



NEW MILTON  
TOWN COUNCIL

## Listed Buildings Working Party

Notes of meeting held Tuesday 3 October 2023 at 10am.

Present – Cllr S Clarke (Chair)

Cllr J Adams

Cllr K Craze

Cllr W Davies

Cllr B Murrow

Mr A Beal - PCC

Mr N Saunders – New Milton Heritage Society

Ms T Elliott – Assistant Town Clerk

Apologies - Cllr Mrs V Schooling, New Milton Residents Association

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### 1. Review of meeting notes from 26 June 2023

The working party members were generally content with the content of the notes.

### 2. Blue Plaques

The working party was advised of example plaques from various places, and it appeared that local councils could indeed create their own. TE had previously checked with both Hampshire County and New Forest District Council's that no process was in place. She suggested that the English Heritage guidance note 'Criteria used in the evaluation of suggestions for commemorative blue plaques' was used to set the parameters.

The Chairman suggested that

***A scheme similar to the English Heritage 'Blue Plaque' system in London was available to New Milton and Barton-on-Sea, for recognition of the notable people/buildings within the boundary***

be recommended to Planning Committee. All attending agreed.

***AP – TE to source product and price.***

### 3. The Rectory – grounds project – costs update

TE advised that the cost to add fingerposts, information lecturns (6 of each) and 2 new noticeboards had been priced previously as £4200 plus VAT. The recent update had seen the price rise by £1,000.

She reminded that a total of £2,500 had been received to date in grant funding (All Churches / Barker Mills / County Cllr Carpenter). A further fund from NFDC is currently being investigated.

***AP – TE to apply for remainder funding from NFDC if criteria allows.***

Rectory building - Since the New Forest District Council had responded to the NMTC letter to Cllr Tipp, a further letter had gone to the Diocese about the site. This was triggered by a comment in the August edition of Parish News. The Business Property Manager from Diocese of Winchester had responded to state that no decisions had been made and they were in early stages of their review. They have stated they will update us in due course.

AB stated that they still had no update on the Rectory, and Rev Bailey was due to move out in October. He reiterated that the outcome of the review of Rectory site was not in the gift of the PCC.

WD stated that the property was large enough to house 2 Ukrainian families. NFDC would need to ensure basic housing standards were in place before there could be any discussion on this, but ultimately it was for the Diocese to sanction.

At 10.20am Cllr S Clarke gave his apologies and Cllr B Murrow took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

#### 4. Forum Heritage Services report

NS stated he was going through the "Hampshire Treasures", a County Council publication, to see what buildings had been lost and what had survived. It would help map the decline of heritage in the town, and set the scene for a draft Local List document.

***AP – TE draft a press release to advise similar to***

***'mindful of the lessons learned from the past with the loss of the Speckled Trout, the working party have reconvened and appeal to local organisations to be part of attempts to retain the towns built heritage'.***

NS then summarised key points within the 2014 Forum Heritage Services report. He had made a number of additions to the detail. TE stated that the Local Distinctiveness Study SPD text only added a further two paragraphs.

The report was for the following study area - Whitefield Road buildings to the Memorial Centre access road, east past the Water Tower and north to the end of buildings before Manor Road junction. It included **Lloyds Bank, the railway station platforms, canopies and buildings and the former Milton Hall.**

The report concludes that a conservation area designation was highly unlikely to be supported by the Local Planning Authority. Instead, the 3 sites in bold above could be added to a Local List.

JA stated that Bashley had not been represented however it was highly likely the Hampshire Treasures publication would assist.

***AP – TE to create a spreadsheet of data, using the buildings from the LBWP hit list (On notes of meeting dated 26/06/23). This included the Station Masters House but should be extended to the elements mentioned in Forum's report.***

***AP – NS to provide data from Hampshire Treasures for inclusion in spreadsheet.***

**Date of next meeting** – to be confirmed.

Meeting closed 11.18am