



Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Tuesday 17 April 2018 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	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
		Cllr S Clarke	
		Cllr A Reid	

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

127. APOLOGIES

Cllrs D E Hawkins, Mrs V Schooling, W B Davies and A O'Sullivan.

Apologies from Cllr G Beck who expected to arrive later in the meeting.

128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr S Clarke referred to the item regarding Shared Forest and said he had a non-pecuniary interest as his sister-in-law is involved in the initiative.

129. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

130. MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2018 previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.



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

The Chairman circulated plans showing the location of the Bashley wildflower areas, including gateway signs, flower troughs and the proposed siting of Silent Soldiers throughout the town.

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
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

132. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Town Clerk referred to an email from Mandy Ware of HCC regarding proposed double white lines in Bashley at Willys Well and Veals Corner which she has included in her 2018/19 programme to explore options to reduce vehicles overtaking.

The small extension to the footpath from Veals corner to the sawmill is a low priority for county council funding based on their prioritisation principles to support strategic improvements and road casualty reduction. One option is to consider whether community funding is available to progress this improvement.

The Chairman took the meeting out of session to allow Keith Bloodworth, to speak as a representative of Bashley residents.

Keith Bloodworth said that residents were keen for an extension to the footpath to make it safer at Veals Corner and the old sawmill location noting that Pennyfarthing had indicated their interest in supporting this proposal originally.



The Chairman took the committee back into session.

- b) South and South East in Bloom had sent confirmation of the In Bloom judging date for the Town Centre and the Dementia Community allotments on Tuesday 3 July 2018.
- c) The Youth Coordinator had sent an email regarding various events going on at the Recreation Ground and issued a copy of Youth Newsletter April 2018. The Chairman encouraged councillors to support these events.

133. LAND USE REQUESTS

- a) An email from Tonia Coles Funfair notifying a possible change in date to 9-16 July 2018, being a week earlier than previously agreed.

RESOLVED:

That permission be granted to allow Tonia Coles Funfair to use the Moores Close site from 9-16 July 2018 for operating a funfair.

- b) A request from New Milton Town Football Club to use the car boot area as extra car parking for the Charity Legends Football Match being held on Sunday 29 April 2018, noting that they would provide their own stewarding, in addition to Bournemouth AFC stewards on the day.

The Chairman asked that the situation be monitored on the day to ensure that adequate stewarding was in place and that inconsiderate parking did not occur to surrounding residential properties in the service road opposite Fawcetts Field.

RESOLVED:

That permission be granted to allow New Milton Town Football Club access to the car boot area for use as overflow car parking on Sunday 29 April 2018.

- c) A request from Stan Dencher to use the Muga area on the Recreation Ground for Walking Football. It was confirmed that the Muga area is open to the public at any time and is not a bookable area. It was suggested that the Fawcetts Field training pitch would be more suitable.

This would be referred to the Estates & Facilities Manager to liaise with the Walking Football organisers.



134. GREENWAYS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, and invited Jill Colclough from NFDC to present information on the Green Way project proposing an accessible footpath linking west of Stem Lane, North Milton, Ballard Lake, and the eastern end of Brook Avenue in a circular route, including connectivity to a larger and much enhanced play area at Doe Copse Way.

NFDC would contract the improvement and installation works with HCC Countryside Service and provide the funding for proposed Right of Way (ROW) upgrades, noting the footway surfacing in the rural sections would be natural gravel hoggin.

Councillors supported and agreed the proposals which would provide an important section of the circular Green Way around New Milton

135. FESTIVE LIGHTS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2 and asked for comments.

Cllr D Rice-Mundy asked about the funding and if more sponsorship was forthcoming.

The Chairman said there was positive feedback noting NMRA will continue with sponsorship and our hope as well to further enhance festive lights dependent on future sponsorship.

136. INDIAN WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman asked Cllr Beck to provide an update on arrangements for the commemorative event planned for 10 July 2018.

Local organisations were very supportive of the event with donations coming in to cover the catering. It was proposed that the Indian High Commissioner unveil the new information boards at the event.

Councillors reiterated the importance of this event as the Indian Obelisk is a unique monument being one of only two in the UK, but is more accessible than the other one in Brighton.



137. BATTLE'S OVER TRIBUTE

The Chairman provided an update noting that meetings and arrangements continue, however, the concert will now take place at the Memorial Centre on the weekend of 3 November 2018 and not at Long Meadow as previously suggested.

138. BASHLEY SLR READINGS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3 and asked for comments.

Cllr S Clarke queried the readings and asked if the content could be clarified further. There appeared to be a large number of triggers since installation.

The Chairman noted that there continues to be other problem areas across New Milton and SLR's will be deployed across the town.

139. FERNHILL

The Chairman referred to Appendix 4, suggesting that consideration be given to this open space for residents to enjoy.

It was noted that the Fernhill space could be valuable as a link to the Green Way access for walking.

Cllr D Rice-Mundy said there was an outstanding query about access and maintenance which would need to be satisfied.

Members supported the forming of a working party for this project and Cllrs Beck and Rice-Mundy indicated their interest in participating.

140. MARKET MATTERS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 5 noting that street trading on the pavement is working well at the moment with some positive feedback and we will keep our options open. It is hoped to improve and increase the market.

There was a discussion regarding the on-going rates appeal with the Town Clerk explaining it is quite a technical argument based on Street Trading, using Wareham Town as a comparison.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That further appeal against Business Rates be progressed at a cost of up to £2,000.



141. ANY OTHER MATTERS

- a) The Chairman was pleased to report that local girl Alice Tai MBE had won gold and silver medals again at the Commonwealth Games and it was

RECOMMENDED:

That the Council put another plaque on her gold bench on the Recreation Ground to commemorate her further successes.

The Town Clerk will send a congratulatory letter inviting Alice to the commemorative event in July at the Indian Memorial.

- 2) The Administrator provided information on the Shared Forest initiative which aims to raise awareness about safe driving in the New Forest, including an understanding of wildlife and livestock, which has gained support from local businesses and groups.

Members supported the initiative and it was

RECOMMENDED:

That the Town Council support the Shared Forest Initiative.

- 3) Cllr S Clarke referred to the situation with Alabama Rot and his concerns about mis-reporting that New Milton is a hotspot. He referred to the Anderson Moore Vets website, noting that there are 9 cases in the country and we are not a hotspot and should walk our dogs without fear.

142. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Cllr G Beck confirmed that the community is very supportive of the Silent Soldier campaign and money was being donated towards sponsorship of 13 silhouettes so far.

143. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Tuesday 29 May 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

Post meeting note: An Extraordinary Amenities meeting will take place on Wednesday 25 April 2018 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton, following a Play Park Working Party meeting at 5pm.



There being no further business to discuss the Chairman thanked all those attending and closed the meeting at 7.55 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
133	Land Use Requests	29 April 2018	Estates Manager
139	Fernhill Site Visit	29 May 2018	Working Party
140	Business Rates Appeal	14 June 2018	Town Clerk
141 a)	Commemorative Plaque	29 May 2018	Town Clerk
141 b)	Shared Forest	29 May 2018	Administrator