



Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Monday 5 March 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

	Chairman		G R Blunden	
	Vice Chairman	p	D E Hawkins	
Councillors:	p	G C Beck	p	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		

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman opened the meeting welcoming councillors, two members of the public and a press representative.

Members then stood in one minutes silence to acknowledge the passing of former councillor and mayor John Hutchins JP BEM and former councillor Mrs Margaret Lloyds.

Keith Bloodworth spoke on behalf of Bashley residents thanking the council for the installation of SLR's. Also with information about potential sponsorship of wildflower areas, concerns about the verge at the old saw mill and trailer advertising at Bashley roundabout. *A post meeting email from Keith Bloodworth is attached to these minutes.*

110. APOLOGIES

Cllr G Blunden

111. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

112. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman referred to the trailer advertising (Hoburne and S&P trailers) confirming that it has been reported to Enforcement and is being continuously monitored.

Cllr Mrs V Schooling voiced her concerns that this matter continues and the perpetrators are getting away with it. Cllr S Clarke responded that it is due to the technicalities of law.

The Town Clerk informed members that no trailers are allowed on wildflower areas as we have delegated powers from HCC for those areas.



Cllr A O'Sullivan referred to the Welcome to Bashley signs but is unable to see the 30mph part of it in the dark. (Note: they were built to HCC specification).

Cllr Beck referred to Barton on Sea and that residents would like to see similar attention to speed reduction there as part of council policy.

113. MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2018 previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

114. 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
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

The Town Clerk referred to minute 104 and informed councillors that £250 had been donated by a local resident and that we would order 5 silhouettes.

Cllr Beck said he had asked NFDC Deputy Chief Executive Colin Read about district councillors using their grants to purchase silhouettes and was still awaiting a reply.



115. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to an email from Aaron Lawford about the Town Show / bi-ennial Pedal Car Grand Prix, event expenditure and proposed income plans for the future.

116. LAND USE REQUESTS

- a) An email request from New Milton Town Partnership and Jubilee Fund changing the date of the Town Show this year from Saturday 7 July to Sunday 22 July 2018.

RESOLVED:

That permission be granted for the New Milton Town Show to be held on the Recreation Ground, on Sunday 22 July 2018.

- b) A request from the New Milton Lions Club to use Long Meadow for the Battle's Over – A Nations Tribute event taking place on the evening of 11 November 2018.

Cllr S Clarke supports this event but has concerns about the ground conditions at Long Meadow at that time of year and consideration should be given to the expected wet meadow conditions and the strength of the stream.

RESOLVED:

That permission be granted to the Battle's Over – A Nations Tribute working party to use Long Meadow for an evening event on 11 November 2018 subject to ground conditions and consideration of health and safety for attendees.

- c) A request from New Life Church to use the Performance Pavilion on the Recreation Ground on 16 and 17 June to hold church Fun Days and outside worship.

RESOLVED:

That permission be granted to New Life Church to hold church fun days and outside worship on the Performance Pavilion 16 and 17 June 2018

- d) New Milton Youth Coordinator requesting use of part of the skatepark on good weather days between 17 April – 24 May to allow the skateboarding lessons to take place from 4.30 – 6 pm.

RESOLVED:

That permission be granted to allow the skateboarding lessons from 4.30 – 6 pm to take place on the skatepark from 17 April – 24 May weather permitting.



- e) A request from Helen Cundy of Hampshire Cultural Trust/Forest Arts Centre, to hold an event on the Recreation Ground on Saturday 24 March 2018 from 6-8pm for a community event.

RESOLVED:

That permission be granted to allow Hampshire Cultural Trust/Forest Arts Centre to use the Recreation Ground on Saturday 24 March 2018 from 6 – 8pm for a community event.

117. STREET TRADING

Members considered a report/recommendation from the Working Party to operate street trading from the pavement from 14 March 2018.

This is an experimental order of up to 18 months duration to place street traders on the eastern pavement, when there are 15 stalls or less, at Town Council discretion.

Cllr O’Sullivan asked about buses which will continue to use the diversion route.

Cllr O’Sullivan also asked about barriers and bollards, overnight in the lay-bys.

Cllr Schooling said that the current street trading attendance is poor and embarrassing for the town and we should be considering festivals to encourage people to the town.

The recommendation from the Working Party was ENDORSED for Town Council approval.

118. INDIAN WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman asked Cllr Beck to summarise arrangements for the commemorative event planned for 10 July 2018.

The event will include a short service for all to attend at the Indian Army Memorial followed by refreshments for invited guests including the Indian High Commissioner, Hampshire Sikh Council, and local schools. Support from Drew’s Builders had been offered for the supply of a historical information board and support from Smiths printers for a souvenir itinerary.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Working Party continues with arrangements to commemorate the Indian Army memorial with event costs to be monitored up to a maximum of £2,000 as previously agreed.



119. BATTLE'S OVER TRIBUTE

The Chairman asked Cllr Beck for an update from the Battle's Over working group which involves road closure applications at Barton on Sea, use of Long Meadow to erect a heated marquee for a concert, lighting of a beacon on the cliff top and a clifftop parade.

A wet weather plan is to be discussed at the next meeting.

120. SPEED LIMIT REMINDERS

Previously discussed under Public Participation.

121. SANGS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, and further details distributed at the meeting.

The first page explains what SANG is all about. Second page explains how we are working with NFDC. Various mitigation projects have been put forward by NFDC including resumé of Greenways and latest initiatives.

122. GRASS-CUTTING

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2 and a map showing the redistribution of grass-cutting areas between NFDC and NMTC. The Town Council will be responsible for the area to the east of the town from 1 April 2018.

123. FERNHILL

The Town Clerk provided an update on the formal open space opportunity at Fernhill being offered by NFDC.

Members posed various queries regarding access, maintenance, and flood water being an issue.

Cllr Clarke asked for a map outlining the land areas and Cllr Hawkins suggested that the Amenities Committee go on a site visit.

Cllr Rice-Mundy asked about the current use which NFDC rent out as grazing and how much rental this realised.

It was agreed to discuss matters further at the next Amenities Committee Meeting on 17 April 2018.


 124. ANY OTHER MATTERS

None

 125. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

None

 126. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Tuesday 17 April 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 7.30 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
112	Bashley Wildflowers	17 April 2018	Estates Manager
114	Silent Soldiers Silhouettes	17 April 2018	Town Clerk
116	Land Use Requests	17 April 2018	Administrator
117	Street Trading	14 March 2018	Superintendent
118	Indian Army Memorial	10 July 2018	Working Party
119	Battle's Over	11 November 2018	Working Group
120	SLRs	1 April 2018	Estates Manager
122	Grass-cutting	1 April 2018	NMTC/NFDC
123	Fernhill Open Space	17 April 2018	Town Clerk