

- c) An email from Simon Quincey - **Transition Lymington** asking the council to reconsider and back their proposed tube-style map showing cycle routes to/from New Milton. At a meeting on 27 November, the Amenities Committee supported the New Forest Local Cycling & Walking Implementation Plan (LCWIP) concept, while recognising much work is required to determine the actual safest cycling routes. That remains the case. Noted.
- d) An email from SGN about essential **gas main replacement work** on Bashley Common Road. Due to ongoing leakage, there is a need to replace the section of gas main between the cattle grid (near Rising Sun Pub end) to approximately the junction of Ossemsley South Drive. This work needs to be completed before the winter months when pressure for gas increases. SGN plan to complete the works in early September.

There were two options that Executives considered, as follows:

Option 1 – a full road closure with a duration of 8 to 10 weeks

Option 2 – traffic lights with an approximate duration of 16 weeks

RECOMMENDED: That Option 1 full road closure for 8–10 weeks be implemented.

- e) An A&T article today regarding a major worldwide IT outage, affecting services locally. A technical issue involving a **CrowdStrike** update is affecting Microsoft users. CrowdStrike is a cybersecurity company specialising in endpoint security protection; it tries to prevent malicious software / files from hitting corporate networks; it also aims to protect the data of corporations that have shifted from guarding it under their own roof /on own servers to so-called cloud providers. The Town Clerk confirmed that NMTC was unaffected. Noted.
7. ASHLEY RECREATION GROUND - The Town Clerk circulated details of official openings.
8. ASHLEY SHOPPING PARADE – The Town Clerk circulated details of the official opening.
9. FREEDOM OF THE TOWN
Sammy Miller is available on Wednesday 25 September 2024 for the Special Meeting. He has asked if the meeting and event could start earlier than our normal evening start times, suggesting 4.00pm at the Town Hall, followed by refreshments at the Museum from 5pm.
- PRIVATE SESSION: With members permission, the Chairman moved that the meeting go into private session 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.***
10. YOUTH TRUST - Members agreed and recommended a proposed MOU with the NMYT.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 3.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____ DATE _____

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