



Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Monday 3 September 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	p	A D O'Sullivan
	p	A W Rice	p	R Murrow
	p	V E Schooling		

In Attendance: Councillors S Clarke
A Reid
K Craze

Officers:	G P Flexman	Town Clerk
	J Hayward	Administrator
	E Towler	Assistant Administrator

The Chairman opened the meeting welcoming councillors, one member of the public and a press representative.

45. APOLOGIES

None

46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

47. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

48. MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 16 July and 6 August 2018 previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.



49. 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
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

Minute 23 – The Town Clerk informed members that 'no cycling' signs around the Recreation Ground as well as finger sign posts within the town are being considered.

Minute 29 - Cllr Craze referred to the Station Masters House, with a donation offer being made by a District Councillor as well as a Victorian fireplace donation offer.

Minute 31 - The Town Clerk gave an update on electric charging points, including sites around the town. An installation point at Fawcetts Field is currently being progressed with HCC.

Minute 34 - Cllr Schooling asked for an update on the Memorial Centre. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Council are waiting for the Centre to receive legal advice regarding their deeds. Cllr O'Sullivan stated that a meeting will be arranged once that legal advice is received to discuss further plans as well as financial aspects.

Minute 27 - Cllr Clarke highlighted the youth events that took place on the Recreation Ground over the summer organised by NFDC and ASBOC, thanking those involved, including the Lions Club for organising a BBQ and the Estates Team for all of their hard work.

50. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to the attached email received from the Shared Forest Business Group, reminding road users of how important it is to be aware of animals, children, cyclists and horse riders, particularly as the children are now back at school.

51. LAND USE REQUESTS

The Town Clerk referred to a request from Wat Pa Tesarangsee UK to use Moore Close for the Katina Thai Festival, setting up from the 24th October with the ceremony taking place on 28th October 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Katina Thai Festival be permitted to use Moore Close from 24th - 28th October 2018.

52. DOE COPSE WAY

The Chairman gave an update on the playpark at Doe Copse Way, the programme is due to start at the end of September/ beginning of October 2018. The upgrading of the pathway on site, under the NFDC Green Way Path Scheme, is due to take place in mid-October 2018, linking the footpath to the playpark. A meeting with the Friends of Ballard Water Meadow will be arranged to inform them of the footpath improvement through the wooded area.

Cllr Clarke thanked the Working Group for the meetings arranged to allow the public to voice any concerns.

53. FERNHILL OPEN SPACE

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, outlining what was discussed at the working party meeting and talked through the budget quote. It was suggested that £13k from Section 106 be used. Cllr Schooling queried who was expected to use the space and the Chairman confirmed that it would be open to everyone as a recreational area. The public would be encouraged to walk to the site and linking the Green Way Path scheme is being investigated. A small car park of six spaces would be provided. Cllr Beck suggested signs be provided to show people how to access this relatively hidden area, similar to the one recently installed by HCC at the Cricket Club entrance.

RECOMMENDED: That £13k be used from Section 106 monies held by NMTC for the Fernhill Open Space project.

54. RUGBY CLUB

The Chairman suggested that this item be deferred to a future meeting as more time is required to speak with the Rugby Club on 20th September 2018 regarding its extension plans. Similarly, the Football Club is looking at a 3G pitch which could



involve similar works on the Football club house and changing rooms. The Town Clerk suggested that they are probably both items for inclusion in next year's budget discussions.

55. TREE WORK

The Town Clerk confirmed that work had begun on the Recreation Ground to prune trees for clearer visibility on CCTV. The Chairman wished to highlight the point that one tree on the Recreation Ground was felled due to disease, a separate subject to the pruning works.

Cllr Beck informed members that he had attended a Safer New Forest Strategy Group meeting at Appletree Court earlier in the day and had received an invitation from an NFDC Officer to attend the CCTV office once the pruning had been completed to check the Council are satisfied with visibility.

It was noted tree work also needed to be carried out on the high street and the Town Council will liaise with Hampshire County Council on that matter. Cllr Hawkins highlighted the importance of retaining trees and keeping communication going between the Town Council, Police and NFDC.

Cllr Rice referred to Appendix 3 and raised concern about criteria for the amount of trees due to be felled at Carrick Way Woodland, the Town Clerk confirmed that this was based on professional advice received from NFDC Tree Officers.

56. MEN'S SHED

The Chairman went out of session at 7.20pm.

- a) HCC Cllr Fran Carpenter provided information on the nationally backed Men's Shed project, handing out a check list of what is essential and desirable when considering a suitable venue. A public meeting will take place on 20th September 2018 at 7pm to discuss a suitable area in New Milton, Cllr Carpenter having received a high level of support from local residents. Hampshire County Council would be able to offer small financial support or sponsorship could be provided to assist with the project.

The Chairman went back into session at 7.29pm.

- b) The Chairman thanked Cllr Carpenter for her update and suggested that the Town Clerk and Estates and Facilities Manager review the list provided and supply members with possible areas in New Milton suitable for a Men's Shed. An update will be provided at the next meeting.

57. YEAR OF GREEN ACTION

The Chairman referred to Appendix 5, previously circulated, being a Government 25 year plan to improve the environment, which was noted by members.



58. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Please note: No decisions can be taken under this heading, as the agenda for all meetings must specify the business it is proposed to transact at the meeting.

- a) Cllr Beck referred to the ongoing issue on private land at Old Milton Green, suggesting cutting the hedges ourselves and sending an invoice to the landowner. Cllr Clarke highlighted possible legal implications, which the Chairman agreed was a consideration. It was suggested the subject could be an agenda item for the next meeting, noting the land is in a Conservation Area, but does not belong to the Town Council, NFDC or HCC.

- b) Cllr Beck also referred to his earlier suggestion at the last Town Council meeting (minute 33) about an album commemorating 100 years since the end of the First World War, including all related events which will have taken place in 2018. It was estimated that a budget of £300-£400 would be needed to complete the project. The Chairman said this matter should properly be referred to the Finance & General Purposes Committee for consideration.

59. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

None

60. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Tuesday 16 October 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

The Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____



Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
52	Meeting of Friends of Ballard Water Meadow / Green Way Project	16 October 2018	Cllr Clarke
53	Fernhill Open Space - use of section 106 monies	17 September 2018	Finance & General Purposes Committee
54	Rugby Club Meeting	20 September 2018	Sports Club Working Party
55	Tree work on the Recreation Ground	6 September 2018	Police Liaison Working Party
56a)	Men's Shed Meeting	20 September 2018	Memorial Hall
56b)	Men's Shed Project	16 October 2018	Town Clerk/Estates and Facilities Manager
58a)	Old Milton Green	16 October 2018	Town Clerk/Estates and Facilities Manager
58b)	Photographic Album	17 September 2018	Finance & General Purposes Committee

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