



Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Planning Committee of the New Milton Town Council, held on Thursday 22 April 2021 at 6.30pm held via Zoom.

<u>Councillors:</u>	Chairman	p	S J Clarke
	Vice Chairman	p	A Reid
	K E Craze	p	D Samber
	p S P Davies	p	D N Tungate
	p D E Hawkins	p	H Wallis-Dowling
	p B Murrow		
In attendance:	Cllrs C V Ward & J G Ward.		
Officers:	Theresa Elliott & Helen Ormerod.		

***For the purposes of this meeting, all applications detailed have been determined via email, as per the delegation process assigned under minute 197f (12 March 2020).***

There were five members of the public present.

The Chairman welcomed Helen Ormerod to the meeting. She had recently been appointed as an Administrative Assistant and will be covering a third share of the committee meetings, this being her first attendance for familiarisation.

Application No.21/10353 – 1 person spoke against this application.

Mr Lord suggested that the committee, now routinely using Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 regarding positively addressing the impacts of climate change, might expand on this to include biodiversity net gain in responses to the Local Planning Authorities. He also questioned why the Neighbourhood Plan Sustainability Appraisal only stated ‘minimal enhancements’ expected to biodiversity.

Mr Watson, who has represented the New Milton Residents Association at the committee for many years, formally handed over to Mr Graham Jackson (also in attendance) as he was stepping down. He thanked the committee and stated he had enjoyed many debates over different sites.

423. APOLOGIES  
None.

424. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
None.

425. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members were generally agreeable to the suggestion of including Biodiversity Net Gain to planning application responses detaining policy NM4. Regarding the text within the Sustainability Appraisal, the Chairman stated this was in the context of the whole District, not just New Milton.

Both the committee Chairman and the Mayor thanked Mr Watson for his hard work and diligence on behalf of the Residents Association and welcomed Mr Jackson as the new representative.

426. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2021 be agreed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

The Minutes will be signed at next opportunity.

427. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting clerk gave action point updates as follows –

Brockhills Lane tree condition – Minute 370e – Hampshire County Council have confirmed they have requested the landowner have the remaining tree line inspected for safety and consult with the District Council over any necessary works.

Cinnamon Care, Fernhill Lane – Minutes 323c – The District Council confirm that a hedge cannot be requested from the site owners as the roadside verge did not contain one before development. See action point below. All advertising posters have since been removed from the Fernhill Lane fencing line.

Natwest land – Minute 294e – The Town Council have instructed necessary stump grinding to facilitate wildflower seeding, following a drain inspection.

*(Post meeting note – Holmsley Bridge replacement – minute 161e – lane closure required 26 April for trial holes to be drilled for public utility location, and 4-way traffic control on A35/C10 for 29 and 30 April between 9.30am and 3.30pm for BT pole relocation works.)*

428. LIST OF APPLICATIONS

The list of applications for the period ending 7 and 14 April 2021 were considered (see Appendix 1).

All delegated recommendations (minute 197f) were agreed with application 21/10353 presented and debated at the meeting.

Cllr J G Ward left the meeting at 7.11pm.

429. LIST OF DECISIONS

The list of decisions for periods ending 7 and 14 April 2021 were noted (see Appendix 1).

430. LISTED BUILDING WORKING PARTY UPDATE

Members were interested to see the notes of the last meeting (Appendix 2) and although there had been a few disappointments, were happy to note progression of several projects. Cllr Craze stated that there was currently no update available on the Station Masters House (Number 1 New Milton project).

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 27 April, with Amenities Committee being kept informed as projects developed.

431. REMOVAL OF PUBLIC PAYPHONES

New Forest District Council had notified the Town Council of BT's intention to remove two payphones in the town –

At the junction of Beechwood Avenue and Marley Avenue – average 20 calls per month, and

Junction of Barton Court Avenue with Marine Drive – average of one call per month.

***It was then RESOLVED that***

***No objection be placed regarding the removals.***

432. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members were shown the Communications Overview document that had recently been produced and distributed. It highlighted documents available on the Town Council and dedicated Neighbourhood Plan websites, briefing sessions and market gazebo dates, household door drop, adverts and banners, press releases and social media activity. There was also a copy of the full Plan in the library for the public to view. It had been hoped that a copy could be provided in the Town Hall however this proved impractical. The counter staff have been provided with a promotional leaflet to give to anyone enquiring with detail of the library opening times.

The Chairman thanked all members and those from the working groups that had taken shifts at the market gazebo events, informing the public about the Referendum and Neighbourhood Plan content. These had been well received.

433. CORRESPONDENCEa) New Forest District Council Planning Committee

Application 20/11446 – subdivision of land and building of new dwelling at 23 Mount Avenue – this application had been refused at the meeting on 14 April.

b) Planning Appeal Due

The Town Council and residents had been informed by AJ Developments that they are appealing the District Council refusal to build 4 dwellings on land at Brockwood, 42 Barton Common Lane. The meeting clerk stated that formal notification has not yet been received from the District Council, as they are waiting for a Planning Inspector to be assigned. When formal notification is received, it will be reported at this committee.

c) New Forest District Council Appointment of Polling and Counting Agents

Notification had been received that two representatives were able to oversee the counting of Referendum votes.  
Cllr Samber volunteered.

d) The George Business Centre

The Chairman referred to a Prior Approval notification that this building be turned into dwellings with all units having windows, which will mean elevational changes. Both he and Cllr Davies had requested as District Council members that the details be on a full planning application to allow full consultation. Cllr C Ward who was in attendance, stated she was aware of the application in her position as District Council Chair of Planning Committee.

- e) Barton Cliff Top  
Due to recent cliff erosion one of the Town Council benches was within 3m of the cliff edge (towards Western Avenue). The Estates and Facilities Manager was ensuring its urgent and safe removal.
- f) Creek House  
Further problems had been encountered with contractors parking on the verge and spar chips being used on what appeared to be highway verge. The relevant Planning Officer and Streetscene Manager at New Forest District Council had been informed.
- g) Highways Operations Centre Induction  
A remote induction course had been offered to members and officers and is likely to take place in late May. Both officers in attendance at the meeting will be taking part. Any members wishing to also take part should get in contact with the meeting clerk by the end of April please.
- h) New Milton Sand  
Members had received several public complaints regarding the poor state of the southern tree boundary, which was quite open and exposed the operational works visible from the A337. The trees on land further south and abutting the road were also in poor condition. Members commented that this gave a less than favourable view at this important gateway point to the town. See action points below.

434. NEXT MEETING

The next virtual meeting will be held on TUESDAY 4 May 2021 via Zoom. Members of the public can join the meeting by emailing [info@newmiltontowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto: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 to the public at 7.49pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

MINUTE	TASK	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
323c	Contact NFDC to request native planting to replace loss of rural shrubs and soften fencing	Meeting clerk	04/05/2021
431	Respond to NFDC consultation	Meeting clerk	26/04/2021
433c	Inform Town Clerk of volunteer	Meeting clerk	28/04/2021
433h	Draft letter to NMS regarding public complaints on the tree line	Meeting clerk	07/04/2021
433h	Contact NFDC Tree Officer regarding the boundary lines	Meeting clerk	07/04/2021

**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 7 and 14 April 2021 – minute 428**

Application No: **2110228**      Ward: Barton      Authority: NFDC  
Applicant: Mr Lee Boyce  
Site: 10 Seacroft Avenue

Proposal: Replacement dwelling; demolition of existing garage

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated)  
subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan Policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to positively address the impact of climate change.

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Application No: **2110275**      Ward: Barton      Authority: NFDC  
Applicant: Lymore Projects Ltd  
Site: 51 Barton Court Avenue

Proposal: Demolish existing buildings; erect 2 bungalows & 2 garages

NMTC Comment: OBJECT (Delegated)  
due to the lack of Highways and Ecology related information as highlighted by those departments, plus it is contrary to Neighbourhood Plan Policy NM4 (Design Quality) as it does not adhere to the requirement to positively address the impacts of climate change.

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Application No: **2110353**      Ward: Fernhill      Authority: NFDC  
Applicant: Mr Robert Govier  
Site: Land rear of 41 Manor Road

Proposal: Single-storey dwelling, associated parking and integral garage; remove existing garage

NMTC Comment: OBJECT (Non-Delegated)  
(1) Overdevelopment, with the proposal having a greater footprint than the host.  
(2) Back-land development and contrary to the Local Distinctiveness Study (page 50) regarding 'Gardens' and therefore contrary to local character.  
(3) Lack of parking and the arrangement shown make it impossible to leave the site in a forward gear therefore threatens highway safety.  
(4) Lack of amenity space for the new dwelling.  
(5) Overlooking and/or perception of for neighbours to the rear.  
(6) Contrary to Neighbourhood plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) as it does not adhere to the requirement to positively address impacts of climate change and biodiversity net gain.

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Application No: **2110365**      Ward: Bashley      Authority: NFDC  
Applicant: Mr. Vince Lee  
Site: 2 Kamptee Close

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated)  
subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan Policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to positively address the impact of climate change.

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Application No: **2110421**      Ward: Milton      Authority: NFDC  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs Chatfield  
Site: 14 Lymington Road

Proposal: Replace existing front porch with new larger front porch

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated)  
subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan Policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to positively address the impact of climate change.

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Application Number: **21/0143**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 3 - 5 Shaves Lane

Description Oak x 5 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.

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Application Number: **21/0144**

Ward Name: Milton

Location: 27 Albert Road

Description Sycamore 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.

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Application Number: **21/0148**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 50 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.

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Application Number: **21/0157**

Ward Name: Milton

Location: 8 Arden Walk

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.

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Application Number: **21/0163**

Ward Name: Bashley

Location: 28 Fawn Gardens

Description 1 x oak pruned

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.

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