



Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee of New Milton Town Council held on Monday 18 October 2021 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: p M Craze C V Ward
 D A Rice-Mundy p A D O'Sullivan
 p A W Rice p R Murrow
 p V E Schooling

In Attendance

Councillors: S Davies, H Wallis-Dowling, D Samber

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

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, Officers, 3 members of the public and a press representative to the meeting.

The Chairman referred to the shocking news of the tragic murder of MP David Amess and called for a 1-minute silence for reflection in his memory.

Bob Lord referred to recent work undertaken by tree contractors at Woar Copse where a small tractor was used which destroyed some small trees that had been recently planted by the FBWM volunteers. Bob Lord asked why NMTC were reluctant to engage with FBWM and share the NFDC management information.

53. APOLOGIES

Cllrs D Rice-Mundy and Mrs C Ward

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

55. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman referred to Bob Lord's comments and said he would make enquiries.

56. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2021, previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes would be signed in due course.

57. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

The Town Clerk confirmed all action points listed had been addressed noting Min 51, NFDC request for mitigation land at Caird Avenue, had been withdrawn by NFDC.

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
42 a)	Land use request granted ASBOC Sporting project	ASAP	Communications Officer
46	Recommendation regarding 3 x Bus Shelters to be Purchased	20 September 2021	F&GP
50	Utility Company request, Common	ASAP	Town Clerk
51	Clarification of mitigation for NFDC Moore Close development	ASAP	Town Clerk
52	Recommendation to purchase Fawcetts Field LED Floodlights	20 September 2021	F&GP

58. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence:

- a) An thank-you card from a local resident who was delighted by the beautiful flowers in New Milton. The Chairman also added that he had recently met a group of residents in town who had also commented on how lovely the flowers were.
- b) Receipt of a Certificate of Participation from the Seafarers' Charity to NMTC for flying the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day on 3 September 2021.
- c) An email from NFDC Car Parking section regarding FOC Xmas Parking on Saturday 4 December (Small Business Saturday), Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 December being the last weekend before Christmas, plus Saturday 27 November (Xmas Event).
- d) An email from the Men's Shed about their temporary licence at Fernhill and how excited they were for the future build at Fawcetts Field, subject to relevant Planning Permission.

59. LAND USE REQUESTS

The Town Clerk referred to the following:

a) **Indian Memorial Obelisk**

A brief Act of Remembrance on Sunday 14 November 2021 from 3pm.

RESOLVED: Agreed

**b) New Milton Recreation Ground**

Reference Appendix 1 - a request from New Forest Pride to hold a festival on 20 August 2022.

RESOLVED: Agreed subject to the normal terms and conditions of use

60. MOORE CLOSE SITE

The Town Clerk provided an update on the NFDC Green Space Master Planning strategy / Vision Plan which would consider the various interests at Fawcetts Field and adjacent Moore Close site including Men's Shed, Community Garden, BMX track, Play-area, community access. improved sports facilities including flood lighting.

The NFDC Green Space strategy / Vision Plan is expected early in the New Year.

61. RECREATION GROUND

The Estates & Facilities Manager provided an update on the current works taking place on the Play Park moving on to the Skate Park the following week with expected completion as per programme, subject to fair weather. The Skate Park would be fenced off for safety reasons during this period.

62. FAWCETTS FIELD

The Chairman referred to the new LED lighting at Fawcetts Field which was a major capital scheme and shows our commitment to addressing climate change.

The Estates & Facilities Manager confirmed that LED lighting will make a big difference with commensurate cost savings.

63. ASHLEY RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman provided an update on the improvement project at Ashley Recreation Ground, noting the lighting design ensured reduced light pollution and promoted energy efficiency as the lights were dimmable which works well with the CCTV capability, the main aim being to provide a safer, better-lit facility.

In addition to the Youth Facility building and landscaping works, electric vehicle charging points were also being considered for the extended car park.

The supply and delivery of the play park equipment had been delayed but it is hoped that works to the play park and hoggin path would start soon.

The Estates Manager referred to Appendix 2, a request from Ashley Rugby Club, to install floodlights at the southern end of the Recreation Ground. The Chairman reminded members this was a Recreation Ground and not just for Rugby.

Cllr A O'Sullivan was concerned about permanent floodlights being installed in the middle of the field.

A mobile, battery-powered alternative was suggested.



Cllr D Hawkins suggested a site visit and further discussion regarding the floodlights.

Further details would be requested from the Chairman of the Rugby Club

64. PETANQUE

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, request from the Petanque Club to erect a small shelter next to their facility at the entrance to Fawcetts Field.

RESOLVED:

Permission granted for the Petanque Club to erect a small shelter as outlined.

65. LONG MEADOW

The Chairman referred to Appendix 4, Installation of a Defibrillator, noting that the Friendly Dog Club have collected £1,500 plus grants from Ward Cllrs and a donation from the Long Meadow Community Group.

Total funds raised of £2,500 would cover cost of defibrillator, cabinet and installation of electric supply, from the Barton Sea Scouts next to the car park.

RECOMMENDED:

To proceed with purchase and installation of a Defibrillator at Long Meadow.

66. BUS SHELTERS

The Chairman provided an update regarding the three Bus Shelters that are expected to be delivered in the next few weeks, subject to supply chain issues. There followed a discussion regarding the best time to schedule the works for removal of old, installation of new and footway closures as necessary and it was agreed the matter would be further discussed at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

(Post Meeting Note: Having received an update from our town centre shelter suppliers, tying-up the manufacture of the shelters with their installation team, we have now definitely been given mid-January as the earliest possible start date for the works, with full sequencing to follow.)

67. FAIRY DOORS WALK

The Estates & Facilities Manager provided an update on the delayed Fairy Doors project with reduced staffing levels impacting on the start of this project. However, it is hoped the route layout and delivery of the project would be early in the New Year.

68. ANY OTHER ITEMS

a) Cllr B Murrow provided a brief report from the Dementia Allotment group on their activity this year and thanked the volunteers for their continued support.

b) The Town Clerk referred to a recommendation from Execs regarding the appointment of a consultant to proceed with an outline planning application for a Youth, Family and Community building off Gore Road. This will be a multi-function facility. A Working Party will be set up incl. NMYT, NMRA and other stakeholders.

The proposed site is on Green Belt land, so needs general community benefits.



- c) The Chairman shared a suggestion regarding a Commemorative Clock for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and asked members to share their ideas regarding that, at Fawcetts Field or Old Milton Green, and any other suggestions.

69. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 29 November 2021 at 630pm at the Town Council Offices.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs, Officers, and members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 7.35pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
58 c)	Saturday 27 Nov (Xmas Event)	12 Nov 2021	Town Clerk / NFDC
59 a)	Remembrance at Indian Obelisk	14 Nov 2021	Communications Officer
59 b)	New Forest Pride Event	ASAP	Communications Officer
63	Rugby Club floodlights - details	29 Nov 2021	Rugby Club Chairman
64	Proposed Petanque shelter	ASAP	Estates & Facilities Manager
65	Defibrillator at Long Meadow	ASAP	Estates & Facilities Manager

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