



Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of New Milton Town Council, held on Thursday 3 February 2022 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall.

<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 Samber
	B Murrow	p	D N Tungate	
	H Wallis-Dowling			

In attendance: Officer: T Elliott – Assistant Town Clerk

There was one member of the public present, and no public participation.

190. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Murrow and Wallis-Dowling had tendered their apologies.

191. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under agenda item 6 Cllr Craze stated that he had recently resigned as Vice Chair of the Gryphon Trust but preferred to stay out of the debate on application 22/10054, due perceived bias and predetermination. He signed a register sheet accordingly.

192. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

193. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2022 be agreed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

194. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting clerk updated the committee on the following

- Minute 179c – SLR to be moved to take account of diversion for Holmsley Bridge closure – A District Council owned SLR will be in position from Tuesday 8 February. It will be positioned on the double bend signage near to the junction with Wootton Farm Road, swapping from northbound to southbound every fortnight.
- Minute 188d – Planning enforcement report for 18 Cowper Avenue. This has been registered with case number EN/22/0014 at New Forest District Council.
- Minute 188e – Bashley bus stop yellow lines – Highways advise that the bus clearway markings had been ignored resulting in the bus unable to use it due to having been

'persistently obstructed' by parked cars. The yellow lines have been marked to ensure the bus can continue to use it for its intended purpose.

- Minute 188f – Suggestion of meeting with Highways – Tim Lawton was written to on 26 January.
- Minute 188g – At the NFALC meeting on 27 January a motion had been tabled regarding reducing the default speed to 20 mph for residential streets in towns, villages and rural settlements in Hampshire. The vote for this fell but the following amendment to it was carried
'that instead of a blanket 20mph speed limit give councils the power to implement selective 20mph areas, such as schools and congestion areas'.

Members then discussed the issue and suggested several areas in the town that would have justification for such change, rather than imposing a blanket lowering of the speed limit.

It was then

RECOMMENDED

That the '20 is Plenty' campaign be supported by the Town Council for selected areas - rather than a blanket lowered speed limit be introduced throughout the town - to cover roads near schools and anywhere else appropriate.

Members requested the opportunity to suggest such areas.

(Post meeting note – those suggested at the meeting have been passed to the Town Clerk in preparation for Town Council).

195. LIST OF APPLICATIONS

The list of applications for the period ending 19 and 26 January 2022 were considered (see attached list).

196. LIST OF DECISIONS

The list of decisions for periods ending 19 and 26 January 2022 were noted (see attached list).

197. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman had taken part in a remote meeting with New Forest District Council officers Claire Upton-Brown and Louise Evans regrading Green Infrastructure. The session had been attended by Cllrs Blunden and Craze, with officers Suna King, Joanna Hayward and Theresa Elliott. There was a presentation, previously given to the Environment and Sustainability Overview and Scrutiny panel on 13 January. This meeting can be viewed via the link <https://democracy.newforest.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=584&MId=7440>

Louise Evans stated that New Milton is the pilot area. The document sets out a framework for taking future projects forward, by identifying what needs improving and how. It is meant as a guide to Town and Parish Councils working in conjunction with the District Council. Certain remote information such as Strava has been used to identify popular pedestrian and cycle connectivity around the town and to specific facilities. It is anticipated that funding streams will be identified by the District Council for resultant projects, which may include use of CIL monies. It is expected that a further update meeting will be possible in around 7 weeks.

The Chairman also commented that there was an upcoming meeting with the Residents Association and the Green Infrastructure topic will be part of that briefing.

(post meeting note – Meeting takes place 3pm on Wednesday 16 February)

198. CORRESPONDENCE

a) New Forest District Council Planning Committee

The following application will be decided at the above meeting on Wednesday 9 February – Application 21/11442 – 26 Moorland Avenue – Replacement garage with home office/gym – The officer recommends *APPROVAL*.

b) New Forest National Park Authority Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document

The document has been adopted by the authority on 27 January 2022. It supplements the Local Plan to help achieve high standards of design while retaining and enhancing the distinctive character.

c) Temporary Road Closure

New Forest District Council have received request for a temporary closure to support the New Milton Lions event 'Easter Extravaganza' on Saturday 16 April. Between the hours of 6am and 8pm the following roads will be closed

- Station Road, from junctions with Spencer Road to Osborne/Whitefield Road
- Ashley Road, from junctions with Spencer Road and Whitefield Road.

A plan of the diversion route is available.

d) Strategic Sites Update

A small amount of tree planting is left before practical completion can take place at Greenwood Place, and the landscape contractor continues to maintain the site currently.

e) Changes to Planning Appeals

The Housing Minister has recently written to the Chief Executive of Planning Inspectorate outlining new measures, including an expectation to reduce average times for appeal decisions. Summary below

- A new digital service to prevent invalid appeals being made and that appeals are increasingly submitted correctly on first submission;
- Measuring of decision timeliness from valid receipt through to decision, to reflect whole customer experience;

- Expectation that average decision times will be reduced – which currently is between 20 to 30 weeks. Some are concluded within 8 weeks, yet others are taking more than a year;
- Written representations should be determined within 16-20 weeks
- By hearing, reduced to 24-26 weeks
- Inquiry, reduced to 24-26 weeks
- Publication of the number of cases that are quality assured;
- Statutory time frames for national infrastructure applications and targets for Local Plans remain as existing.

f) Verge Damage – Grove Road

Cllr Samber referred to a residents’ correspondence concerned about the verge damage during gas main works currently being undertaken. The verges are not protected by kerb stones and are getting damaged easily.

g) Planning Enforcement Need

Cllr Reid has referred resident emails and associated evidence that the swimming business at 33 Albert Road is already breaking its planning conditions.

199. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 17 February 2022 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall.

Members of the public should notify of attendance 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 7.15pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Minute	Task	By whom	By when
188f	Any response from HCC regarding meeting?	Meeting clerk	17/02/2022
188g	Recommendation to Town Council	Meeting clerk	04/02/2022
188g	Update residents in touch	Meeting clerk	04/02/2022
198f	Report verge damage	Meeting clerk	17/02/2022
198g	Has case number been assigned?	Meeting clerk	17/02/2022

Distribution:

Town Councillors;
 District Councillors J L Cleary and C V Ward;
 County Councillors F Carpenter, M Kendal and K Mans;
 Press

List of Applications for the period ending 19 and 26 January 2022 – minute 195.

Application No: **2101095** Ward: Bashley Authority: National Park

Applicant: Mr Flaherty & Mrs Thompson-Hall

Site: The Lodge, Bashley Common Road

Proposal: Replacement outbuilding, reconfigured drive and associated landscaping; demolition of existing outbuilding.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to the Ecologists agreement to pending Ecology Survey, plus adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity net gain.

Application No: **2111682** Ward: Bashley Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Ms J Crane

Site: 15 Antler Drive

Proposal: Use of outbuilding for cat boarding (Retrospective)

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated)

Application No: **2111727** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Savills Ltd

Site: 89-89A Station Road

Proposal: Shopfront and external alterations, provision of external seating area and canopy at rear, and associated development

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity net gain.

Application No: **2111730** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Tattersall

Site: 1 Well Close

Proposal: Single-storey side and rear extension; rooflight; associated external works

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity net gain.

Application No: **2210007** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr A Horwood - Tesco
 Site: Tesco, Caird Avenue

Proposal: Display 1 x 42"LCD screen & 2 x flagpole Signs (Application for Advertisement Consent) (Retrospective)

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated)

Application No: **2210054** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Ian Walker
 Site: The Eaglewood School, Culver Road

Proposal: Temporary classroom unit

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity net gain.

Application Number: **22/0023**

Ward Name: Becton

Location: 6 Seddon Close

Description Monterey Pine 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: **22/0035**

Ward Name: Milton

Location: The Conifers, 42a Lymington Road

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.
