

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 13 AUGUST 2018 AT 6.30PM IN THE TOWN HALL, ASHLEY ROAD, NEW MILTON

Councillors:	p G C Beck		p R A Reid
	G R Blunden		p A W Rice
	S J Clarke		p D A Rice-Mundy
	p K E Craze		p A D O'Sullivan
	p R B Dagnall		Mrs V E Schooling
	p S P Davies		p S P Short
	p W Davies		p D N Tungate
	p D E Hawkins		J G Ward
	R Murrow		C Hexter

In Attendance:	Officers:	Graham Flexman - Town Clerk
		Joanna Hayward - Administrator
		Emma Towler - Assistant Administrator

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and 3 members of the public.

32. APOLOGIES

Cllrs G Blunden, S Clarke, C Hexter, R Murrow, V Schooling and J Ward

33. CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported on his recent engagements.

01 July 2018	Attended the Armed Forces Day Afternoon of Music - The Band and Bugles of the Rifles - at the Recreation Ground.
03 July 2018	Attended the South and South East in Bloom judging in the Town Centre.
10 July 2018	Attended the Commemoration at the Indian Memorial at Barton on Sea.
12 July 2018	Attended the Ballard Speech morning at Ballard School.
12 July 2018	Attended the New Milton Shop Awards at the Town Hall.
13 July 2018	Attended the Durlston Court Speech Day at Durlston Court School.
21 July 2018	Attended St Mary Magdalene Church Summer Fete.

22 July 2018 Attended the New Milton Town Show at the Recreation Ground.

5 August 2018 Attended Afternoon of Music *We Are Robot* at the Recreation Ground.

The Vice-Chairman reported on his recent engagements.

21 July 2018 Attended the New Forest Players 90th celebrations.

Cllr Beck referred to the Commemoration at the Indian Memorial and expressed plans to create an album including the events of the day in July, as well as the concert taking place to commemorate the end of the First World War. This idea was supported by members.

34. DECLARTATIONS OF INTEREST

None

35. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 25 June 2018.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 25 June 2018, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

Cllr Beck referred to minute 22 and gave a verbal update on Old Milton Parade, informing members he was contacted by the owner of the Parade car park, Mr Springer, on 10 August, 2018. During the conversation, Cllr Beck referred to the need for maintenance to be carried out on the hedge, with no clear outcome and was given the contact details to Mr Watts, reportedly in charge of the parking arrangements on site and, after a brief conversation, was informed he would call back - Cllr Beck awaits his call.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Beck for the update and asked that the Council are kept up to date with any new developments.

Cllr Hawkins proposed that the Town Council cut the hedge which was seconded by Cllr Beck. The Town Clerk confirmed he will speak to the Estates & Facilities Manager about the matter, noting it was not an agenda item.

36. CORRESPONDENCE

- i) New Forest District Council has forwarded a draft agreement for a CCTV Partnership. The aim is for the Agreement to take effect from 1st September 2018, with the Town Clerk suggesting that a re-deployable camera would be useful for issues such as fly tipping. The Town Clerk will sign the agreement and send it back this week. Statistics from January to May 2018 will be attached to the minutes, highlighting the usefulness of CCTV.
- ii) The Post Office has provided an update on the Sea Road Post Office, such that it will be reopening at Cliff Terrace, Marine Drive in Barton on Sea. A consultation is taking place regarding access and service provision for customers and will close on 5th September 2018. The opening of the new Post Office is due to take place on 7th September 2018 at 1300.
- iii) HCC has informed road users that Holmsley Bridge repairs are due to take place on 14th August 2018 and will last two weeks. Station Road running under the bridge will be closed between 9am and 4pm on 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22 August 2018, there will be a lane closure which will be controlled by traffic lights.
- iv) The Town Clerk received an email suggesting the Council adopt an Environmental & Sustainability Policy, aiming to make people more environmentally aware. It was suggested this be discussed further at the next Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting.

37. QUESTIONS

None

38. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Fran Carpenter informed members that next year is the 'Year of Green Action' and Hampshire County Council are introducing an Environmental Plan to cover the next 25 years. This will include the County Council doing what they can to be more environmentally friendly such as using less plastic within their buildings. Cllr Carpenter would provide future updates and suggested the Town Council may wish to take part in this initiative.

Cllr Carpenter also informed members of a nationally-backed community project, **Men's Shed**, a community space for men to get together and work on projects. They are looking for a site that can be used, preferably for a peppercorn rent and with running water and toilet facilities. On 20 September 2018, a meeting will take place at the Memorial Centre at 7pm to discuss the potential for locating a **Men's Shed** locally.

District Cllrs Beck, Davies, O'Sullivan and Tungate had nothing to report.

39. COMMITTEE MINUTESa) Planning Committee

In the absence of the Chairman of the Planning Committee Cllr S Clarke, Vice-Chairman Cllr A Reid submitted the minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 5 and 19 July plus 2 August 2018 and moved their adoption.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes 44 to 75 inclusive be received.

Cllr Reid referred to minute 72, informing members that the Town Council has sent a response to New Forest District Council regarding the Local Plan.

b) Amenities Committee

In the absence of the Chairman of the Amenities Committee Cllr G Blunden, Vice-Chairman Cllr D Hawkins submitted the Minutes of the Committee Meetings held on 16 July and 6 August 2018 and moved their adoption.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes 21 to 44 inclusive be received.

Cllr Craze referred to minute 29 and gave an update on the Station Masters House, informing members that South Western Railway had asked the Council to complete an Asbestos Survey and a Lead Paint Survey. A bid for match funding of £20k has been submitted to the National Lottery. Cllr Craze will keep members informed of developments.

c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

Cllr S Davies, Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, submitted the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 30 July 2018 and moved their adoption.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes 24 to 37 inclusive be received.

40. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Schedule of Payments endorsed by the F&GP Committee on 30 July 2018 was submitted for Council approval.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Schedule of Payments S/No 02/18/19 totalling £213,510.69 for the period 1 May - 30 June 2018 be approved.

The Schedule was duly signed.

41. INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, previously circulated.

Members noted the change to Long Term Investments classification under item 6.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That the amended Investment Strategy be approved and adopted.

42. RISK STRATEGY

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, previously circulated.

Members noted additions to item 9.2 (SLCC / NFALC) & Types of Risk at the end. (Corporate Manslaughter / Governance, GDPR breaches and Disaster Recovery)

It was then

RESOLVED:

That the amended Risk Management Strategy be approved and adopted.

43. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON EXTERNAL BODIES

Cllr O'Sullivan informed members of a Minecraft project undertaken by Forest Arts with local young people which was presented in an exhibition at the Forest Arts Centre.

Cllr Beck informed members of the sad news regarding the passing of Steven Lugg, CEO of HALC. The Chairman explained that donations can be made online towards his charity. Further information is available at <https://www.hampshirealc.org.uk/news&id=1487>.

44. TOWN DEVELOPMENT MANAGER REPORT

The Chairman referred to the written report from the TDM, previously circulated.

Cllr Craze informed members that our New Milton stand at the New Forest Show generated interest from members of the public, with New Forest District Council and the New Forest National Park Authority both expressing surprise and support at our presence.

45. ANY ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

None

46. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on **Monday 1 October 2018** in the Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, New Milton at 6.30 pm.

The Chairman then adjourned the meeting for the democratic Half Hour at 7.07 pm.

DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

Ros Bowles, the Town Development Officer from the New Milton Town Partnership, handed out their vision document which included information on a Heritage fossils project at Barton on Sea and a leaflet providing information on a literature festival entitled 'Play on Words'. Ms Bowles mentioned the Station Masters House, suggesting that the fossils could have a place there. Cllr Craze agreed that it would be helpful to have a conversation regarding working together, alongside St Barbe Museum and Nick Saunders from the Milton Heritage Society. The Chairman thanked Ms Bowles for her comments.

Cllr Beck asked for clarification on whether members should stand or stay seated when addressing the meeting, to which the Town Clerk informed members protocol was to stand at Town Council meetings when speaking (Standing Order number 42 refers).

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Meeting at 7.20 pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Distribution:

Town Councillors

District Councillors Mrs C V Ward, Mrs J L Cleary

County Councillors M Kendal, F Carpenter, K Mans

New Milton Library

New Milton Police

Press

Alan Watson – Focus & NMRA

Mark Jeffries – Estates & Facilities Manager