

The Deputy Mayor and Cllr Mrs M Craze had attended the following engagements.

30-Jun	Friends of New Forest Airfields Remembrance event with the Town Clerk	Holmsley Airfield Memorial
02-Aug	Official opening, following refurbishment	NM Library
03-Aug	Garden Party at White Rock Nursing Home	15 Chestnut Ave BOS

Cllr Craze had also attended the New Forest Show and supported the TDM on the Go New Milton Display Stand which was well attended.

Cllr D Hawkins had attended, on behalf of the Mayor, the Ballard School Annual Speech Day on Thursday 11 July.

Cllr S Clarke referred to the Youth Music and Culture Festival to record his thanks to the Youth Services team and volunteers for hosting a splendid event as well as thanks to the involvement of the Estates Manager who was a natural compere.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

37. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 24 June 2019

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 24 June 2019, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The minutes were duly signed.

Cllr C Ward referred to the provision of CCTV and asked for an update. Cllr Blunden responded that discussions were ongoing. Cllr Ward asked how long this process would take and Cllr Blunden said it would be resolved as soon as possible.

Cllr Mrs V Schooling asked that regular updates be provided on CCTV provision and requested it be added to future committee agendas.

38. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to two items of correspondence:

- a) An email from Brian Byrne, NFDC Service Manager for CCTV and Community Safety, confirming a meeting on 27 August 2019 at New Milton Town Hall, to discuss various matters, including CCTV and PSPO update.

- b) A thank-you letter from the Deputy Lieutenant of Hampshire, Oliver Crosthwaite-Eyre, for the New Milton Remembers event at the Indian Memorial on 10 July 2019.

39. QUESTIONS – None

40. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

HCC Cllr M Kendal confirmed the opening of the recently refurbished New Milton Library on 2 August noting £87K had been spent on the upgrade. It was also noted that the Library Service throughout Hampshire is a popular and well-used service with over 30k reading certificates issued so far to young readers this summer.

Cllr Kendal was also pleased to hear of the proposed creation of a trust involving both the Memorial Centre and New Milton Town Council to create a community hub and was pleased to offer financial assistance.

Cllr S Clarke asked if the Library was DDA compliant, as some records are now kept upstairs, Cllr Kendal confirmed that all HCC buildings are DDA compliant.

District Cllr A O’Sullivan had attended various meetings, including chairing the Audit Committee but nothing to report relevant to New Milton.

District Cllr J Ward had attended Task & Finish Groups but nothing to report relevant to New Milton. Cllr Ward also mentioned he had attended the Pedal Car Grand Prix event and was concerned to see the level of car parking on the Recreation Ground, and the speed of the cars around the Recreation Ground, also parking by non-participants at the event. The matter will be looked into.

District Cllr N Tungate had attended five Task & Finish Groups with no conclusions to date.

Cllrs S Clarke and G Blunden had also attended Task & Finish Groups but with no conclusions to date.

District Cllr S Davies had nothing to report.

District Cllr C Ward had attended Task & Finish Groups with nothing to report to date.

District Cllr K Craze had attended Task & Finish Groups and in particular the Tree Strategy Task Review which will also look at the procurement process and the Ash dieback disease likely to affect 98% of Ash trees.

41. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Planning Committee

Cllr S Clarke, Chairman of the Planning Committee, submitted the minutes of the Committee Meetings held on 4 & 18 July plus 1 August 2019 and moved their adoption.

Cllr Clarke referred to minute 58 f) noting the Asbri Planning Presentation on the Fernmount Centre this Thursday 15 August 2019.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes 32 to 59 inclusive be received.

b) Amenities Committee

Cllr G Blunden, Chairman of the Amenities Committee, submitted the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 15 July 2019 and moved their adoption.

Referring to page 14, third paragraph, it was noted that “speed cameras” should read as “SLR” (speed limit reminder).

Cllr Craze referred to New Milton In Bloom at item 43 and expressed his thanks to the Estates Manager and the Estates Team generally for all their hard work providing a very impressive display around town.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes 29 to 46 inclusive be received.

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 29 July 2019 and moved their adoption.

Cllr Blunden asked the Town Clerk for further details about the Brian Byrne meeting and the Town Clerk confirmed the circulation list which included Cllrs Blunden and Clarke, noting the email was only received this afternoon.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That Minutes 21 to 38 inclusive be received.

42. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Schedule of Payments endorsed by the F&GP Committee on 29 July 2019 was submitted for Council approval.

It was unanimously

RESOLVED:

That the Schedule of Payments No 02/19/20 totalling £111,240.85 for the period 1 – 30 June 2019 be approved.

The Schedule was duly signed.

43. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

None

44. BASICS BANK

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, Basics Bank information and asked for councillor's viewpoints.

Cllr Clarke referred to the F&GP minutes dated 29 July 2019 and particularly minute 36 suggesting a Working Party be set up to discuss this matter further.

45. STATION LAND

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, New Milton Rail Station Land Residential Development Opportunity and invited Cllr Clarke to explain. There followed a discussion about the protocol of such meetings with the upshot being this was an exploratory discussion with NFDC, and the matter would be discussed at Planning Committee as part of the wider Neighbourhood Plan.

The matter was therefore referred to the Planning Committee.

Cllr J Ward left the meeting at 7.15pm.

46. NEW MILTON YOUTH TRUST

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, the proposed Constitution of Charitable Incorporated Organisation named New Milton Youth Trust.

Cllr N Tungate noted on page 3, item 3, the word "**and**" was missing and should read Silma Ramsaywack **and** Alvin Reid for 4 years.

Subject to the above amendment, the Constitution was approved.

47. TOWN DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The Chairman referred to the Town Development Manager's Report previously circulated to members and thanked the TDM for coordinating the NMTC effort at the New Forest Show. Also, thanks to Chewton Glen for donating prizes and congratulations to the Naked Pantry in New Milton for being awarded Sustainability Champions at the New Forest Show.

48. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

None

49. NEXT MEETING

The Town Council Meeting will be taking place on **Monday 30 September 2019** at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, New Milton.

DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

The Chairman invited members of the public to speak.

Mr Bob Lord, a local resident spoke about the need to protect our local biodiversity assets and in particular consideration be given to net gains at the initial point of scoping and planning of developments. He also enquired how many trees had been felled and how many were planted in New Milton as a whole, on public and private land.

Mr Alan Watson, representing NMRA, voiced concerns about the impending clifftop footpath closure at Hoburne Naish Park, which will stop walkers accessing that part of the clifftop and instead be rerouted onto the A337, a fast road with narrow footpaths.

There followed an exchange of ideas regarding Natural England and its Coastal Path project as well as the merits of a rights of way, permissive path or informal path, with consideration given to investigating legalities which was supported by councillors.

Members referred the matter back to the Planning Committee for further consideration.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 7.37pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Distribution:

Town Councillors
District Councillors Mrs J L Cleary
County Councillors M Kendal, F Carpenter, K Mans
New Milton Police
Press
Alan Watson – Focus & NMRA
Mark Jeffries – Estates & Facilities Manager