



Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee for New Milton Town Council, held on Thursday 24 November 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	S P Davies
	p	D E Hawkins	D Samber
	p	B Murrow	D N Tungate
	p	H Wallis-Dowling	

Officer: Theresa Elliott, Assistant Town Clerk

There were 2 members of the public present.

Application No. 22/11247 – One person spoke for the application.

151. APOLOGIES
Cllrs Davies, Samber and Tungate had tendered their apologies.

152. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Under agenda item 6, Cllr Clarke advised that he was currently engaging Mr Howards professional services and therefore took no part in the debate or vote on application 22/11247, and signed the register.

153. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

154. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2022 be agreed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

155. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting Clerk advised updates to the following action points –

Minute 257 – Replacement railway footbridge – County Council officers are currently preparing contract documents. The winning contractor will be responsible for booking track possessions, as Network Rail insist upon. No timescale has been offered.

Minute 208b – Old Cottage, Meadow Way tree works – despite numerous communications from the meeting Clerk and Town Clerk since February, Apex Tree Surgeons have still not progressed in purchasing replacement trees through our Plant a Tree initiative. The relevant information has been provided several times to date. On discussion with the Town Clerk, he requested the matter be discussed by members of this and the Amenities Committee.

It was then RECOMMENDED that

A letter be written to Apex Tree Surgeons giving a final date for payment of trees under the Plant a Tree Initiative, otherwise legal action may be taken.

Minute 62d – Cricket View empty property – This property has been seen as a target for anti-social behaviour and the New Forest District Council continue to monitor it, last inspection was w/c 15 November with all being found adequate. They are still trying to contact the owner.

156. LIST OF APPLICATIONS

The list of applications for the period ending 9 and 16 November 2022 were considered (see attached list).

At 6.43pm Cllr Reid took the Chair for the duration of application 22/11247. Cllr Clarke then returned to the Chair at 6.46pm.

157. LIST OF DECISIONS

The list of decisions for periods ending 9 and 16 November were noted (see attached list).

158. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

None.

159. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Meeting with Hampshire County Council Highways Officer

An online meeting took place on 15 November (County Councillors unable to attend this or alternative date). Councillors Blunden, Clarke and J Ward attended along with the Town Clerk and Estates & Facilities Manager. Councillors K Craze, Hawkins and Reid gave apologies. Andy Harding, Assistant Highways Manager for South and East, represented Hampshire County Council. Please see the issues below –

Station Road North – serious injury obtained recently by vulnerable resident on footpath between Conservative Club and Vision Express, reported online. Some work has taken place but safety inspection denoted no issue. Councillors concerned regarding vulnerability of residents, rocking slabs and other faults that may not be immediately apparent. HCC advised that even though not noted for safety concern if under 25mm trip hazard, we can trip on far less so the demographic of users needs to be considered also.

Cllrs Blunden and Clarke will walk the length of Station Road with the Estates and Facilities Manager and report any issues found for consideration, although it is understood will not be high priority.

Road surface has been assessed and will continue to be patched, as there are much worse road surfaces across the County which have to take funding priority.

Ashley Parade surface – issue raised within Street scene report (Amenities 6 Sept meeting) – HCC confirmed that they are unable to pursue improvements on privately owned areas, when very limited funds for own priorities. Members considered it needed to progress regardless so Mr Harding will request a response from their Assets Team.

Old Milton Parade surface – issue raised in Street Scene report – HCC confirmed maintains their area and no major safety issues found currently. Patching would continue as necessary, no funding for further improvement currently.

Lower Ashley Road – report of historic flooding opposite Ashley Baptist Church since the site was developed for flats over 5 years ago. Mr Harding advised he would look for reports of a drainage issue there but was not considered a current issue.

(Post meeting note – the meeting Clerk has requested that she be notified at the time of incident so an online report can be made).

Sway Road resurfacing – It had been understood that the resurfacing would take place once diversion route for Holmsley Bridge work had ended. However, it transpires that the work planned was not to the New Milton section of this road. The point was made that an extension to kerbing was required, to stop verges from being destroyed.

Pothole timescales – Mr Harding advised that are done in severity order, unless a road closure is required then other issues would be addressed to make good use of the closure. Response times are one hour, one day, 1 week, 2 week, 1 month then everything else. Contractor performance is monitored and are getting the best results for ten years with levels of claims fallen as a result. Policy is being reviewed and looking at width of cracks as an issue for cycling. Edging breaking away is not considered a defect. He advised that the new technology 'Jet Patcher/Dragon Patcher' is regularly deployed with 2 more on hire. They do most high priority pothole repairs.

Becton Lane queries – A number of queries had been raised by local residents and these were known to the County officer. It was stated that many routes have seen an increase in traffic levels and speed. Highways have been requested to provide a full response to the author of the points raised, as there was no funding for investigation or supportive accident data to require traffic calming measures.

Swallows Ridge, Osborne Road – Resident request to remove one parking bay to allow better visibility. County Highways have refused this request.

Walker Arms – request to remove one parking bay on Station Road to allow better visibility when egressing Spencer Road. Foot traffic has heightened since Marks and Spencer have opened and if a van/high sided vehicle is parked in the most northern end of the bay outside Walker Arms, visibility is an issue. Andy Harding to progress.

Glenwood and Westdene, Bashley – Residents are concerned that they have limited pathway and no crossing point to enable walking into town. Andy Harding will progress to the Strategic transport team on an 'active travel' basis, with developer funding a possibility. A crossing of sorts also needed outside Sammy Millers, but controlled crossing had no

justification. Mr Harding to assess with colleague Mandy Ware, possible island with bollards.

The white lining at Stem Lane junction of Bashley Cross Road was also mentioned as needed relining. Mr Harding to add to the programme, which cannot take place in the winter due to salt applications.

b) Planning Appeal Lodged.

An appeal has been lodged against New Forest National Park Authority decision on Application 22/00074, a single storey rear extension at Longacres, Bashley Common Road. Written representations to be received by 14 December, by using <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk> or emailing RT1@Planninginspectorate.gov.uk.

c) Operation Resilience

Notification has been given of the temporary closure of Crossmead Avenue and Garden Close, from Old Milton Road to Barton Court Road, on 5 December. Through traffic will not be given access between 7.30am and 6pm. This is to allow patching works to the carriageway.

d) Marine Drive West long-term parking

Cllr Craze mentioned that the Gypsy and Traveller Liaison Officer had visited the occupants of a motorhome that has been parked up for some time, and they later moved on. Unfortunately, a camper van has now parked up in a similar position.

160. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 8 December 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 7.22pm.

Chairman_____Date_____

Minute	Task	By whom	By when
155	Letter to Apex, following Amenities	Meeting Clerk	08/12/2022

Distribution:

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

List of Applications for the period ending 9 and 16 November 2022 – minute 156.

Application No: **2200700** 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 Ecology Officers support, 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: **2211219** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: n/a
Site: The George Business Centre, Christchurch Road

Proposal: External alterations to the building and outside space, associated with the conversion of the building to eight flats and two dwellings subject of prior application 21/10496; bike and refuse stores.

NMTC Comment: OBJECT (Delegated) concern regarding the impact on character by removal of the front railings and detrimental impact to the Old Milton Conservation Area as a whole.

Application No: **2211220** Ward: Becton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr T Clark
Site: Clubhouse, Barton-on-Sea Golf Club, Milford Road

Proposal: New northern entrance area proposed to replace existing glazed entrance; new fire escape door from within existing glazed area on eastern side of new dining 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 No: **2211226** Ward: Barton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Kobryn
Site: 5 Eldon Avenue

Proposal: Demolition of existing rear conservatory and car port; erection of single storey rear and side extensions.

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: **2211231** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr & Mrs T Elford
Site: 12 Furze Croft

Proposal: Proposed single-storey front and rear extensions; alterations to fenestration; alterations to external wall finishes.

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: **2211236** Ward: Becton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr & Mrs J Turner
Site: 17 Uplands Avenue

Proposal: Extension to ground & first floor.

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: **2211239** Ward: Becton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr T Korbey
Site: Sunshine Cottage, Spring Lane

Proposal: Rear ground floor extension; provide new first floor, including over the proposed ground floor extension under a new roof; PV panel array on the flat roof.

NMTC Comment: OBJECT (Delegated)

- (1) Out of character as per Local Distinctiveness Study text on page 56 regarding Massing.
 - (2) Poor design
 - (3) Sets a precedent.
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Application No: **2211247** Ward: Fernhill Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr I Poole
Site: 23 Leigh Road

Proposal: Single-storey side and rear additions incorporating the existing single garage.

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: **2211249** Ward: Becton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mandy Woodford
Site: 29 Becton Lane

Proposal: Erection of wooden pagoda style carport in front garden of property.

NMTC Comment: OBJECT (Delegated) Out of character as
(a) Pagoda breaks the strong building line referred to on page 60 of the Local Distinctiveness Study
(b) Removal of the hedge is contrary to Green Infrastructure text, and principle of erecting a fence is contrary to 'Materials' text on page 61.

Application No: **2211253** Ward: Barton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr C Jewell
Site: 2 Chiltern Drive

Proposal: Single-storey side extension; porch to front elevation; dormer to rear slope of roof; fit 2No roof lights to front slope of roof.

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: **2211259** Ward: Barton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mrs D Goodlad
Site: 21 Wavendon Avenue

Proposal: Extension to side to form a garden room.

NMTC Comment: OBJECT (Delegated) as out of character due to breaking the consistency of building line as per page 72 of the Local Distinctiveness Study and could set a precedent.

Application Number: **22/0598**

Ward Name: Becton

Location: Peppercorn Cottage, 44 Barton Common Lane

Description Oak x 1 - prune

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) 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: **22/0601**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 16 Thetchers Close

Description Oak x 3 - prune; Ash x 1 - prune.

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: **22/0620**

Ward Name: Fernhill

Location: 7 Keswick 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.
