



Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee for New Milton Town Council, held on Thursday 18 August 2022 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall.

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

Officer: Theresa Elliott, Assistant Town Clerk

There were 3 member of the public present.

Mr King, representing residents from Bashley village, wished to have Bashley Road from the roundabout to cricket club included in the Town Council submission. He stated speed levels were concerning as drivers make their way to the A35 and suggested 'mandatory 20mph' everywhere to force change, supporting residents in their quality of life. He considered the B classified route not fit for purpose as a main route to the town. He appreciated that the final decision on such matters rest with Hampshire County Council as highway authority.

Mr Jenner, representing Becton Lane residents, stated that dropping to 20mph can create greater emissions from some cars and suggested traffic calming should be of higher priority within the survey question 6. He felt question 18 should include known 'rat runs' and 20mph being a deterrent for traffic levels and noise, and betterment of air quality. He stated question 24, regarding evidence, he would be pursuing the issue with County Councillor Kendal. He then questioned why the draft survey did not support other areas in the making of 20mph areas.(question 25)

Under standing order 28d the Chairman proposed to change the order of business, taking agenda item 8 (Hampshire County draft survey on 20mph speed limit policy) ahead of item 4 (minutes).

RESOLVED.

84. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Murrow, Reid and Samber had tendered their apologies.

85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

86. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In response to the speakers, the Chair stated that the issues faced were very complex and one solution did not solve all. Members were making the best of a difficult set of circumstances, and

whatever choice taken would please some and not others. He stated that on question 25, it was not appropriate to suggest changes outside of the Town Council boundary. He also stated a number of residents emails have been received by members about the survey but have not been responded to specifically as would preclude them from debate.

87. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL '20mph SPEED LIMIT POLICY' CONSULTATION

Members were referred to Appendix 2 previously circulated. The Chair went through the drafted responses and changes were made throughout.

It was then RESOLVED

that the survey answers (shown in Appendix to these minutes) be given in response.

Due to the nature of some of the questions, there was a more general discussion on highway concerns.

One issue raised by members was the blocking of pedestrian access points by inappropriate parking. Members requested this and enforcement against verge parking be pursued through Byelaw where possible, through potential Amenities Committee discussion. It was noted that this authority had no enforcement power currently.

(Post meeting note – The Town Clerk advises that this issue should be dealt with via a separate agenda item for a future Planning meeting).

Regarding Bashley based issues that Mr King had raised, the Chair referred to a response from Tim Lawton of Hampshire Highways dated 21 April 2022 sent to members, that stated the making of a footpath along Bashley Common Road was not viable

- The making of a temporary footpath would not pass safety criteria
- A permanent footpath would require land acquisition and expensive engineering works which the County did not have suitable funding for.

The letter, which was in response to a request for a member meeting with Highways, stated neither the A337 nor B3058 were signed as preferred lorry routes.

The Chair also advised he has requested that Hampshire Highways remove one bay nearest the Spencer Road/Station Road south junction adjacent the Walkers Arms, as residents have found it increasingly difficult to cross here from lost visibility since the town footfall has increased with Marks and Spencer arrival.

88. MINUTES

It was ***RESOLVED:***

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2022 be agreed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

89. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting clerk advised the action points for minute numbers 76 and 82a would be carried forward. The following updates were available on other action points –

Minute 62d - Cricket View, Fernhill Lane – An approach had been made to New Forest District Council regarding Inspector Ord's report and suggested action. We are expecting a response from the relevant officer in September once returns from leave.

Minute 257 – Railway foot bridge replacement – Cllrs Blunden and Mrs Schooling were unable to attend, County Cllr Adams-King was also unable therefore the planned meeting held on 11 August was between officers only. Brian Hill and Phil Yexley joined the Town Clerk, Estates and Facilities Manager and Assistant Town Clerk. The following points were established

- Over £600million savings made to date since 2010, with annual highways budget down to £70 million. Shown on website 'budget book' and sets context for some delay which has continued through successive COVID lockdowns and resultant recruitment issues for engineers.
- Project has been progressed despite various delays and Network Rail having had 8 different managers in 11 years for this one.
- Network Rail wish to deal directly with County contractors for line possession (periods of time). County process altered to take account of this
- Likely weekend work with tally expected as follows – 1 for fencing safeguard, 1 for taking out old footbridge, 1 in reserve. 1 to lift in new bridge, 1 to remove fencing, 1 in reserve. Each possession needs a reserve to avoid high fines if work overruns.
- Plan devised (revision E) auger piling as no vibration. Needs independent assessment in terms of impact to nearby residences.
- Start date fully in gift of Network Rail, is on a main line and other works could be timed for same possession slots. This could create cost sharing opportunity.
(Post meeting note – This would not be with Number 1 project, as that is further advanced whereas the bridge has no start date.)
- County Officers confirmed works unlikely to start before May 2023, with costing priority yet to be decided by the authority. Costs have risen 40% since project inception. Works to take 6 months once started.
- Redbridge works now sufficiently progressed, its not delaying this works. County have more than 1800 bridges.
- Chain-link fence to be replaced with request to strip vegetation on the wall meantime
- Confirmed the footbridge is still safe and regularly inspected.

90. LIST OF APPLICATIONS

The list of applications for the period ending 3 and 10 August 2022 were considered (see attached list).

91. LIST OF DECISIONS

The list of decisions for periods ending 3 and 10 August 2022 were noted (see attached list).

92. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

None.

93. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Operation Resilience

Surface dressing maintenance will take place in Oak Road, starting 20 August and expected to take up to two days to complete. The road is due to be closed between 9am and 4.30pm then again 6pm to 10pm. Access will be possible for residents where/when safe. The work is weather dependant therefore local boards will be put out if the timescale must change.

b) National Transport and Highways Surveys

(*Post meeting note*) Hampshire County Council have notified of 8 surveys within the above, available through this link

[National Transport and Highways Survey 2022 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/national-transport-and-highways-survey-2022)

The information has been shared through Town Council media channels.

94. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the **EXTRAORDINARY** meeting of the committee, specifically for gravel extraction proposal at Ashley Manor Farm. This meeting starts at **6pm on Friday 19 August at the Memorial Centre in Whitefield Road.**

The next ordinary committee meeting will be held on 1 September 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 7.45pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

MINUTE	TASK	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
208a	Inform land agents regarding negative response on funding	Meeting clerk	9 September
76	Investigate land ownership	Meeting clerk	9 September
87	Agenda item for future meeting	Meeting clerk	27 October
87	Respond to consultation	Meeting clerk	19/08/2022

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 3 and 10 August 2022 – minute 89.

Application No: **2101065** Ward: Bashley Authority: National Park

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Davidson

Site: The Cottage, Ossemsley

Proposal: Two storey extensions.

NMTC Comment: OBJECT (Delegated) due to excessive extensions, non-compliant with Policy 36 of New Forest National Park Local Plan (Extensions to dwellings).

Application No: **2200547** Ward: Bashley Authority: National Park

Applicant: Mr D Smith

Site: Whiteways, St Johns Road

Proposal: Stable block; demolition 2no. buildings.

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: **2210831** Ward: Barton Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Ms L Yeatman

Site: 68 Barton Lane

Proposal: Replacement dwelling.

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: **2210841** Ward: Becton Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Mr J Holmes

Site: 59 Silverdale

Proposal: Ground floor rear extension; integral garage conversion.

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: **2210870** Ward: Barton Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Mr & Mrs M Botha

Site: 1a First Marine Avenue

Proposal: Extension to ground floor and roof alterations to create first floor.

NMTC Comment: OBJECT (Delegated)

- (a) the Juliette balcony will give oblique view of the rear of 29 Marine Drive East, or at least perception of overlooking.
- (b) The south facing large roof lights with low sill level will overlook rear of 27 Marine Drive East, being only 12m away.
- (c) The development is overbearing
- (d) It is out of character and has negative impact on the street scene.

Application No: **2210873** Ward: Barton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Smith
 Site: 45 Western Avenue

Proposal: Single-storey rear infill extension.

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: **2210885** Ward: Barton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Ms C Simmerling
 Site: 6 Spindlewood Close

Proposal: Single-storey extension; rooflights; demolish existing conservatory and laundry area.

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: **22/0381**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 8 Palmer Place

Description 2 x Oak - 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: **22/0382**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 8 Shaves Lane

Description 1 x Robinia - 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.