



Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Tuesday 16 October 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
	p D A Rice Mundy	p	A D O'Sullivan
	p A W Rice	p	R Murrow
	V E Schooling		

In Attendance:	Councillors	S Clarke	
		A Reid	
	Officers:	G Flexman	Town Clerk
		J Hayward	Administrator
		E Towler	Assistant Administrator

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

Bashley resident Keith Bloodworth raised concern over the safety of the B3058, noting recent accidents caused by overtaking and speeding. Double white lines were suggested at Veals Corner and Willys Well, with headcam footage revealing dangerous overtaking of horse riders and, at Bashley Plant Centre, reportedly 12,000 drivers a week recorded driving over the speed limit. Mr Bloodworth asked for intervention before further possible accidents occur. The reintroduction of Community Speed Watch was also queried.

61. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Beck and Schooling.

62. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

63. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ward member Cllr Clarke supported Mr Bloodworth's points and agreed that the road mentioned can be dangerous, suggesting this goes back to Hampshire County Council for further consideration. Regarding Community Speed Watch, this was discussed with Sgt Jo Hensley and Insp Scott Beney at the last Police Liaison meeting held on 5th October 2018. The suggestion of writing to HCC asking for the double white lines was supported by members.

64. MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2018 previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

65. 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
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



Minute 53 – The Town Clerk informed members that the Fernhill Open Space had been discussed at F&GP and confirmed that £13k will be used from Section 106 Developers Contributions towards this Public Open Space project.

Minute 54 – The Town Clerk referred to the Rugby Club meeting, stating that it had been postponed again by the club.

Minute 56b) – The Town Clerk mentioned that Fawcetts Field had been suggested as a possible site for a Men's Shed, although the Wick Industrial Estate was preferable from a practical point of view.

66. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

67. LAND USE REQUESTS

- a) The Town Clerk referred to a request from New Milton Lions Club to use the Recreation Ground for the 'The Lions Extravaganza' on Saturday 25th May 2019 from 11am until 4pm, excluding set up and clean up time.

RESOLVED: That the Lions Club be permitted to use the Recreation Ground for the Lions Extravaganza on 25th May 2019.

- b) The Town Clerk referred to a request from New Milton Lions Club and the New Milton and District Rugby Football Club to use the Recreation Ground for the 'New Milton Food and Drinks Festival' on Saturday 24th August 2019 11am until 4pm, excluding set up and clean up time.

RESOLVED: That the Lions Club and New Milton District Rugby Football Club be permitted to use the Recreation Ground for the New Milton Food and Drinks Festival on 24th August 2019.

- c) The Town Clerk referred to a request from New Milton Lions Club to stage a 'Mile of Silver' event at the southern end of Station Road on a date in April 2019, suggesting Easter Saturday, 20th April 2019.

RESOLVED: That the request be referred to Hampshire Highways.

- d) The Town Clerk referred to a request from the New Milton Round Table to use the Moore Close site on Saturday 10th November 2018 for a fireworks display, with setting up starting on Thursday 8th November 2018.



The Chairman highlighted the issue of parking and although the Fawcetts Field car park can be used, there is insufficient space for everyone to park there and asked that the Police be made aware of this event.

RESOLVED: That the New Milton Round Table be permitted to use the Moore Close site for a firework display on Saturday 10th November 2018.

- e) The Town Clerk referred to a request from the Youth Coordinator to use the Recreation Ground for YBall on Tuesday 23rd October 2018.

RESOLVED: That the Youth Coordinator be permitted to use the Recreation Ground for YBall on 23rd October 2018.

68. DOE COPSE WAY

The Chairman gave an update on the playpark at Doe Copse Way, the programme being delayed and now due to start on 12th November 2018. Signs will be displayed to alert the public of work taking place on this site from that date.

69. PATHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, previously circulated, on the planned pathway improvement works in New Milton. It was confirmed that letters had been sent to residents and temporary closure signs are in place. Cllr Clarke mentioned the level of support the improvements had received from members of the public in the area.

70. FERNHILL OPEN SPACE

The Chairman informed members that the Town Clerk and Working Party had met with residents to discuss their concerns, which are being considered. The Town Clerk confirmed the land is in the process of being transferred from NFDC to the Town Council and a new grazing license will be issued up to 30 April 2019, being the same expiry date as the NFDC license. It is planned for work to begin on the ground thereafter, subject to any planning permissions required.

71. SPORTS CLUBS

The Chairman informed members that plans for upgrading the heating and ventilation system at Ashley Rugby Pavilion need to be in line with the plans for the clubhouse development. Likewise, with the hot water central heating system at Fawcetts Field and their plans for 3G pitches, as it may have an impact on the changing facilities. The Chairman confirmed that both sites will be discussed at the Execs budget meeting on 5th November 2018.

72. FOOTBALL CLUB

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, previously circulated, being the proposed football club lease. It was suggested that this item be deferred until there is a clear plan detailing their 3G pitch plans.

73. CCTV

The Town Clerk confirmed that pruning works provided clear sight lines for CCTV on the Recreation Ground. It was reported that the Police are happy with the enhanced images, being now able to identify people and car registrations. Cllr Clarke raised CCTV at a NDFC meeting and was assured the control room staff will inform the Town Council of any potential issues in the future. Mobile CCTV units are being considered, with a trial due to take place shortly. Cllr Clarke mentioned that two will be deployed throughout the District and New Milton will be able to put in a bid to use them if required.

74. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, previously circulated, which will be updated and presented to the next Amenities Committee meeting as appropriate.

75. CONSERVATION AREA

The Chairman reviewed the improvement works which had been undertaken recently to improve the Conservation area. Presenting photographs of the brick wall on the boundary line of the private land and HCC owned footpath at the shopping parade adjacent to Old Milton Green, the Chairman explained whilst the wall and planting are no danger to pedestrians the various authorities have no powers to ensure it looks smart and more in keeping with the Conservation Area. After a conversation with the land owner, the Chairman hopes there may be an agreement for the Town Council to take over the maintenance of planting, which was supported by members. The cost of maintenance will need to be covered from existing budgets, with the Chairman suggesting sponsorship if need be. Cllr Clarke asked that Hampshire Highways be contacted regarding the uneven footpath, and this was supported by members.

76. SHARED FOREST

The Town Clerk informed members that the original plan for the launch to take place at Chaucombe Green had recently been changed and will now take place outside Lymington Town Hall. The Administrator gave an update, noting the Shared Forest Business Group will keep the Town Council informed on any developments. Cllr



Clarke suggested installing a silhouette by the Rising Sun in Bashley which was supported by members. The Town Clerk confirmed that, as that land is not owned by the Town Council, permission would be required from Hampshire Highways.

The Chairman noted that ‘Chairman’s Urgent Items’ or ‘Any Other Matters’ could no longer be included on agendas following recent internal audit advice. The Town Clerk explained the rationale behind this, in as much as business to be transacted at a meeting must be specified on the agenda.

It was suggested that a ‘Chairman’s Matters of Interest’ be introduced.

Under this item, the Chairman informed members of the Christmas Lights project, with the Working Party suggesting the small trees down Station Road be illuminated but could only be done under sponsorship. The Chairman was pleased to report that the entire southern side has been sponsored by individual businesses under a four-year contract and wished to thank them for their support.

77. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Tuesday 26 November 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

The Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____



Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
63	Community Speed Watch	6 November 2018	Police Liaison Meeting
63	Double White Lines	26 November 2018	Town Clerk/Hampshire Highways
67c)	Use of Station Road south	26 November 2018	Town Clerk/Hampshire Highways
67d)	Fireworks Display	10 November 2018	Town Clerk/Police
70	New grazing license	1 November 2018	Town Clerk/Solicitor
72	Football Club 3G plans	26 November 2018	Town Clerk/NMTFC
75	Old Milton Parade Wall	26 November 2018	Town Clerk/Hampshire Highways
76	Shared Forest 'Clock Change'	23 November 2018	Administrator

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