

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2025

Month & Year	Town Council	Amenities Committee	F & GP Committee	Planning Committee
	Monday	Monday	Monday	Alternate Thursdays
January 2025	6	20	-	16 & 30
February 2025	17	-	3	11 (Tue) & 25 (Tue)
March 2025	31	3	17	13 & 25 (Tue)
April 2025	-	7	28	8 (Tue) & 24
May 2025 08 VE Day (80 th)	13 Annual Meeting 07 (Wed) Town's	27	-	6 (Tue) & 22
June 2025	23	-	9	5 & 17 (Tue)
July 2025 10 Indian Obelisk	-	7	21	3, 17 & 31
August 2025 23 WWII Clock	5	-	-	14 & 28
September 2025 02 VJ Day (80 th)	29	1	16	9 (Tue) & 25
October 2025 20 Annual Allots	-	14	27	7 (Tue) & 23
November 2025 9 Remembrance	10	24	-	6 & 18 (Tue)
December 2025 6 Carol Service	-	-	8	4 & 18

**All meetings are normally held at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, BH25 6AS
Members of the Public are welcome to attend any meeting and may speak as follows:**

- a) If time permits, Town Council meetings will be adjourned at the end for a '**DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**' during which members of the Public, with the approval of the Chairman, may initiate discussion on matters of community interest and which fall within the responsibility of the Town Council.
- b) Prior to the commencement of other meetings, and at the discretion of the Chairman, a short period of Public Participation may take place. Members of the public may speak on any item(s) appearing on the public agenda, or on any other matter that falls within the Committee's terms of reference.

Annual Assembly (Town's Meeting) - Is a public meeting required by statute to be held between 1 March and 1 June (inclusive) each year. **Note: It is not a Town Council meeting.**

Annual Meeting of the Council - In a year of ordinary elections of parish councillors, the annual meeting shall be held within 14 days of the councillors elected at that election taking office.



Town Development Manager Report For Town Council Meeting 11th November 2024

1. *Neighbourhood Plan Review –*

Housing needs and future development

The review is looking at possible ways to use brownfield land to meet future housing needs and development and improvements in the town. A number of brownfield sites have been identified as possibilities that could support housing and affordable housing in the centre of town. The purpose to identifying brownfield is to support development on these sites, as favourable options over releasing the limited greenbelt in the town. Sites have been identified via an aerial survey and a masterplan study into the feasibility of town centre sites is underway. The Neighbourhood Plan will look to go to informal public engagement in early 2025.

Design code and Master Planning

A recent Neighbourhood Planning meeting with contractors AECOM (Architecture, Engineering, Construction, Operations, Management), a US-based organisation who have been awarded a 4-year contract to provide technical support via Locality who under the UK Government help to create neighbourhood plans, saw a visit from AECOM to the town centre at the end of October. During a two-day period, AECOM viewed sites within the town encompassing residential, retail and community use, as part of the Master Planning and Design Code process. A report will be prepared in line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) specifying the role of design guidelines and codes in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan.

New Milton Walking and cycling connectivity – New Forest LCWIP.

In July this year, I began working with local cycling groups; Transition Lymington, Christchurch Bicycle Club and New Milton Cycling Club to identify core routes within New Milton to support future cycling infrastructure improvements, as part of Hampshire County Councils LCWIP (Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan). The proposed routes will be submitted to Hampshire County Council, in response to the draft plan in consultation, which closed on the 3 November 2024. The New Forest Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan sets out the ambition for investment in walking and cycling in the New Forest over the next 10 years. Core walking routes in New Milton have been identified with the help of New Milton residents and local walkers David Orme of Christchurch Bicycle Club and Tony Sargeson of New Milton Residents Association. Routes were submitted for councillors' approval last week and will be included in the response to the LCWIP consultation.

2. *Building Relationships*

As well as continuing to support local business owners, working with the police to address business related crime, building connections and working with local groups to enhance our Neighbourhood Plan, I recently enjoyed a conversation with Caite Lake of Tower Radio. New Milton resident, Caite launches Tower Radio in November. The community radio station serves the New Forest and Christchurch and will cover news and topics of local interest. I also had the pleasure of an introduction with New Milton Residents Association's and keen local walker Tony Sargeson whom I so gratefully teamed with David Orme of Christchurch Bicycle Club to identify core walking routes in New Milton. I wish to thank David Orme, Simon Quincey and Tony Sargeson for all their time and hard work into a response to the LCWIP consultation. May I also take this opportunity to add great thanks to Mandy Hayes and the volunteers of the Friends of New Milton Train Station for the inspirational and incredible work they do for station. We are so very fortunate to have such dedicated residents in the town, among many other, so thank you.



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4th November 2024