



Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Monday 15 July 2019 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	M Craze	p	C V Ward
p	D A Rice-Mundy	p	A D O'Sullivan
p	A W Rice	p	R Murrow
p	V E Schooling		

In Attendance

Councillors: R A Reid

Officers:	G Flexman	Town Clerk
	E Towler	Assistant Administrator
	M Jeffries	Estates & Facilities Manager

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed councillors, seven members of the public and a press representative.

Following the Battle's Over event that took place in November 2018, Alan Watson and John Alcock from New Milton Lions Club presented cheques to two charities from monies raised. Sue Larkin from SSAFA and Goff Beck from the Royal British Legion were in attendance to express their thanks for the large amount donated, totalling £4,300 towards three charities.

Bashley resident Keith Bloodworth raised his concerns over the speed cameras at Bashley Cross Road, noting one was removed due to maintenance issues, and the wild flowers at Fernhill Roundabout which have been unable to blossom for two years. A query was also raised regarding the Veals Corner double white lines and the advertising trailers parking illegally on Council land.

Alan Watson, on behalf of the Lions Club & Jubilee Fund, referred to the Street Collection license which has recently come to the fore.

Goff Beck wished to thank the Town Council and the WI for all the hard work put into revitalising the Old Milton Parade wall next to the shops.

29. APOLOGIES

None

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Rice declared an interest in regard to proposals for the Community Hub, being a member of the Memorial Hall Management Committee.

31. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a) The Chairman thanked Mr Bloodworth for his comments and confirmed that there are three speed cameras designated to the town, with each costing around £2.5k. Although the Council put the out of action camera back at Bashley, there are HCC guidelines in place as far as moving them around. Referring to the wild flowers at Fernhill Roundabout, there are a number of street lighting and telecom cables quite near the surface. Trailers parked on Council land is an ongoing issue, with the Town Clerk in talks with the Council Solicitor who states this is a clear trespass, and one is entitled to use reasonable force to remove the item.
- b) Referring to Licenses for Street Collections, the Chairman stated this does not come under our remit but we are working with NFDC regarding the matter.
- c) The Chairman thanked Goff Beck for his comments about Old Milton Parade, which this year formed part of our In Bloom judging tour.

32. MINUTES

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meetings held on 3 and 11 June 2019, previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.


33. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

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

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
6 a)	VE Commemorations	1-10 May 2020	Alan Watson, NMRA
6 b)	Accessibility to Performance Pavilion	6 June 2019	Mark Jeffries, NMTC
10	Recreation Ground 100 th Anniversary	26 September 2020	Joanna Hayward, NMTC
11 a)	Rugby Club Fun Day	8 June 2019	Cllr Hawkins, NMTC
11 b)	Coles Fun Fair	15-22 July 2019	Joanna Hayward, NMTC
12	Working Party Memberships	30 June 2019	Town Clerk/Cllrs
13	Milford Road Cemetery	15 July 2019	Mandy Ware, HCC
17	BMX Track	15 July 2019	Town Clerk/Cllrs

34. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence:

- a) An email from the Friendly Dog Club enquiring about having a defibrillator at Long Meadow, with a similar query from the Community Centre. These suggestions were supported by members, and the Estates & Facilities Manager will liaise with both organisations to assist with their purchase.
- b) A request from Handmade New Forest to have a 6m long metal cage in the shape of a fish sited in Station Road South for a period of 6 days. Recycling materials can be put in its mouth as part of a 'Last Straw Solent' plastic free initiative. The plan is it will be situated between the two benches outside Naked Pantry.



- c) An email from NFDC regarding a Polling review. Any comments are to be submitted no later than 18th August 2019. More information can be found at <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/19053/Official-Notice-of-Review-of-Polling-Districts-Polling-Places-and-Polling-Stations>
- d) A message received via Facebook from a local resident pleased with the water fountain by the ASBOC cafe on the Recreation Ground and dual rubbish bins.

35. LAND USE REQUESTS

ASBOC Summer Programme

A request to use the Recreation Ground by ASBOC on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the 12th and 23rd August 2019 for outside activities between 2-5pm that will replace the normal evening youth sessions on these days.

RESOLVED:

That ASBOC be permitted use of the Recreation Ground for outside activities on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between the 12th and 23rd August 2019 from 2-5pm for their Summer Programme.

36. MILFORD ROAD CEMETERY

Following a recent meeting with Mandy Ware from HCC, the need for a dropped kerb to help wheelchair users to the cemetery was highlighted. A guide price of £5k for the works was mentioned, noting HCC do not have a budget or precise figure at this stage. It was proposed by the Chairman that CIL monies be used by NMTC and this was supported by members.

It was then

RECOMMENDED:

That £5,000 be earmarked from CIL monies towards dropped kerbs and bollards opposite Milford Road Cemetery entrance.

37. WORKING PARTY MEMBERSHIPS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, previously circulated, which was noted by members, being a list of Working Party projects and memberships.

38. NO1 NEW MILTON

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, previously circulated. A Change of Use application has been submitted to NFDC and the draft Lease is with the Town Council Solicitor for consideration.

39. YOUTH TRUST

The Chairman referred to Appendix 4, previously circulated, being the notes of the most recent Working Party meeting. At that meeting, six Trustees were specified in order to establish the Youth Trust. Up to twelve Trustees in total may be selected but six were initially required as “First Trustees”.

40. COMMUNITY HUB

The Chairman referred to Appendix 5, previously circulated, being minutes of the last Working Party meeting. Cllr O’Sullivan gave an overview as to the best way forward that was agreed. The Town Council were asked to provide £10k overall to get the project off the ground to cover legal fees of up to £5k and a further £5k for vision workshops and community engagement.

Cllr Hawkins stated that whilst he felt it was a good project, there are two bodies in the joint trust being New Milton Town Council and the Memorial Centre and suggested the latter could also provide financial support.

The Chairman went out of session at 7.26pm to speak to Clive Rigden of the Memorial Centre and went back into session at 7.28pm after hearing about their finances.



After further discussion, it was

RECOMMENDED

That a sum of £10k CIL monies be earmarked for the Cultural & Community Hub project in respect of legal fees, vision workshop and community engagement.

Recorded vote: Cllr Hawkins voted against the proposal.

41. PSPO

Following a meeting with Brian Byrne, James Knight and Insp Scott Beney at NFDC on the 21st June 2019, it was confirmed that written evidence would be needed to support a Public Space Protection Order to be put in place. Shops and residents have been provided with a Community Diary in which they can record antisocial behaviour and return the documented evidence to NFDC. A mobile CCTV camera has also been sought for Ashley Recreation Ground following recent antisocial behaviour and vandalism on our rugby ground and to the pavilion roof.

The Town Clerk will ask NFDC about likely implementation dates for the PSPO and CCTV at Ashley Recreation Ground at a meeting with NFDC on the 19th July 2019.

The Chairman went out of session at 7.39pm to speak to Chris March of the A&T and went back into session at 7.40pm, in order to discuss reporting of anti-social behaviour generally.

42. ASHLEY PAVILION

The Estates & Facilities Manager provided a verbal update, informing members that the project started on the 8th July and that the new ventilation system is due to be installed at the end of July 2019, followed by new wall cladding. The project is due to be completed in August during the close season.

43. IN BLOOM

The Chairman provided a verbal update on the recent South & South East in Bloom regional judging that took place on the 9th July and referred to the national Britain in Bloom judging taking place on the 29th July 2019. The Town Clerk circulated Press Releases on the recent In Bloom judging and the Indian Memorial event.

44. OLD MILTON GREEN

Members agreed the railings could be upgraded at Chaucombe Green to bring them more in keeping with the conservation area. The Town Clerk and Estates & Facilities Manager will look into this and assess options.

45. ANY OTHER UPDATES

Cllr Schooling had enquired about a new bus shelter for Station Road South. It was agreed to include this as an agenda item at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

46. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 2 September 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked members and the public for attending and closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____



Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
34a)	Defibrillators	3 Sept 2019	Estates Manager
34b)	Last Straw Solent siting of cage	19 July 2019	Admin Assistant
34c)	NFDC Polling review	18 August 2019	Members
35	ASBOC Summer Programme on Rec	19 July 2019	Admin Assistant
36	Disabled Access Milford Road Cemetery	29 July 2019	F&GP Committee/ Town Clerk
40	Initial funding Community Hub	29 July 2019	F&GP Committee/ Town Clerk
41	ASB Meeting	19 July 2019	NFDC/ Town Clerk
43	In Bloom judging	29 July 2019	Estates Manager / Town Clerk

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