



Minutes of the Zoom online meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Monday 19 October 2020 at 6.30 pm.

Chairman p G R Blunden  
Vice Chairman p D E Hawkins

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

In Attendance

Councillors: S Clarke, S Davies, A Reid, D Samber

Officers: G Flexman Town Clerk  
M Jeffries Estates & Facilities Manager  
E Towler Business Administrator  
S King Town Development Manager

The Chairman welcomed councillors, 2 members of the public and a press representative to the online meeting together with 4 officers from the Town Council.

Bob Lord asked if Amenities appendices could be uploaded to the Town Council website before Committee meetings.

Mr Lord also referred to Agenda item 8, being Planning Committee referred items and referenced the Town Council Tree Policy, in particular Section 5, item 2 on felling.

Alan Watson, representing NMRA, referred to a query received about grass cutting at Bashley Crossroads and the top of Stem Lane.

Mr Watson also passed on a concern that speeding traffic has become worse at Bashley Crossroads.

202. APOLOGIES

Cllrs D Rice-Mundy and A Rice

203. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Referring to Agenda item 11 (minute 212) Ballard Lake, Cllrs O'Sullivan and Schooling declared an interest being Treasurer and Chair of the Milton Heritage Society respectively.

204. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman referred to the following points:

- a) Where appropriate, Amenities Committee appendices will be uploaded to the Town Council website starting with the meeting taking place 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- b) Planning referred matters will be discussed under Agenda item 8 (minute 209).
- c) It was noted that grass cutting at the stated location is not part of the Town Council jurisdiction, as confirmed by the Estates & Facilities Manager.
- d) The Town Council will refer to speed monitoring of the area for further feedback.

205. MINUTES

It was

**RESOLVED:**

***That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2020, previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.***

The Minutes would be signed in due course.

206. MATTERS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES

The Town Clerk referred to the Action Points noting the following updates:

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by	Status
191 a)	Rent Holiday Friendly Dog Club	21 September 2020	F&GP	Meeting due to take place 2 November
191 c)	Skatepark Etiquette	30 September 2020	Administrator	Information Board has been updated
192	Flying of drones etc policy	19 October 2020	Town Clerk	Policy discussed under minute 213
194	Zoom Meeting re cycleways	14 September 2020	TDM	Town Development Manager arranged meeting
199	Promote Plant a Tree Policy	19 October 2020	Town Clerk	Written guidelines for Plant a Tree initiative drafted
199	New Milton Twinning Association tree planting	28 November 2020	Estates Manager	Hoping to plant a tree during National Tree week



## 207. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence:

- a) A thank you letter received from a local resident of Western Avenue regarding the removal of pine tree branches overhanging a property along Western Avenue.
- b) An email from Nick Saunders of Milton Heritage Society suggesting an information board be installed at the Recreation Ground (similar to Ballard Lake).
- c) An email about identifying historical trees generally and those on the Recreation Ground especially, to be discussed further at the next Amenities meeting.
- d) An item referred from Town Council, suggesting a plaque be installed for the Big Issue salesman who recently passed away. It was suggested that one could be installed on a bench in the high street. The Estates Manager will investigate.

## 208. LAND USE REQUESTS

A request from Coles Funfair for the use of Moore's Close for two weekends from the 19<sup>th</sup> October. Members felt that given current events, it would not be appropriate to grant this land use request at this time, or at such short notice.

## 209. REFERRED MATTER

The Chairman referred to a land issue raised at the Planning Committee meeting regarding proposed development at 42 Barton Common Lane.

Planning members had objected to a proposed development at "Brockwood":

- a) Any loss of Town Council trees in the SINC area that the access road crosses
- b) Any potential widening of the access road (which would facilitate construction access and make it easier for 2-way traffic)

Members agreed with the comments made at the Planning Committee meeting and asked that the Town Council Solicitor write a suitable letter to the developers.

## 210. ASHLEY RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman confirmed that a full presentation will be made at the next Amenities Committee meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> November, outlining the 3 areas for improvement.



## 211. GREEN ROUTES

The Town Development Manager provided an update, informing members that discussions had taken place with HCC and NFDC via Zoom on 14 September 2020 and they are working jointly on making Green Routes fit for use with a walking tour of our town centre due to take place to promote the Neighbourhood Plan Vision.

## 212. BALLARD LAKE

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, being proposed Information Board for Ballard Lake, which members approved. It was suggested that a website address and perhaps a QR code be included on the board and this could also be done with the Chaucombe Green and Indian Obelisk information boards, and any other information boards in the future.

## 213. FLYING POLICY

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, being a Flying Policy for Model Aircraft and Drones which was noted and approved by members, the Town Clerk explaining the rationale and updating the policy as far as insurance requirements are concerned, per the revised version attached.

## 214. ANY OTHER UPDATES

- a) The Chairman referred to an email received from the local Police Sergeant regarding the breaking of COVID-19 rules by youngsters in the Skate Park on the Recreation Ground.

Members confirmed that closing the Skatepark during hours of darkness would be a last resort and that Councillors will be going up there in pairs to speak to young people using the Park. They also asked for the Youth Services Manager's input and views on the topic, and the situation will be reviewed in a few weeks' time once NFDC Covid Marshalls are appointed and deployed.

The Town Clerk would write to the local Police Sergeant explaining our stance.

- b) The Chairman informed members that there will be free parking in NFDC car parks in the town on the 28<sup>th</sup> November and although there will be no Xmas fair this year, the lights will be turned on that day. They are due to be installed 19-20<sup>th</sup> November in the evening / night-time to minimise the effect it could have on social distancing on the pavements in the town.

## 215. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 30 November 2020 at 6.30pm via Zoom. Details confirmed on the Agenda.

The Chairman thanked members of the public for attending and closed the public part of the meeting at 7.43pm.



The Chairman then proposed the meeting go into private session to consider quotes received in respect of proposed improvements to Fawcetts Field changing rooms, as follows:

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

The Chairman may move that the public be excluded from the meeting for any item(s) 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.

#### 216. FAWCETTS FIELD

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, being quotes received with covering report for the changing room heating system. The report was discussed by members and referred to the F&GP Committee, members commending its green credentials. It was

#### ***RECOMMENDED:***

***That the ATECH - Edmat quote of £68,072.02 be accepted, per pages 3 and 4 of the report, as part of the overall project cost of £135,933.31 shown on page 22.***

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked members and officers for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
207c)	Plaques for Trees Historic trees identification	30 Nov 2020	Amenities Committee
207d)	High Street Donated seat plaque availability	30 Nov 2020	Estates Manager
209	Barton Common Lane Solicitor to write to developer	30 Nov 2020	Town Clerk
216	Fawcetts Field quotes Endorse / approve recommendations	02 Nov 2020 16 Nov 2020	F&GP Town Council

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