



Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Monday 16 July 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:	G C Beck	p	W B Davies
	D A Rice Mundy	p	A D O'Sullivan
p	A W Rice		R Murrow
	V E Schooling		
In Attendance:	Officers:	G P Flexman	Town Clerk
		J Hayward	Administrator
	Councillors	A Reid	
		K Craze	

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

Local resident, Mrs Turner, expressed her concerns about cycling on the pavement, referring to a particular accident involving a cyclist and elderly pedestrian that happened on Old Milton Road a few months ago.

Mr Alan Watson spoke as a resident and congratulated the council on the recent commemorative event at the Indian Memorial Obelisk.

Mr Watson then spoke as a representative from the NMRA and asked the council to consider forming a working party to review the introduction of finger sign-posts around town to assist visitors and residents in locating car parks and other facilities.

He confirmed a new website www.newmiltontribute.online for the Battle's Over Event has gone live and includes details of all known events being held around town.

21. APOLOGIES

Cllrs R Murrow, G Beck, D Rice-Mundy and Mrs V Schooling

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

23. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) The Chairman referred to Mrs Turner's comments and agreed that cycling on pavements is indeed a challenge as enforcement of legislation is the issue.



New Milton Town Council has placed 'no cycling' and 'beware' signs on land we are responsible for, but public footpaths are the jurisdiction of Hampshire Highways.

Cllr O'Sullivan mentioned 'toblerone' type warning signs on lamp posts suggesting they might help with awareness for pedestrians, and warnings to cyclists on footpaths. The police provided them previously.

The Chairman said that we could review this issue again.

- b) The Chairman responded to Mr Watson's suggestion regarding finger sign-posts, agreeing they could be of benefit to the town and we will review the request further.

24. MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 June 2018 previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

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

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

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



Minute 6 – The Estates & Facilities Manager is planning a patching works programme at the end of August.

Minute 9.a – We have received our certificate of participation in the Shared Forest Initiative.

Minute 9.b – Cllr Reid said thank you to the Estates & Facilities team for all their hard work for the In-bloom judging.

Minute 12 – The Chairman expressed his pleasure at the Indian Memorial commemorative event, noting how poignant the service was, and thanked Cllr Beck and all the staff for organising the event.

Minute 14 – The Town Clerk informed the meeting that the Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator at Lymington Police Station is James Trussler.

Minute 17 a) – HCC had agreed to install dragons teeth at Bashley, expected to happen during August.

26. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Town Clerk referred to a thank you card from Tom Rothwell and New Life Church expressing gratitude for assisting them with their recent event on the Recreation Ground.
- b) The Town Clerk read out a letter from one of our Indian Memorial guests, Clive Elderton, Chairman of the Indian Military History Society, expressing his appreciation of all the efforts and hospitality at the commemorative event.
- c) A letter from John Evans of NMTP asking for help with setting up the Town Show on Saturday and Sunday. Councillors agreed to allow the Estates Team to support the Town Show as much as possible.

27. LAND USE REQUESTS

- a) The Town Clerk referred to a request from NFDC to hold their summer roadshow activities on the Recreation Ground every Tuesday 10 am – 3 pm from 31 July – 28 August 2018.
- b) ASBOC Summer Activities are attached to these minutes for information.



28. FOOTBALL CLUB

The Chairman summarised the discussions that had taken place with New Milton Town Football Club regarding plans to install a 3G artificial pitch and potential cost of £500k for the works including floodlights, fencing and pitch. Capital funding could be available from Hampshire Football Association for such a project dependent on a feasibility study, economics viability and robust business plan.

It will be necessary to determine how best to manage the facility to maximise usage and therefore income to ensure a sustainable future.

Maintenance costs could be in the region of £10k pa and league testing would apply as well as carpet replacement after 10 years at an expected cost of £250k.

Income would need to be at least £25k pa to create a sinking fund and the involvement of other sporting groups in the area would need to be assessed.

It was noted that New Milton Town Football Club have successful teams including girls teams ages 11-18 years, as well as men's' and ladies' first and reserve teams.

RECOMMENDATION:

Members supported the recommendation to continue with discussions regarding the installation of 3G artificial pitch, starting with a feasibility study and robust Business Plan.

29. STATION MASTERS HOUSE

Cllr K Craze introduced the proposals for the heritage project at the old Station Masters House, to be known as No. 1 New Milton, and the aspirations of NMTC and Milton Heritage Society for a cultural and heritage facility to raise the profile the town.

Following initial discussions with Network Rail a lease period of 12 years would be available at a peppercorn rent with Network Rail maintaining the exterior of the building and NMTC responsible for the interior and utility bills, and maintaining the outdoor garden area. An overall figure of £40k to renovate and refit, any funding (Libor or Lottery funding) would need to be match funded; therefore, £20k would be required from NMTC CIL receipts.

The building would be available for residents and visitors to access as well as the community and schools to visit.

The old café area would be turned into an information point.

The Chairman reflected on the vision and said this is a good opportunity for New Milton and proposed that we continue to work in partnership with others in order to obtain match funding from other sources.



Cllr A O'Sullivan declared an interest being a member of the Milton Heritage Society.

It was

RECOMMENDED:

That a sum of up to £20k from CIL receipts be match funded from elsewhere to help fund this Community Heritage project.

30. DOE COPSE WAY

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, previously circulated.

The Chairman also referred to a recent meeting with certain Doe Copse Way residents and proposed reconvening the working party to review their concerns.

RESOLVED:

That the matter of Doe Copse Way Play Area be deferred until the next meeting.

31. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, previously circulated.

The Town Clerk referred to the HCC Electric Vehicle Charging Framework and consideration of a proposal to install a charging point at Fawcetts Field for general public use.

The meeting supported this proposal. The Town Clerk was authorised to sign the Customer Access Agreement.

RECOMMENDED:

That the Town Council participate in the HCC Electric Vehicle Charging Framework and install a charging point at Fawcetts Field.

Other charging points may be installed elsewhere in the town in due course.

32. FLYING RESTRICTIONS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, previously circulated.

The Town Clerk outlined concerns about flying model aircraft, drones, etc from council-owned land suggesting the need to regulate in terms of where and how, particularly in light of forthcoming revised government regulations covering drone flying that comes into force from 30 July 2018.



It was noted that Christchurch Model Flying Club have permission to use Fawcetts Field and the Town Clerk referred to their current code of practice which will need updating.

Cllrs supported the view that we should be aware of all flying objects and ensure the health and safety of our residents.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the council review regulations regarding flying of model aircraft and drones from council owned land.

33. TREE WORK

The Chairman referred to Appendix 4, previously circulated, being a self-explanatory report on the tree work budget.

Cllrs discussed the budget of £10k versus actual expenditure of £14k last year and Cllr O'Sullivan expressed his concern that we are nibbling away at earmarked reserves if we agree to the proposed transfer of £14k, suggesting £4k is sufficient to cover this years' cyclical works.

RECOMMENDATION:

To agree a transfer of up to £14k from earmarked reserves.

[Post Meeting Note: Cllr Reid requested figures since the scheme commenced

2017/18 Actual £14,349 (Budget £10k) 2016/17 Actual £8,820 (budget £10k)
2015/16 Actual £19,347 (Budget £20k) 2014/15 Actual £13,319 (Budget £18k)]

34. ANY OTHER MATTERS

The Chairman asked Cllr O'Sullivan for an update on discussions regarding the Memorial Centre, the Town Council having taken legal advice.

Cllr O'Sullivan reported that going forward we could look at either a new overarching charity or a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two existing Memorial charities, subject to further legal advice. This was considered an important community project that we need to continue to progress and a further meeting will be arranged after the Memorial Centre has sought their own legal advice as to the best way forward.

It was clear from our respective deeds that two existing charities share similar aims.

35. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

None

36. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Monday 3 September 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

The Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
23 a)	'Toblerone' type cycling signs	3 Sept 2018	Town Clerk
23 b)	Finger sign-posts	3 Sept 2018	TDM
26 c)	Town Show assistance	21/22 July 2018	Estates Manager
28	Feasibility Study/Business Plan 3G pitch	3 Sept 2018	NMTC/NMTFC
29	Station Masters House	30 July 2018	F&GP
30	Doe Copse Way Play Park	3 Sept 2018	Working Party
31	HCC Electric Vehicle Charging Point	3 Sept 2018	Town Clerk
32	Flying restrictions guidelines	3 Sept 2018	Town Clerk
33	Tree Work Budget review	30 July 2018	F&GP
34	Memorial Centre legal advice	3 Sept 2018	Memorial Centre

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