



Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Tuesday 11 June 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	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: Councillors: J G Ward

Officers:	G P Flexman	Town Clerk
	J Hayward	Administrator
	E Towler	Assistant Administrator
	S Ramsaywack	Youth Coordinator

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

Michael Angus spoke on accessibility within the town, expressing his concerns in particular on the quality of the pavements in and around the town centre, vehicles parking on the road-side restricting access opposite Tesco, shop entrance widths, availability of taxis and the Performance Pavilion access. Mr Angus suggested a Councillor be assigned to looking at accessibility within the town.

4. APOLOGIES

Cllrs R Murrow and A O'Sullivan.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman thanked Mr Angus for his comments and said that all Councillors are keen to assist with accessibility within the town. The Town Council are aware of the issues and explained how the Council are limited in assisting with the issue of Taxis as that comes under New Forest District Council as the licensing authority who are aware of the issue within the area.

The Chairman also mentioned pavements within the town are the responsibility of Hampshire Highways, as well as vehicles parking on verges and suggested



photographs are taken with incidents reported via the Hampshire County Council website. The Ward Councillor Alvin Reid has contacted Hampshire County Council previously and Cllr Mel Kendal has also been made aware of such problems.

The Chairman emphasised the importance of accessibility on the Recreation Ground and footpaths, suggesting that this be brought to the attention of the Estates and Facilities Manager for an update at the 16th July 2018 Amenities meeting. Members supported this suggestion.

7. MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 17 and 25 April, plus 8 May 2018 previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

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

The Town Clerk informed the meeting that in regard to minute 149, table tennis tables at the Recreation Ground, these were provided by Jamie Burton from New Forest District Council last year but those were beyond economic repair. The Youth Coordinator informed members that two new table tennis tables for the Recreation Ground were available this summer. The Town Clerk confirmed all other action points had been dealt with accordingly or were an agenda item at this meeting.

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)	Commemoration Plaque	29 May 2018	Town Clerk
141 (b)	Shared Forest	29 May 2018	Administrator

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Town Clerk referred to an email invitation from Dr Jo Ivey of Shared New Forest to a Commoners Small Holding on the 27th June explaining how commoning works with opportunities for people to ask questions. The Administrator showed the Committee the certificate just received from the Shared Forest Business Group, vehicle stickers and a card displaying important contact numbers for people to take away with them for future reference.



- b) An email from Anne Holman of South and South East in Bloom confirming judging will take place on 3rd July and briefing notes need to be provided by 25th June. Staff are currently working towards this event deadline.

10. LAND USE REQUESTS

- a) The Youth Coordinator gave a brief on yBall, a new Bournemouth sport that would take place on the Recreation Ground throughout August every Tuesday from 5-6pm. Should this be successful, it could become a more regular event.
- b) The Youth Coordinator also informed the committee of yoga and meditation sessions taking place on the Recreation Ground on the 2nd and 9th August from 12-1pm. This will be continued in September if successful.

RESOLVED:

That permission be granted for use of the Recreation Ground for youth events in August.

11. DOE COPSE WAY

The Chairman informed the committee that the consultation period for the proposed play park at Doe Copse Way has now closed. Information boards were located on site as well as in the Town Hall and surveys offered both in paper form and through the New Milton Town Council Website. The consultation closed on the 7th June and a working party meeting will take place on the 14th June to assess the feedback.

12. INDIAN WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman asked Cllr Beck to provide an update on the Indian Obelisk event taking place on Tuesday 10th July 2018. There have been two meetings recently to discuss the event; one today attended by a member of the Sikh Council. Cllr Beck informed the committee that County Councillor Mel Kendal had just donated £1,000 to the project. The Estates and Facilities Manager is meeting with Cllr Beck on Thursday 14th June to assess the grass area around the memorial as it needs cutting. It was mentioned that the souvenir programmes for the event had been sent to the printers on the day of the Amenities meeting and that 200 copies would be produced as well as an Information Board currently in the process of production. The Sikh Council will present a ceremonial kirpan sword to the Mayor on the day of the event.

13. BATTLE'S OVER TRIBUTE

The Chairman went out of session at 7.02pm to allow Alan Watson of NMRA to speak on the Battle's Over Tribute. Mr Watson gave a brief on the event which is a Commemoration of the end of the First World War. A concert will take place on the



3rd November and a programme shall be put in place for members of the public. The first half will look at what New Milton was like between 1914 and 1918 and the second half has a theme along the lines of the Last Night of the Proms. Tickets will go on sale and a website advertising the event will go live at the end of this month. There will also be a tribute held on the 11th November with a parade in the evening. The Chairman thanked Mr Watson and went back into session at 7.08pm.

14. SLR DATA

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1 containing data on the results of SLRs in place around New Milton, Bashley especially. Statistics showed that 46% of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit on the road by Burley Villa and the Chairman suggested taking this information to the Hampshire Constabulary for enforcement to take place. Support from the Constabulary is needed and Cllr Hawkins mentioned our Councillors know the areas that have the greatest speeding issues. The Chairman expressed his concerns over Community Speed Watch and the lack of progress being made. Cllr Beck will talk to the Constabulary regarding this issue and it was suggested that it be picked up again at the next Town Council meeting. This idea was supported by members of the committee.

15. FERNHILL

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, Heads of Terms, suggesting that the Town Council take on the space as an informal open space as well as supporting the Greenway project. Cllr Rice-Mundy asked about costs to the Town Council and the Chairman stated that the only cost for the Council would be maintenance such as grass cutting. The Chairman also suggested that the working party visit the site to decide future details such as parking area/dog training area.

The Town Clerk would expedite transfer from NFDC following a site inspection.

16. MARKET MATTERS

The Town Clerk mentioned that the Town Council was successful in obtaining a refund of business rates paid in respect of street trading in the Town Centre from April 2015 of nearly £20,000. Cllr Beck thanked the Town Clerk for all his work in securing this refund, noting our 'market' is run under Street Trading Legislation and now operates from the pavement.

17. ANY OTHER MATTERS

a) The Chairman mentioned the ongoing issue of advertising at Bashley Crossroads. Dragons teeth were suggested but Cllr Rice-Mundy expressed his concern over BT Van needing to attend that area for maintenance purposes. The Town Clerk suggested some dragon's teeth could be retractable for this purpose. It was agreed to go ahead with installation.



b) Cllr Beck mentioned the white van which is still parked opposite Fusee House down Old Milton Road and despite it being reported to the Planning Committee, nothing has been done. The Chairman explained that the best course of action would be for this matter to be referred back to the Planning Committee.

18. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

None.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Monday 16th July 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

The Chairman closed the public part of the meeting at 7.26 pm and proposed going into private session to discuss Staffing Matters which members agreed to.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

The Chairman moved that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

20. STAFFING MATTERS

The Town Clerk raised the issue of recruiting and retaining Grounds Maintenance operatives. The Chairman suggested that a strategic review of our Estates & Facilities section was timely and suggested a small working party be set up. Cllr Beck and Cllr Hawkins offered their services.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 7.39pm.



Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
6	Performance Pavilion - ramp access	16 July 2018	Estates and Facilities Manager
8	Table Tennis tables	16 July 2018	Youth Coordinator
9 (a)	Shared New Forest	27 June 2018	Administrator
9 (b)	New Milton in Bloom notes Judging Town Centre	25 June 2018 3 July 2018	Town Clerk All Staff
12	Indian War Memorial	10 July 2018	All Members
14	SLR data to Police	25 June 2018	Town Clerk
15	Fernhill site visit	25 June 2018	Town Clerk
17 (a)	Dragons Teeth - Bashley	25 June 2018	Estates and Facilities Manager
17 (b)	Van in Old Milton Road	21 June 2018	Planning Committee
20	Estates & Facilities Staff Matters	16 July 2018	Working Party

Distribution:

Town Councillors

Estates & Facilities Manager

District Councillors C V Ward, J L Cleary

County Councillors M Kendal, F Carpenter and K Mans

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