

## NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020 AT 6.30PM VIA ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATION.

Councillors:	p A Reid (Chairman)		p K E Craze (Vice-Chairman)
	M Brownsea		p D A Rice-Mundy
	p G R Blunden		A W Rice
	p S J Clarke		p A D O'Sullivan
	p M Craze		p V E Schooling
	p S P Davies		p D N Tungate
	p D E Hawkins		C V Ward
	p R Murrow		p J G Ward
	p H Wallis-Dowling		p D Samber
In Attendance:	Officers:	G Flexman	- Town Clerk
		E Towler	- Business Administrator
		M Jeffries	- Estates & Facilities Manager
		S King	- Town Development Manager

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, Officers, 1 member of the public and a press representative to the virtual meeting of the Town Council as well as HCC Councillors M Kendal and F Carpenter

185. APOLOGIES - Cllrs M Brownsea, A Rice and C Ward

186. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman laid wreaths on behalf of Town Council at the War Memorial at 11:00 hrs and the Indian Memorial at Barton on Sea at 15:00hrs on the 8th and attended the War Memorial Recreation Ground at 11:00hrs on the 11 November to pay respects.

187. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none

188. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 5 October 2020.

It was then

**RESOLVED:**

***That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 5 October 2020, having been circulated, be confirmed, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.***

189. CORRESPONDENCE

An email from New Life Church enquiring about the possibility of a Community Nativity Trail. The resource would be contactless and encourages families to scan a QR code for each character in the nativity story. Each QR code leads them to a page of activities and questions to keep children and families occupied as they go around the route. The proposed location was the Recreation Ground in the Town Centre.

Members were supportive and referred the request to the Amenities Committee.

190. QUESTIONS – None191. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

HCC Cllr M Kendal confirmed that money had been received from the Government and that the County Council will be focusing on improving Social Care and will provide a further update in due course.

HCC Cllr F Carpenter informed members that the County Council are contacting the clinically vulnerable to offer support. The number is 01962 418111 and for people to recognise it as HCC if they get a call.

The Chairman thanked the County Councillors for their updates but raised concerns over the lack of financial support received from HCC regarding COVID-19 town signs paid for by the Town Council. Cllr Kendal advised financial aid should be secured before invoicing to ensure that support is there in the future.

Cllr O'Sullivan thanked HCC for increasing their Library opening times.

NFDC Cllrs S Clarke, K Craze, A O'Sullivan, N Tungate, and J Ward confirmed they had attended several Task & Finish Groups.

NFDC Cllr Blunden updated members on the Waste Strategy Group planned to come into force in 2022. The closing date for online comments is the 12 December 2020.

NFDC Cllr S Davies highlighted the visit to the New Milton Sand & Ballast Downton site on the 13 October concerning its restoration which was well attended by Cllrs and the plans for potential green space which will be accessible to the public.

Cllr S Davies also referred to community grant requests which will be going to the next level of discussion in the New Year.

192. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chairman asked Committee Chairmen to present their minutes in their entirety and not minute by minute.

a) Planning Committee

Cllr Clarke submitted the minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings held on 8 and 22 October, plus 5 November 2020 and moved their adoption.

Minute 323 was noted, being application 20/10994 - Brockwood, 42 Barton Common Lane going to Planning Committee at NFDC on the 11 November. This application was subsequently refused at District.

It was then

**RESOLVED:**

***That the Minutes 296 to 324 inclusive be received.***

b) Amenities Committee

Cllr Blunden, Chairman of the Amenities Committee, submitted the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 19 October 2020 and moved their adoption.

The Chairman referred to minute 214a) regarding the breaking of COVID-19 rules on the Skate Park. There have currently been no further reported problems and the Youth Services Manager is drawing up a rota for Councillors to engage with the young people in pairs. Any Councillors wishing to be a part of the rota should contact the YSM.

It was then

**RESOLVED:**

***That the Minutes 202 to 216 inclusive be received.***

Cllr F Carpenter left the meeting at 7.06pm.

c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

Cllr Davies, Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, submitted the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 2 November and moved their adoption.

It was

**RESOLVED:**

***That Minutes 185 to 198 inclusive be received.***

d) Executive Committee

Cllr K Craze, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee, submitted the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 16 October and moved their adoption.

It was

**RESOLVED:**

***That Minutes 73 to 82 inclusive be received.***

193. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Schedule of Payments, previously circulated, was submitted for Council approval.

It was unanimously

**RESOLVED:**

***That the Schedule of Payments 04/20/21 in the sum of £77,580.46 for the period 1 - 30 September 2020 be approved.***

The Schedule of Payments will be signed when normal course of business returns.

194. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Cllr Wallis-Dowling said that the COVID Support Group has been quieter during the second lockdown with Zoom support chats available to members of the public. The Chairman thanked the group for all their work on behalf of the Town.

195. TOWN DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The Chairman referred to the latest report from the Town Development Manager, previously circulated, which was noted by members.

196. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

It was noted that the Town Council Office will remain shut until at least the 2 December in accordance with Government Guidelines.

197. NEXT MEETING

The next Town Council Meeting will take place on **Monday 4 January 2021** at 6.30pm.

The Chairman thanked members of the public and press for attending and closed the public part of the meeting at 7.10 pm.

**PRIVATE SESSION**

***The Chairman will move that Pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is hereby resolved to exclude the public and the press from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.***

198. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members discussed the Neighbourhood Plan Delivery Core Values and agreed that a workshop should take place in order to update all members.

The Chairman thanked members and officers for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm

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

Distribution:

Town Councillors

District Councillor Mrs J L Cleary

County Councillors M Kendal, F Carpenter, K Mans

New Milton Police

Press

Alan Watson – Focus & NMRA

Mark Jeffries – Estates & Facilities Manager