

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2023 AT 6.30 PM AT NEW MILTON TOWN HALL

Councillors: p	K E Craze (Chairman)	p	R Murrow (Vice-Chairman)
	M Brownsea	p	D A Rice-Mundy
p	G R Blunden	p	D Samber
p	S J Clarke	p	V E Schooling
	M Craze	p	A D O'Sullivan
p	S P Davies		D N Tungate
p	D E Hawkins		C V Ward
	R A Reid		J G Ward
p	H Wallis-Dowling		

In Attendance:

G Flexman - Town Clerk

J Hayward – Comms Officer

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and Officers, one member of the public and a press representative.

94. APOLOGIES

Cllrs M Brownsea, M Craze, A Reid, N Tungate, C Ward, and J Ward

95. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Chairman reported on his recent engagements:

26 January 2023	Meeting with Don Woodward from Drews with TDM
27 January 2023	Attended a police meeting with local shopkeepers & TDM
5 February 2023	Attended Annual Civic Service at Ashley Baptist Church

96. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

97. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 3 January 2023 and moved their adoption.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 3 January 2023, previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

98. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to the following:

- a. An email from Jo Braid-Brown, Elections Project Officer, New Forest District Council, with guidance and timetable for the Local Elections being held on Thursday 4 May 2023. Copy Bulletin 2 attached.

99. QUESTIONS – None100. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr S Davies joined NFDC Coastal Team and the Beach Huts Owners Association on inspection visits to Hordle Cliff and Milford on Sea, and noted the increasing level of cliff erosion. He also reported on visiting the Exxon Refinery at Fawley, the largest in Europe, and meeting with Exxon management.

Cllr S Clarke attended an interesting licensing meeting at NFDC as well as providing guidance to two local residents in need.

Cllr G Blunden attended the local PCC Panel receiving a presentation from the PCC justifying the increase in precept of £15 per household. This increase will go towards recruitment of 50 extra police, in addition to the current recruitment of 600 police officers.

The challenges of the national 101 call centres were noted and the improvements required across the country.

Cllr A O'Sullivan referred to engagements undertaken in his role as NFDC Chairman, attending the funeral of Graham Parkes, former councillor at Hythe & Dibden, and the funeral of our own Cllr Alan Rice at St Mary Magdalene Church last Friday that was well attended.

101. COMMITTEE REPORTSa) Planning Committee

Cllr S Clarke, Chairman of the Planning Committee, submitted the minutes of the Committee meetings held on 19 and 31 January 2023 and moved their adoption.

Cllr S Clarke referred to minute 203 and the outcome of the application for land east of Brockhills Lane being granted at NFDC Planning.

There will be a public consultation about the traffic management plan which will involve the developers, NMTC Cllrs & Officer input.

RESOLVED:

That Minutes 183 to 204 inclusive of the meetings held on 19 and 31 January 2023, be received.

b) Amenities Committee

Cllr G Blunden, Chairman of the Amenities Committee, submitted Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2023 and moved their adoption.

RESOLVED:

That Minutes 93 to 112 inclusive of the meeting held on 23 January 2023 be received.

c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

Cllr S Davies, Vice Chairman of the F&GP Committee, submitted the minutes of F&GP Committee meeting held on 30 January 2023 and moved their adoption.

RESOLVED:

That Minutes 84 to 96 inclusive of the meeting held on 30 January 2023 be received.

102. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

The Schedule of Payments, previously circulated and endorsed by F&GP, was submitted for Council approval. It was unanimously,

RESOLVED:

That the Schedule of Payments No 06/22/23 in the sum of £104,847.07 for the period 1 – 31 December 2022 be approved.

The Schedule of Payments was duly signed.

103. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Cllr B Murrow reported that the Canteleu Tall Ships Festival takes place from 8 June and councillors are welcome to attend. Further details will be shared in due course.

Cllr A O'Sullivan reported on the Hampshire Cultural Trust restructuring programme which included Forest Arts New Milton. Activities and events will carry on.

104. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 2, Calendar of Meetings 2023, revised with a couple of changes – highlighted in yellow. Amenities Committee on Tuesday 28 February 2023 and Allotments AGM on Monday 23 October 2023.

Cllr Davies asked if the Annual Towns Meeting on Monday 20 March would be affected by the pre-election period (Purdah). The Town Clerk will check this with NFDC, although its is not a Town Council meeting as such.

RESOLVED:

That the Calendar of Meetings dated 30 January 2023 for the year 2023 be adopted, subject to clarification of the Annual Towns Meeting.

105. COUNCIL PROJECTS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, List of Council Projects, to be considered at Execs Meeting on Friday 17 February 2023.

Members noted the list of 9 projects at this stage.

106. WORKING PARTIES

The Chairman referred to Appendix 4, List of Working Parties, being separate from the list of Council Projects now.

107. TOWN DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The Chairman referred to the TDM Report which was noted by members.

108. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT:

The Chairman mentioned the continuing development of the Coop store in Barton which is taking its time.

Cllr Clarke advised that Speedwatch may return to the town and a potential Speedwatch Coordinator would get in touch with Police regarding the initiative.

109. NEXT MEETING – **Monday 27 March 2023 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall.**

Democratic Half Hour None

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Distribution:

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