



NEW MILTON
TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Planning Committee of the New Milton Town Council, held on Thursday 2nd July 2020 at 6.30pm held via Zoom.

<u>Councillors:</u>	Chairman	p	S J Clarke	
	Vice Chairman	p	R A Reid	
	p	K E Craze	p	S P Davies
	p	D E Hawkins	p	D N Tungate
	p	B Murrow		
	p	H Wallis-Dowling		

In attendance: Cllr G R Blunden

Officers: T A Elliott – Assistant Town Clerk

For the purposes of this meeting, no applications had been selected by members for presentation. All applications detailed have been determined via email, as per the delegation process assigned under minute 197f (12 March 2020).

Public Participation

There were 3 members of the public that took part.

Piers Bollard of Charles Nobel Jewellers addressed the committee regarding the recent town centre changes including road closures, implemented to address the social distancing requirements as all shops were able to reopen. He stated that there had been several weeks of strong trading but this had drastically declined since the closures. Other points made

- Pedestrians nor cyclists were following the signage, resulting in a near miss that day
- Car park access at the top of town was difficult, with signage needing improvement
- 'Road Closed' signs at access to the town have smaller text that noted businesses open as usual, however text size may be too small for some and overall message would encourage some to bypass New Milton.

The Chairman, with support from Cllr Blunden thanked Mr Bollard for the feedback. The measures are on a rolling basis for an unknown length of time, with necessary tweaks being made where possible. The Government guidance will continue to be followed where possible. The meeting Clerk advised that a press release was being currently drawn up to communicate certain points regarding the measures and would feature in the A&T next week.

Please see action points below. Alan Watson of the Residents Association agreed to publicise that the businesses were open, measures are under constant review in line with government advice and that the car parks were still accessible.

(Post meeting note – within the agreed press release all feedback must be sent to 'info@newmiltontowncouncil.gov.uk' for delegation to appropriate officer/s)

Mr Watson representing the Residents Association, stated that Community Speedwatch would be restarting soon. They have adequate numbers of volunteers and Mr Watson would be the Co-ordinator.

Mr Lord referred to previous application 20/10157 for changes at Bunny Creek. He noted the use of Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 Design Quality in its support. He was glad to see the section of policy on Climate Change mentioned and suggested this use of policies become standard.

The meeting Clerk advised that with the emergence of any new policy document, its use would become common place by District Council planners and Town Council officers.

There was a brief discussion about the use of the document without referendum, noting it has been sanctioned by the District Council (having followed national guidance) and the Districts Task and Finish group on Greener Homes.

At 6.59pm Cllr Wallis-Dowling left the meeting as previously notified.

235. APOLOGIES

The Chairman highlighted Cllr Levitt's resignation announced at Town Council on 29 June.

On suggestion that a member of the public had enquired about a casual vacancy, the meeting clerk advised that the vacancy notice had been produced and would be displayed on the town council website from 3rd July. It stated that interested parties had 2 weeks to step forward. The matter would be dealt with via Town Council.

(Post meeting note – for clarification –

- *If one person steps forward, they can be co-opted whenever practicable after 23 July 2020*
- *If more than one steps forward and have 10 valid requests for by-election, the position will be held open until the next ordinary election (May 2021). However, it is hoped that government will change this as things ease nationally, as this aspect is a result of the Coronavirus Act 2020.)*

236. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Craze declared a pecuniary interest in application 20/10582 (4 Christchurch Bay Road) as he had known the applicants for many years. He had completed the register sheet sent and took no part in the item.

237. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2020 be agreed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes will be signed when normal course of business returns.

238. MATTERS ARISING

The clerk advised all action points had been completed according to the timescales given.

239. LIST OF APPLICATIONS

The list of applications for the period ending 17 and 24 June 2020 were considered (see attached list).

240. LIST OF DECISIONS

The list of decisions for periods ending 17 and 24 June 2020 were noted (see attached list).

241. CORRESPONDENCEa) New Forest District Council Planning Committee – 8 July 2020

Application 20/10467 – 172 Stem Lane – rear extension; extend roof creating new accommodation. The officer recommends it for permission.

b) Neighbourhood Plan Decision Making and CIL

In response to a query posed by the Town Development Manager, the District Council had clarified as below (please note numbering is relevant to the legislation, not these minutes)

*'Reg 59a (**Duty to pass CIL to local councils**) of the CIL Regulations clarifies this as being:*

(3) In England, where all or part of a chargeable development is within an area that has a neighbourhood development plan in place the charging authority must pass 25 per cent of the relevant CIL receipts to the parish council for that area.

(11) In this regulation an area has a neighbourhood development plan in place in relation to a development, or part of a development, if—

a. a neighbourhood development plan was made by a local planning authority in accordance with section 38A(4) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 prior to the time at which planning permission first permits that development; and

(b) that neighbourhood development plan is extant in relation to the relevant area on the day when planning permission first permits that development.'

c) MHCLG press release

Extract from the press release issued Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 22 June.

'Planning permission deadlines will be extended, planning appeals will be sped up and builders will be allowed more flexible working hours following agreement with their local council.

Planning permission usually expires after three years if work has not started onsite. Sites with consent that have an expiry date between the start of lockdown and the end of this year will now see their consent extended to 1 April 2021. This will prevent work that has been temporarily disrupted by the pandemic from stopping altogether.

The government estimates that by the end of this month alone, more than 400 residential permissions providing more than 24,000 new homes would have expired. The new measures will help these developments and more resume as the economy recovers.

New measures will also permanently grant the Planning Inspectorate (PINS) the ability to use more than one procedure - written representations, hearings and inquiries - at the

same time when dealing with a planning appeal, enabling appeals to happen much faster.

Last year a pilot programme tested this approach and implemented recommendations of the Rosewell Review, which more than halved the time taken for appeal inquiries, from 47 weeks to 23 weeks. ‘

d) Electoral Review

The Town Clerk had requested that awareness was raised to this at the first available meeting, as it had been received after the Town Council meeting took place on 2 July. It had been sent to members via email prior to the meeting.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England consultation was now open until 7 September

Link for proposed changes to New Forest area - <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/hampshire/new-forest>

Consultation responses - <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/>

NFDC news release on the review - <http://www.newforest.gov.uk/article/19495/Have-your-say-on-a-new-political-map-for-New-Forest-District-Council>

As this was for Town Council as a whole, matters were not discussed however the Chairman stated the proposal suggests New Milton was covered by 4 wards rather than the current 5, with a reduction in number of Councillors.

242. NEXT MEETING

The next virtual meeting will be held on 16 July 2020 via Zoom. Members of the public can join the meeting by emailing info@newmiltontowncouncil.gov.uk no later than 24 hours before the meeting begins.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.29pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

MINUTE	ACTION POINTS	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
PP	Advise E&F Manager that road closure signs to have remainder text increase in size	Meeting Clerk	03/07/2020
PP	Staff to coordinate online message supporting town centre businesses and use of car parks	Meeting Clerk	03/07/2020
PP	Training session for members (PowerPoint via Zoom) covering the NP, Local Plan and National environmental policies and how these are applied to applications/used in comments.	Meeting Clerk	End August
235	Casual vacancy	Town Council	03/07/2020
236	Collect signed register sheet from Cllr Craze	Meeting Clerk	By appointment
241d	Electoral Review	Town Council	03/07/2020

Distribution:

Town Councillors;
 District Councillors J L Cleary and C V Ward;
 County Councillors F Carpenter, M Kendal and K Mans;
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List of Applications for the period ending 17 and 24 June 2020 – minute 239

Application No: **2010576** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr E Redin
Site: 18 Whitefield Road

Proposal: Variation of condition 3 of Planning Permission 18/11046 to allow Cooking processes to be undertaken following the completion of the installation of the extraction system and with the correct ongoing maintenance plan being adhered to.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated)
subject to the satisfaction of the Environmental Health Officer.

Application No: **2010582** Ward: Barton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr and Mrs C Farr
Site: 4 Christchurch Bay Road

Proposal: First floor addition over garage.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated)

Application No: **2010597** Ward: Barton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mrs C Sawden
Site: 84 Barton Lane

Proposal: Ground floor rear and side extension.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated)

Application No: **2010604** Ward: Bashley Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Gordelier
Site: 1 Hart Close

Proposal: First-floor side extension; single storey side and rear extension; rebuild (part) of existing boundary wall.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated)

Application Number: **20/0215**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 11 Derwent Road

Description Oak x 2 - reduce.

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.

Application Number: **20/0218**

Ward Name: Milton

Location: 1 Solent Mews, Mount Avenue

Description Oak x 1 - reduce.

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.

Application Number: **20/0224**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 24 Brook Avenue

Description Oak x 1 - reduce.

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.

Application Number: **20/0227**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 26 Brook Avenue

Description Oak x 1 - reduce.

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.

Application Number: **20/0228**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 28 Brook Avenue

Description Oak x 1 - reduce.

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.

Application Number: **20/0231**

Ward Name: Becton

Location: 63 High Ridge Crescent

Description Oak x 1 - reduce.

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.

Application Number: **20/0237**

Ward Name: Milton

Location: 17 Aspen Place

Description Pine x 1 - fell.

NMTC Comment: NMTC object to the felling of any tree unless it is dead, dying or dangerous, no longer of amenity value, or otherwise agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer for exceptional reasons.

It is requested that a second replacement tree be planted elsewhere to retain NFDC 2 for 1 policy.

Application Number: **20/0238**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 5 Kelsall Gardens

Description Oak x 3 - reduce.

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.

Application Number: **20/0247**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 4 Oakwood Avenue

Description Oak x 2 - reduce.

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.

Application Number: **20/0253**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 79 Manor Road

Description Oak x 1 - reduce. Ash x 1 - reduce.

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.