

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 9 MAY 2022 AT 6.30PM AT NEW MILTON TOWN HALL

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

In Attendance:

G Flexman - Town Clerk

T Elliott – Assistant Town Clerk

H Ormerod – Administrative Assistant

J Bean, Committee/Comms Admin Assist

The Chairman welcomed Councillors, Officers, and 3 members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES - Cllrs S Clarke, D Rice-Mundy, H Wallis-Dowling and J Ward.
2. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR/CHAIRMAN FOR 2022/2023

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr K Craze in the Chair.

The Town Clerk read out a nomination for Chairman of the Council for 2022/23. Cllr K Craze was proposed by Cllr B Murrow and seconded by Cllr G Blunden.

There being no other nominations

It was then

RESOLVED:

That Cllr K Craze be appointed Chairman/Mayor of the Council to remain in office until the next Annual meeting of the Council in 2023.

Cllr K Craze duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Mayor.

3. ELECTION OF DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR/VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR 2022/23

The Chairman of the Council, Cllr K Craze in the Chair.

The Chairman called for nominations for Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor of the Council for 2022/23. The Town Clerk read out a nomination for Vice-Chairman for 2022/23.

Cllr R Murrow was proposed by Cllr K Craze and seconded by Cllr G Blunden.

There being no other nominations

It was then

RESOLVED:

That Cllr R Murrow be appointed Vice-Chairman/Deputy Mayor of the Council to remain in office until the next Annual Meeting of the Council in 2023.

Cllr R Murrow then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Deputy Mayor.

4. TO APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2022/23

The Chairman advised that the membership of Standing Committees comprising 9 Councillors on each would be the same as the previous year.

The names of Councillors for each Committee remain as follows:

a) Finance & General Purposes Committee

That membership of the F & GP Committee for 2022/23 is as follows:

S J Clarke	K Craze	S Davies
R A Reid	A D O'Sullivan	D N Tungate
J G Ward	G Blunden	M Brownsea

b) Amenities Committee

That membership of the Amenities Committee for 2022/23 is as follows:

G Blunden	D E Hawkins	A D O'Sullivan
B Murrow	V E Schooling	M Craze
A W Rice	D A Rice-Mundy	C V Ward

c) Planning Committee

That membership of the Planning Committee for 2022/23 is as follows:

S J Clarke	D E Hawkins	S P Davies
R A Reid	K E Craze	D N Tungate
B Murrow	D Samber	H Wallis-Dowling

d) Executive Committee

The Executive Committee comprises Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council and Chairs of Standing Committees.

5. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO EXTERNAL BODIES

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, a schedule of existing appointments to external organisations.

Members then agreed the schedule of representatives to external bodies for 2022/23 with the addition of Cllr M Craze as representative on the Friends of the Indian Obelisk.

6. TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2022/23

The Chairman moved that the proposed Calendar of Meetings (Appendix 2) having been circulated to all members prior to the meeting be adopted noting the addition of the Annual Towns meeting on 20 March 2023.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That the attached Calendar of Meetings for 2022/23 be approved and adopted.

7. TO CONFIRM AUTHORISED CHEQUE SIGNATORIES FOR THE COMING YEAR

It was agreed that the number of approved signatories is restricted to the Executive members and regular visitors to the Council offices.

8. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 28 March 2022.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28 March 2022, having been circulated, be confirmed, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The minutes were duly signed.

9. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, and the General Power of Competence.

It was then

RESOLVED:

That the Town Council still meets the criteria to take on the General Power of Competence and resolves to continue to do so, subject to the guidance notes previously approved and adopted by the Town Council.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to the following items of correspondence:

- a) An e-mail from Cllr S Davies in his capacity as portfolio holder for the Environment and Coastal Services at NFDC, confirming that each Town and Parish Council would be offered one day free parking and it was agreed that 3 June 2022 be requested for New Milton to tie in with the Town's main Platinum Jubilee event on the Friday Bank Holiday.

- b) An e-mail from Inspector Ord tendering apologies for the meeting. The Town Clerk had responded requesting a commitment from the Police that a representative attend Town Council meetings on a quarterly basis. He emphasised the importance of joint working particularly in relation to on-going problems associated with anti-social behaviour on the Recreation Ground in the Town Centre and at Ashley Rec.

11. QUESTIONS – None

12. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

NFDC Cllrs N Tungate, A O’Sullivan, G Blunden, K Craze and C Ward had nothing of local interest to report.

NFDC Cllr S Davies provided an update on the Waste Strategy which needed to be approved by the Panel, Cabinet and Full Council by 17 July 2022. The draft strategy had been presented to NFALC, National Park Authority, Verderers and Forestry England.

He had attended a site visit to Milford On-Sea with members of the coastal protection team to examine how the shape of the coastline was changing, using drones and infrared technology. The use of native planting to assist with slowing down the erosion process would be investigated.

Two double electric vehicle charging points are to be installed at Marine Drive West car park this year. The District Council had considered replacing the cardboard parking clocks with a plastic alternative however it was agreed that the current system remain in place for the next couple of years with a view to undertaking a full review of car parking payments including the use of clocks and pay machines. Crossmead Avenue Car Park would remain closed until metal height barriers are installed.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Planning Committee

Cllr R A Reid, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee, submitted the minutes of the Committee meetings held on 14 and 28 April 2022 and moved their adoption.

RESOLVED:

That Minutes 242 to 262 inclusive of the meetings held on 14 and 28 April 2022 be received.

b) Amenities Committee

Cllr G Blunden, Chairman of Amenities Committee submitted Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2022 and moved their adoption.

Noting minute 141 Vision Plan and minute 146 Additional SLR.

RESOLVED:

That Minutes 134 to 154 inclusive of the meeting held on 12 April 2022 be received.

c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

Cllr N Tungate, Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, submitted Minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2022 and moved their adoption.

Cllr G Blunden referred to minute 128 regarding the Youth report and reported that ASBOC had reopened and were providing outreach work on the Recreation Ground. It was crucial that ASBOC work closely with the Town Council to ensure the right approach and to share information. The Town Clerk had written to ASBOC requesting a meeting with ASBOC Trustees.

RESOLVED:

That Minutes 117 to 131 inclusive of the meeting held on 25 April 2022 be received.

14. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

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

RESOLVED:

That the Schedule of Payments No 08/21/22 in the sum of £93,103.09 for the period 1 – 31 March 2022 be approved.

The Schedule of Payments was duly signed.

15. NEXT MEETING **Monday 27 June 2022 at 6.30 pm at the Town Hall.**

The Chairman closed the public session of the meeting for the Democratic Half Hour.

DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

Julia Stamper representing NMRA reported that she was very pleased to see the draft Vision Plan for Fawcetts Field and specifically that the Community Garden had been included. She had formulated her response and would be meeting with the Town Clerk and Cllr G Blunden to discuss this following the next Amenities Committee meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.01pm.

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

**NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL
CALENDAR OF MEETINGS
Municipal Year 2022-23**

Month & Year	Town Council	Amenities Committee	F & GP Committee	Planning Committee
	Monday	Monday	Monday	Alternate Thursdays
May 2022 29 Jubilee Service	9 Annual Meeting	30	-	12 & 26
June 2022 3 Platinum Jubilee	27	-	13	9 & 23
July 2022 10 Indian Obelisk	-	12 (Tues)	25	7 & 21
August 2022 23 WWII - Clock	8	-	-	4 & 18
September 2022	-	5	19	1, 15 & 29
October 2022 24 Annual Allotments	3	17	31	13 & 27
November 2022 13 Remembrance	14	28	-	10 & 24
December 2022 3 Carol Service	-	-	19	8 & 22
January 2023	3 (Tues)	16	30	5 & 19
February 2023	13	27	-	2 & 16
March 2023	27 20 Annual Towns	-	13	2, 16 & 30
April 2023	-	11 (Tues)	24	13 & 27
May 2023 (Elections 4 May)	15 Annual Meeting	30 (Tues)	-	11 & 25

All meetings are normally held at 6.30pm in the Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, BH25 6AS
Members of the Public are welcome to attend any meeting and may speak as follows:

- a) If time permits, Town Council meetings will be adjourned at the end for a '**DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**' during which members of the Public, with the approval of the Chairman, may initiate discussion on matters of community interest and which fall within the responsibility of the Town Council.
- b) Prior to the commencement of other meetings, and at the discretion of the Chairman, a short period of Public Participation may take place. Members of the public may speak on any item(s) appearing on the public agenda, or on any other matter that falls within the Committee's terms of reference.

Annual Town's Meeting is a public meeting normally required by statute to be held in the period between 1 March and 1 June (inclusive) each year. **Note: It is not a Town Council meeting.** **Annual Meeting of the Council** - In a year of ordinary elections of parish councillors, the annual meeting shall be held within 14 days of the councillors elected at that election taking office.