

**Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of New Milton Town Council held on Tuesday 12 April 2022 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton, BH25 6AS.**

Chairman                    p        G R Blunden  
Vice Chairman            p        D E Hawkins

Councillors:                    M Craze                    p        C V Ward  
    p        D A Rice-Mundy                    A D O'Sullivan  
    p        A W Rice                    p        R Murrow  
    p        V E Schooling

In Attendance :

Councillors:    S Davies, S Clarke, K Craze, and D Samber

Officers:        G Flexman - Town Clerk                    J Hayward - Communications Officer  
                      M Jeffries – Estates Manager                J Bean – Committee Administrator

The Chairman welcomed four members of public and a press representative to the meeting.

He also welcomed Joy Bean attending the meeting as a new member of staff appointed as Committee & Communications Administrator.

### **Public Participation**

Alan Watson, representing Lions Club, referred to his Land Use Request to use the Recreation Ground on 3 & 4 June as an extension to the Jubilee Weekend activities. Also requesting consideration of 2 June on the Recreation Ground if there were problems with arranging at Moore Close site at Fawcetts Field.

134.    APOLOGIES

Cllrs M Craze and A O'Sullivan

135.    DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

136.    PUBLIC PARTICPATION

The Chairman acknowledged Alan Watson's comments and would refer to this later on in the meeting at Agenda Item 7 and/or 8, as appropriate.

137.    MINUTES

It was

**RESOLVED:**

***That the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2022, previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.***

The Minutes were duly signed.

138. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

The Town Clerk confirmed all action points listed had been addressed noting the Allan Williams Turret would be discussed later on in the meeting under Agenda Item 11.

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
118 a)	HCC Working Group "20 is plenty"	17 March 2022	Town Clerk/HCC
118 b)	Response to litter strewn alleyway	ASAP	Estates Manager / Local Ward Members
119 a)	Land Use Request – Lions Jubilee Celebration at Fawcetts Field	ASAP	Comms Officer
119 b)	Land Use Request Circus Ginnett at Moore Close	ASAP	Comms Officer
119 c)	Land Use Request – Family Fun Day at Ashley Recreation Ground	ASAP	Comms Officer
123	Formal Licence for Air Raid shelter	14 March	F&GP / Asst Town Clerk
124	Legal Action for criminal damage to Council tree	14 March	F&GP / Police
133	Meeting with the Rugby Club	ASAP	Town Clerk

139. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence:

- a) Email from Dean Brunton confirming our claim for Covid signage from 2020 has finally been approved and payment will be arranged in due course.
- b) Email from Dean Brunton advising that S.106 funds for Ashley Recreation Ground project will most likely be handed over in full to the Town Council to oversee.
- c) Community Resolutions had been received via the Police from two young people who had caused damage on the Recreation Ground. The Town Clerk read them both out.
- d) An email from Goff Beck, on behalf of the Friends of the Barton Indian Memorial, requesting support for purchase and installation of a flagpole at the Indian Memorial. This would be referred back with costings to the next Amenities meeting on 30 May 2022.

140. LAND USE REQUESTS

The Town Clerk referred to the following:

a) **Recreation Ground**

Lions Club community event including French market, music, community bring your own picnic and RAF Spitfire and Lancaster flypast on Friday 3 & Saturday 4 June.

**RESOLVED: Subject to the events meeting our terms and conditions of use.**

b) **Fawcetts Field**

An email from Alan Watson, representing NMRA, suggesting a permanent Beacon be installed at Fawcetts Field.

The Chairman requested NMRA put forward a more detailed case before a decision is made.

c) **Long Meadow**

A request from Jasmine Taylor from Forest Arts Centre to use Long Meadow for outdoor yoga sessions on Saturday 11 June and Wednesdays 3-24 August.

**RESOLVED: Agreed subject to these being community events and non-commercial.**

d) **Dementia Community Allotment**

A request from Jasmine Taylor of Forest Arts to host Art in the Open sessions at the Dementia Allotment on Mondays 1 & 8 August.

**RESOLVED: Agreed subject to these being community events and non-commercial.**

e) **Old Skatepark Area**

A request from New Milton Bowls Club to use the old skatepark area on the Recreation Ground as an overflow carpark.

The Town Clerk confirmed there was no reference to car parking in the deeds of the War Memorial Recreation Ground. Members agreed it could only be used for events on the Rec.

**REFUSED: Request declined as not associated with an event on the Rec.**

f) **Ashley Rugby Club**

A request from Duncan Conacher of the Rugby Club for Pennyfarthing to host a team-building event on Ashley Recreation Ground in July. Members said it was inappropriate.

**REFUSED: Request declined as this is not a community event.**

141. VISION PLAN

The Chairman invited Jill Colclough, Landscape Architect, to present the Draft Vision Plan for the Fawcetts Field/Moore Close site.

An outline map was shared on screen and Jill summarised the identified long-term demands on the space to accommodate football, appropriate cycle/walking routes, BMX pump track, play provision and Community Garden.

There was general support and enthusiasm for the Vision Plan. The Chairman said the next stage would be to look at the individual projects, review funding and seek feedback from the public. Timescale for completion not being available at present.

By its very nature, a Vision Plan is a long-term guidance document, not a project in itself.

142. QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The Communications Officer provided an update on the Council's / Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations including:

- Installation of 7 x Jubilee Commemorative Benches
- Installation of a Rose Garden Pergola featuring Platinum Jubilee crest
- Platinum Jubilee Civic Service on Sunday 29 May
- Planting trees for the Queen's Green Canopy
- Jubilee themed window display competition

A copy of the update is attached.

The Chairman went out of session at 7.35pm to ask Alan Watson if he had anything further to add.

Alan Watson confirmed that arrangements for the Community Event on 2 June are underway with lots of stalls and activities planned, including international food stalls.

The Chairman went back into session at 7.37pm.

143. GREEN ROUTES

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, Summary of the Green Routes survey, previously circulated.

The content of the summary was noted with the Chairman confirming that an NFDC Green Infrastructure briefing was taking place on 22 April and then a Green Routes Working Party meeting would be convened to discuss the content further.

144. TREE WORK POLICY

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, Tree Work Policy, previously circulated.

The policy containing minor text amendments and changes to dates was duly noted.

145. AIR RAID SHELTER

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, Allan Williams WWII Turret, previously circulated.

There was support for the Chairman's suggestion to relocate the Turret to a suitable location on Barton Common, as this was probably the closest to its original location. The TC would maintain the Turret and identify its history with a plaque.

The matter was referred back to the Listed Buildings Working Party for comments.

146. ADDITIONAL SLRs

The Chairman referred to the suggestion from the Town Council meeting that an additional four SLRs be purchased.

It was noted that the purchase price and the annual maintenance costs per SLR is £4,200.

In consideration of our current stock being three, it was suggested that we only need one more.

**RECOMMENDED:**

***That the Town Council purchase one additional SLR to be acquired via CIL funding.***

**147. LONG MEADOW**

The Town Clerk confirmed that Village Green Status had been bestowed by Hampshire Countryside Access Team, covering Long Meadow proper, excluding common land, buildings and car park areas.

**148. NAISH ESTATE**

The Chairman provided an update on the tree felling at Naish Estate with twelve trees felled and twenty-two new trees to be planted in the autumn. The Town Council had complied with arboriculture advice from NFDC and carried out work in accordance with that advice asap.

**149. BUS SHELTERS**

The Chairman confirmed that three new bus shelters had been installed. There were another two bus shelters to be installed soon currently awaiting Highways licencing, a new one being adjacent to Bradbeers in Station Road, and a replacement one in Whitefield Road.

Cllr Mrs V Schooling was delighted with the new bus shelters but asked for longer seats to be available inside the bus shelters to allow more people to sit down.

**150. STREETSCENE ENHANCEMENT**

Cllr Mrs V Schooling referred to the unloved and neglected appearance of Old Milton Road and proposed a Platinum Jubilee regeneration plan of this area.

The poor condition of the surfacing outside the Ashley shops was also noted, albeit most frontages are owned by the shopkeepers.

The Chairman proposed a small working party be set up, and members should contact the Town Clerk in order to join (Note: David Hawkins volunteered to join the Working Party).

**151. ASHLEY RECREATION GROUND ENHANCEMENT SCHEME**

The Estates Manager provided a verbal update on the installation of the new play area noting completion of surfacing would be after Easter now, due to recent inclement weather. Noted.

**152. CHAIRMAN'S ITEMS**

Cllr S Clarke referred to the recent official opening of the Ballard Fairy Trail, thanking the Estates Manager and his Team for the installation, and also Helen Ormerod who assisted.

The Chairman was delighted that the Fairy Trail was giving so much pleasure to children and families as they explored the Fairy Trail in the woods.

The Chairman referred to the Dementia Community Allotment opening up for business again on Tuesday 19 April at 10 am. Further details will be circulated.

**153. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 30 May 2022 at 630pm** at the Town Council Offices.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for attending and closed the public part of the meeting at 8.15pm, moving into Private Session with members agreement.

**PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSIONS TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960**

**The Chairman moved that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

154. LAND MATTERS

The Town Clerk provided an update on the car parking requested by Chewton Glen for their Musical Events in July, with agreement recently reached. Licensing arrangements are due to be considered at our next Planning Committee meeting on 14 April 2022.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
<b>139 d</b>	Consider cost and plan for flagpole	30 May 2022	Estates Manager
<b>140 a</b>	Lions Community event	2 June 2022	New Milton Lions
<b>140 b</b>	NMRA Permanent Beacon	30 May 2022	NMRA
<b>140 c</b>	Confirm Yoga is a community event	ASAP	Comms Officer
<b>140 d</b>	Confirm Art is a community event	ASAP	Comms Officer
<b>140 e</b>	Old Skatepark area – car parking	ASAP	Town Clerk
<b>140 f</b>	Pennyfarthing team-bonding event	ASAP	Town Clerk / NMRFC
<b>145</b>	Allan Williams WWII Turret	ASAP	Listed Buildings WP
<b>146</b>	Purchase of one additional SLR	25 April 2022	F&GP
<b>149</b>	Arrange longer seats - bus shelters	30 May 2022	Estates Manager
<b>150</b>	Streetscene Enhancement to both Old Milton Road & Ashley Parade	30 May 2022	Working Party
<b>154</b>	Chewton Glen events Licensing	13 April 2022	Planning Committee

Distribution:

Town Councillors

Estates &amp; Facilities Manager

District Councillors J L Cleary

County Councillors M Kendal, F Carpenter and K Mans

New Milton Police

Press

Alan Watson – FOCUS &amp; NMRA