

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH 2022 AT 10.00 HRS AT THE TOWN HALL.

Councillors: p K E Craze – Chairman p B Murrow – Vice Chairman
 p G R Blunden p D N Tungate
 p S J Clarke

In attendance: Cllrs: A Reid, A D O'Sullivan

 Officers: G Flexman - Town Clerk
 S Ramsaywack – Youth Services Manager

The Chairman welcomed everybody to this first meeting of the Executives this calendar year.

69. APOLOGIES – None

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

71. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

72. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the last meeting held on 2 December 2021 and

It was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of 2 December 2021 be signed as a correct record.

The minutes were duly signed.

73. MATTERS ARISING

Reference was made to Minute 64a), with the matter being listed under Agenda Item 9.

74. CORRESPONDENCE

Town Clerk referred to further correspondence from organisers of Chewton Glen musical events in July, regarding possible use of limited car parking at Fawcetts Field.

75. LONG MEADOW

The Town Clerk referred to consideration of this matter at Amenities on 28 February 2022.

The Chairman of Amenities, who unfortunately was absent from that meeting, commended the compromise solution offering a reduced area for Village Green status, excluding the Common Land area, Friendly Dog Club House, Scout Hut and car park that was discussed.

At that meeting, there was no seconder for an amended proposal for Village Green status for Long Meadow “proper” as the Town Clerk referred to it, but rather than consider a formal objection to the original Village Green application Cllr Blunden suggested that the matter should be looked at afresh.

Having explained advantages of making a voluntary application, Execs were minded to reconsider. Members noted the closing date of 11 March by which an objection/alternative application be made.

Referring to Executive Committee Terms of Reference, in the Town Council's Standing Orders, to:

- f) Take urgent action in the interest of the Council in any situation where time precludes normal Council or Committee consideration of a particular matter, and
- g) Report back to Council / Committee as appropriate, all action taken with particular reference to any unavoidable departure from Standing Orders

It was, by majority vote, with Cllr Clarke abstaining

RESOLVED: That the Town Council make a voluntary application for Village Green status, excluding the Common Land area, Friendly Dog Club House, Scout Hut and car park areas.

76. FAWCETTS FIELD

The Chairman referred to a draft Vision Plan prepared for Fawcetts Field put forward as an initial discussion document, prepared by a Landscape Architect contracted for this purpose.

Following further Working Party meetings, and refinement of the Plan, it is hoped to present an amended version for consideration by the Amenities Committee at the end of May.

One area referred to being the proposed Youth & Family HUB to the north of the plan area, showing a small extension into Fawcetts Field to facilitate dedicated outside space.

Cllr Clarke made the point that Town Council intends to progress that site as it now stands.

77. YOUTH CLUB

The Town Clerk circulated a proposed response to the Rugby Club's planning objection, as far as providing youth facilities at Ashley Recreation Ground is concerned.

This followed a decision by the Rugby Club - at its meeting held on Monday 21 February - that the youth club can no longer be held at the Ashley Pavilion premises on Wednesdays.

Anti-Social Behaviour pre-dates the Youth Club that originally ran from November 2019. Club activities ceased from March 2020 due to Covid. It restarted a year later in March 2021. We've been working closely with the Safer New Forest Partnership on a multi-agency basis, tackling ASB which seems to stem from a group not directly associated with the club.

A meeting held last Friday between Rugby Club and Town Council representatives was described as worthwhile. The intention is to restart youth activities at Ashley at Easter, and in the meantime to provide something similar in the centre of town, in the Memorial Centre.

The YSM pointed out the youth club has not met at Ashley since Wednesday 16 February. It is interesting to note that Hampshire Police are looking into reports of "criminal damage" at the club on Wednesday 2nd March and Thursday 3rd March.

Silma Ramsaywack made the point that there has never been any concern about the running of the group or the quality of the provision. Parents have been in contact with us and are relieved we will still be able to continue the group in New Milton.

The above was re-iterated at a meeting with the Safer New Forest Partnership yesterday, attended by Donna Lenton from Arnewood School, YSM, Town Clerk, Elaine Ramsdale of ASBOC, Brian Byrne & Nikki Swift from NFDC, plus Helen Andrews from Hampshire Police.

78. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TBA

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 11.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

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Minute	Action Points	Action by date	To be actioned by
74	Chewton Glen July Musical Events	On-going	Town Clerk
75	Long Meadow Village Green status	11 March 2022	Town Clerk
76	Fawcetts Field Vision Plan	30 May 2022	Amenities WP
77	Youth Club facilities update	14 March 2022	YSM / F&GP