

## NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 8 MAY 2017 AT 6.30PM IN THE TOWN HALL, ASHLEY ROAD, NEW MILTON

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

In Attendance:	Officers:	Graham Flexman - Town Clerk
		Theresa Elliott - Assistant Town Clerk
		Mark Jeffries – Estates & Facilities Manager
		Joanna Hayward – Administrator
		Suna King – Town Development Manager
		Silma Ramsaywack – Youth Co-ordinator
		Emma Towler – Administration Apprentice

### CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed members, members of the public, a photography student from Arnewood and a member of the press to the annual meeting and thanked councillors for their support during his Mayoral year.

The Chairman reported on his recent engagements.

9 April 2017 - attended the Street Pastors Service at Ashley Baptist Church. I thanked them very much for their dedication to looking after our young people and listening to them, they also help others in our town. They have a new initiative and that's to help those in need of help on the North Milton Estate.

6 May 2017 - I was invited to the Jubilee Singers summer concert. It was great listening to the music and singing and the stories told. They give great pleasure to all and make you feel involved.

7 May 2017 - I was invited to Wimborne Minster's Civic Service. I have never seen so many chains in one place. It was a lovely service and afterwards treated to firing of an old cannon. The Mayor of Wimborne Minster has been a great help to us with our dementia allotment ideas. So a great end to my Mayoral duties.

The Vice-Chairman reported on the first Afternoon of Music at the Performance Pavilion featuring the Chicago Jazz Aces on Sunday 7 May which was well attended and a lovely afternoon enjoyed by all.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Beck tendered his apologies as he is undertaking District Chairman duties tonight and Cllr Short is on holiday.

2. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR / CHAIRMAN FOR 2017/18

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr D E Hawkins in the Chair. The Town Clerk read out a nomination for Chairman of the Council for 2017/2018.

Cllr D A Rice-Mundy was proposed by Cllr S J Clarke and seconded by Cllr S P Davies. Cllrs Clarke and S Davies spoke in support of Cllr Rice-Mundy.

There being no other nominations

It was then

**RESOLVED:**

**That Cllr D A Rice-Mundy be appointed Chairman / Mayor of the Council to remain in office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018.**

Cllr D A Rice-Mundy duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR / VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2017/18

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr D A Rice-Mundy in the Chair.

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice Chairman/Deputy Mayor of the Council for 2017/2018.

The Town Clerk read out a nomination for Vice-Chairman for 2017/18.

Cllr K E Craze was proposed by Cllr V E Schooling and seconded by Cllr G R Blunden. Cllrs Schooling and Blunden spoke in support of Cllr Craze.

There being no other nominations

It was then

**RESOLVED:**

**That Cllr K E Craze be appointed Vice-Chairman / Deputy Mayor of the Council to remain in office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2018.**

Cllr D A Rice-Mundy then presented Cllr K E Craze with the Vice-Chairman's Badge of Office.

Cllr K E Craze signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Mayor.

4. TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2017/2018

The Chairman advised that the appointment of Standing Committees would be dealt with Committee by Committee, commencing with the F&GP Committee.

The Town Clerk read out the names of each Committee and its existing members.

a) Finance & General Purposes Committee

That membership of the F&GP Committee for 2017/2018 is as follows:

S J Clarke	K Craze	S Davies
R A Reid	A D O'Sullivan	D N Tungate
J G Ward	G Blunden	S Short

b) Amenities Committee

That membership of the Amenities Committee for 2017/2018 is as follows:

G C Beck	G Blunden	D E Hawkins
B Murrow	V Schooling	A D O'Sullivan
A W Rice	D A Rice-Mundy	W Davies

c) Planning Committee

That membership of the Planning Committee for 2016/2017 is as follows:

G C Beck	S J Clarke	D E Hawkins
B Murrow	R A Reid	K Craze
S Short	R Dagnall	C Hexter

d) Executive Committee

The Executive Committee automatically includes the Mayor and Chairs of Standing Committees plus the Deputy Mayor.

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL BODIES FOR 2017/2018

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, a schedule of existing appointments to external organisations and current representatives agreed to continue serving.

Members agreed existing representation.

6. TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2017/2018

The Chairman moved that the proposed Calendar of Meetings (Appendix 2) having been circulated to all members prior to the meeting be adopted.

It was

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Calendar of Meetings for 2017/2018 be approved and adopted.**

The Chairman requested that members ensure these dates are in the diary and for every effort to be made to attend Civic events and Town Council Meetings throughout the year.

7. TO CONFIRM AUTHORISED CHEQUE SIGNATORIES FOR THE COMING YEAR

It was agreed Executives would be cheque signatories, plus Cllr D N Tungate. There are normally 6 signatories (5 Executives plus 1 other).

8. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 March 2017. It was

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 20 March 2017, having been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

The Minutes were duly signed.

9. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Town Clerk read out the terms for the General Power of Competence which members agreed and supported.

It was then

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Town Council still meets the criteria to take on the General Power of Competence and resolves to continue to do so, subject to the guidance notes previously approved and adopted by the Town Council.**

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to the easement across common land to the rear of 7 Solent Drive has recently been completed.

The Town Clerk showed members a commemorative plate that had been donated by local resident Mrs Barbara Oldroyd. The large plate is printed with various pictures of Her Majesty the Queen, and will be placed in the display cabinet.

The Town Clerk will write a thank you letter to Mrs Oldroyd.

11. QUESTIONS

None

## 12. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Cllr Alan Rice confirmed he had stepped down from County duties and was pleased to endorse his successor Cllr Fran Carpenter and acknowledged her enthusiasm.

County Cllr Fran Carpenter thanked Cllr Alan Rice for his support and said she was delighted with her successful election to County Council duties.

Cllr Steve Clarke noted the 50 plus years' service that Cllr Rice had given to civic duties and applauded his dedication and commitment.

Cllr Clarke had nothing to report from NFDC meetings.

Cllr Steve Davies informed members that any residents having issues with split refuse sacks can use bins to put their bags in and he had this confirmed by NFDC.

Cllrs J Ward, A O'Sullivan, G Blunden and N Tungate had nothing to report.

Soon to be appointed Chairman of NFDC, District Cllr Christine Ward added her congratulations to Cllrs David Rice-Mundy, K Craze and F Carpenter for their successful appointments and gave thanks to Cllr Alan Rice for all his support.

## 13. COMMITTEE MINUTES

### a) Planning Committee

Cllr S Clarke submitted the minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 30 March, 13 and 27 April 2017 and moved their adoption.

It was

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes 233 to 264 inclusive be received.**

Cllr Alvin Reid referred to minute 250 and gave thanks to the Meeting Clerk for a job well done.

It was also noted that application no. 1710431 had been corrected to be "non-delegated".

Cllr Reid referred to 262 (a) and provided an update to the issues encountered due to the disruption of construction at Gore Road.

### b) Amenities Committee

Cllr G R Blunden, Chairman of the Amenities Committee, submitted the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 3 April 2017 and moved their adoption.

It was

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Minutes 136 to 154 inclusive be received.**

Cllr G Blunden referred to minute 143 and the surface and drainage issues at the Play Park with the remedials now completed. He informed members that the opening ceremony would take place on Saturday 27 May 2017 from 10.30 am to 12 noon and further details will be available in due course.

With reference to minute 144, Cllr Blunden informed the meeting that the public toilets on the Recreation Ground were expected to be available for use from this coming weekend. Cllr Blunden thanked Alan Watson for his leading role in organising the New Milton Spring Clean event on 6-7 May and also thanked everyone who participated.

c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

Cllr A O'Sullivan, Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee submitted the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 24 April 2017 and moved their adoption.

It was

**RESOLVED:****That the Minutes 116 to 130 inclusive be received.**14. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Schedule of Payments endorsed by the F&GP Committee on 24 April 2017 was submitted for Council approval.

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED:****That the Schedule of Payments S/No 09/16/17 totalling £215,310.57 for the period 1 February to 31 March 2017 be approved.**

The Schedule was duly signed.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Town Council will take place on Monday 26 June 2017 in the Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, New Milton at 6.30 pm.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7.15 pm for the Democratic Half Hour.

Cllr Schooling left the meeting at 7.30pm.

**DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

Resident representatives Keith Bloodworth and Prof Tony Watson from Bashley presented their concerns regarding road safety in Bashley, particularly highlighting the lack of 30mph signs, no pavements and the volume of traffic. Cllrs Clarke and Tungate being councillors

for Bashley ward confirmed their support and frustration, and wondered what the Town Council can do as far as minor road safety works are concerned.

Cllr Rice added that it is a complicated matter and he will assist by briefing County Cllr Keith Mans regarding the highway issues as well as arranging a highway inspection.

The Chairman invited New Forest Police Acting Inspector Paul Beale and New Milton Police Officer Matt Budd to update members regarding police matters locally.

Acting Inspector Beale responded to the Bashley residents road safety concerns and asked for more details to be passed on to the road policing unit to assist with enforcement and education. Highways may implement changes in the future.

Acting Inspector Beale outlined the police force priorities including domestic violence, slavery, vulnerable and missing persons, child exploitation and safety, as well as updating members on recent operations, successes, statistics and referring to borderless policing bringing in and joining up the police teams throughout the district. His team are also actively engaging with New Milton Dementia allotments and the dementia cafes.

PC Matt Budd outlined his involvement with social media and being more accessible to the community in terms of communication, eg. Twitter and Instagram.

Cllr A Reid reminded members that the police neighbourhood team run a police surgery at the community centre on the fourth Wednesday of every month.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the Annual Meeting at 8.00pm. The Chairman then introduced mini meetings of Standing Committees in order to appoint Chairman and Vice-Chairman of F&GP, Amenities and Planning Committees.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution:

Town Councillors  
District Councillors Mrs C V Ward, Mrs J L Cleary  
County Councillors M Kendal, F Carpenter  
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New Milton Police  
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