	Town Clerk
		J Hayward	Administrator
		Cllr S Clarke	
		Cllr K Craze	
		Cllr R A Reid	

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming councillors, 6 members of public and a press representative.

The Chairman referred to the third and final bombing of New Milton during World War II, that took place on 22 January 1943, recalling the residents who were killed in Vincent Road, Mrs Evelyn Morin, her three children Gabrielle aged 11, Norma aged 9, Pauline aged 8, and family friend Brian Holloway, who was just 6 years old.

Teresa Walker of Woodpecker Training showed a short film "*It could be you*" which was a hard-hitting and heart-breaking piece on the effects of drug abuse on a young teenager. This film was produced by Teresa Walker working with local students and the Forest Arts Centre. Councillors supported Cllr Clarke's suggestion that this film be shown to any interested parents and the Youth Coordinator will arrange a viewing.

93. APOLOGIES

Cllr W Davies

94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

95. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

96. JUNIOR PARKRUN

The Chairman took the committee out of session to allow representatives from the Junior Parkrun group to present their request to use the trim-trail at Fawcetts Field at 9 am every Sunday morning for a free event for 4-11 year old age group.



NFDC Physical Activity and Partnership Manager, Jamie Burton, said NFDC are giving support to this initiative and noted other campaigns to enable and encourage our society to be more active.

The Chairman took the committee back into session at 7.20pm.

Councillors were keen to support the Parkrun initiative but there may be conflicts with other sports and activities at Fawcetts Field on Sunday mornings. Particular concerns are the car-boots in the summer months, shared use of the car park and being good neighbours to the residents living opposite Fawcetts Field.

The Chairman suggested a trial period of 12 months.

It was then

RECOMMENDED:

That a Junior Parkrun be permitted using the trim trail at Fawcetts Field on a trial basis for 12 months, subject to any cost implications.

97. MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2017 previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

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

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

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
82 a)	Junior Parkrun	22 January 2018	Town Clerk
82 b)	R T Cole Funfair	18 December 2017	Administrator
82 c)	Circus Ginnett	18 December 2017	Administrator
83	New Milton Town Football Club lease renewal	18 December 2017	Town Clerk
84	Reduction of skip hire costs	22 January 2018	Estates Manager
88	Purchase of 2 SLR's	18 December 2017	Town Clerk
89	Bunded area Ballard Lake	18 December 2017	Estates Manager
92	Purchase new flags and armbands	22 January 2018	Estates Manager



The Town Clerk referred to minute 88 saying a letter had been received from NFDC Officer Dean Brunton querying the use of CIL monies to purchase SLR's.

The Town Clerk confirmed that dragon's teeth would be installed at the cleared space at Ballard Lake along Fernhill Lane, rather than a bund.

With reference to minute 92, it was confirmed that black armbands and flags had been ordered and received. Black ribbons for Mayoral chains are being assessed.

99. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Town Clerk informed members about a letter from NFDC regarding traffic issues in Manor Road and Osborne Road, as attached.
- b) The Manager of the Raj Restaurant at Old Milton Green Shopping Parade handed in a letter regarding the introduction of new car parking rules by the landowner. Cllr Clarke confirmed that a letter had been sent to the landowner and the planning committee would endeavour to influence even though it is a private car park. The matter was referred to Planning for further consideration.

100. LAND USE REQUESTS

- a) The Chairman referred to a request from the Youth Coordinator on behalf of Ben Holland (member of New Milton Youth Council) who was interested in hosting Skatepark events at the Recreation Ground on 12 May 2018 11am – 5pm and 12 August 2018 12 – 4pm. The Youth Coordinator would provide guidance.

RESOLVED:

That permission be granted for Skatepark events on 12 May and 12 August at the Recreation Ground, to be arranged with the support of the Youth Coordinator.

- b) The Town Clerk referred to a request from John Evans on behalf of New Milton Town Partnership, in lieu of the Jubilee Committee, to hold the Town Show event on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 7 July 2018.

RESOLVED:

That permission be granted to New Milton Town Partnership to hold the Town Show event on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 7 July 2018.

101. BASHLEY SPEED REDUCTION SCHEME

The Chairman advised councillors that the gateway signs are ready to be installed together with Think 30mph signs on Bashley Common Road. The SLR's have been ordered and the repaired one will be deployed shortly.



102. SOUTH & SOUTH EAST IN BLOOM

The Chairman summarised the proposals for our entry to South & South East in Bloom in 2018 which will promote community involvement and sponsorship.

We will enter again the Town Centre category and support the Dementia Community Dementia Friendly Allotments at Becton Lane with their neighbourhood entry.

Our Town Centre entry will involve enhancements to planting on the Recreation Ground and around the new Public Toilets. We will also arrange a new wildflower area at the Bashley Cross Road roundabout as well as summer planting at the gateway signs and flower baskets in Ashley village.

The Chairman referred to the New Milton in Bloom summary attached.

103. INDIAN ARMY OBELISK

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, previously circulated and asked Cllr G Beck to provide an update.

It is planned to hold a commemorative event at the Indian Army Obelisk on 10 July 2017 and install an information board with text and images about the history of the monument.

Councillors supported the proposals and the Chairman suggested that this move forward and particularly seek sponsorship of the board.

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That a sum of up to £2,000 be earmarked for this commemorative event on 10 July 2018.

104. BATTLE'S OVER TRIBUTE

The Chairman provided an update of the current plans for Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute on 11 November 2018 being arranged by New Milton Lions and NMRA with NMTC facilitation.

The Chairman took the meeting out of session to invite Alan Watson to speak on behalf of the Battle's Over Working Group and he advised that further information would be available after the next meeting on 31 January 2018.

The Chairman then took the meeting back into session.

The Chairman referred to the Royal British Legion promotion of the Silent Soldier which is a life-size silhouette of a "Tommy" representing his return home at the end of WWI, costing £250 each.



Cllr Beck suggested that we participate in this promotion and consider purchasing four Silent Soldiers to be placed around the War Memorial in November and December 2018, and that a sum of £1,000 be earmarked for this purpose

It was then

RECOMMENDED:

That four Silent Soldier silhouettes be purchased from the RBL at a cost of £1,000 and that local organisations be contacted for sponsorship and participation.

105. PERFORMANCE PAVILION

The Chairman invited Cllr D Hawkins to update the committee on forthcoming events.

Cllr Hawkins referred to the results of a short survey asking residents about their musical preferences noting that bands/groups were voted for by the majority and we would offer four Afternoons of Music this summer plus a Musical Youth session starting the season off which was being sponsored by Hampshire County Cllr M Kendal.

106. NEW FOREST SPRING CLEAN

The Chairman referred to the New Forest Spring Clean taking place across the district 2-4 March 2018. New Milton Town Council and New Milton Lions will work together to enable the community event to take place on Saturday and Sunday 3-4 March 2018 and councillors are encouraged to participate.

107. ANY OTHER MATTERS

None.

108. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

None

109. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Monday 5 March 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman thanked all those attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 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

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
96	Junior Parkrun	5 February 2018	Estates Manager
100 a)	Skatepark Jam	12 May & 12 August	Youth Coordinator
100 b)	NMTP Town Show	7 July 2018	Town Clerk
101	Bashley Signs	5 March	Estates Manager
102	New Milton in Bloom	28 February	Town Clerk
102	Becton Lane Allotments	28 February	Administrator
103	Indian Obelisk event	10 July	Working Group
104	Battle's Over silhouettes	11 November	Town Clerk
106	New Forest Spring Clean	3-4 March	Estates Manager