

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 27 MARCH 2023 AT 6.30 PM AT NEW MILTON TOWN HALL

Councillors:	p K E Craze (Chairman)	p R Murrow (Vice-Chairman)	
	M Brownsea		D A Rice-Mundy
	p G R Blunden		D Samber
	p S J Clarke	p V E Schooling	
	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 H Wallis-Dowling		

In Attendance:

G Flexman - Town Clerk

J Hayward – Comms Officer

C Rabbito – Town Development Manager

The Chairman welcomed Councillors and Officers and one member of the public.

110. APOLOGIES

Cllrs M Brownsea, M Craze, D Rice-Mundy, D Samber and J Ward

111. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS / MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

The Chairman reported on his recent engagements:

24 February	NMTC meeting with Paul Brockman presenting the Countryside Academy
6 March	NMTC Annual Towns Meeting and COTY presentation
12 March	Attended the NFDC Chairman's Civic Service

The Chairman asked for a letter of thanks to be sent to Rev Andrew Bailey acknowledging his retirement in May.

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

113. MINUTES

The Chairman referred to the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13 February 2023 and moved their adoption.

It was

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 13 February 2023, previously circulated, be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

114. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to the following:

- a) Email correspondence from John Evans of New Milton Lions Club regarding their insurance cover for hosting Car Boots and sellers' 3rd party insurance. The Town Clerk confirmed that NMTC provide 3rd party insurance and will employ Stan Goodwin as Car Boot Supervisor starting 2nd April, that will mitigate the need for individual sellers' insurance.
- b) Confirming the appointment of Louise Beardmore to the post of Youth Services Coordinator starting on Monday 17 April.
- c) Email regarding an issue with NFDC providing a permit for charity collections on the Recreation Ground at the Easter Extravaganza on 8 April is being addressed with the Licensing Officer.

115. QUESTIONS – None116. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr S Davies attended a Hurst Spit Strategic Board meeting, which also included the Environment Agency, looking at a 100 year defence plan for this coastline.

Cllr S Clarke attended a NFDC meeting discussing fly-tipping and considerations for prevention and assistance to private land owners.

Cllr G Blunden had attended the opening of a soft play area at Ringwood Health & Leisure centre and was looking forward to investment in New Milton including the provision of heat source pumps to replace the boilers.

Cllr A O'Sullivan referred to NFDC's management of funds given out as relief to vulnerable households and businesses and the help this funding had provided.

Cllr K Craze referred to NFDC providing support to Ringwood Football Club in developing their pitches.

Cllr C Ward referred to NFDC's target of providing 600 new properties which is being achieved by buy backs and new builds.

Cllr N Tungate had nothing of relevance to New Milton to report.

117. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Planning Committee

Cllr S Clarke, Chairman of the Planning Committee, submitted the minutes of the Committee meetings held on 16 February, and 2 and 16 March 2023 and moved their adoption.

RESOLVED:

That Minutes 205 to 234 inclusive of the meetings held on 16 February and 2 and 16 March 2023, be received.

Cllr Clarke provided an update on minute 232 New Milton Family Hub noting that NFDC would provide a decision in early April.

b) Amenities Committee

Cllr G Blunden, Chairman of the Amenities Committee, submitted Minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2023 and moved their adoption.

RESOLVED:

That Minutes 113 to 129 inclusive of the meeting held on 28 February 2023 be received.

Cllr Clarke referred to public participation at that Amenities meeting particularly the proposed Mural at the Indian Memorial site. He confirmed his attendance at the Friends Committee meeting who would arrange a working party meeting to look at this area more fully.

Cllr Blunden provided an update to minute 128 and following on from the presentations about Ashington Park and Carrick Way it was noted that NFDC were investing £182k in CIL monies locally towards these mitigation projects.

Cllr Blunden also thanked the Estates & Facilities team for the beautiful display of daffodils opposite the Town Hall and outside Fawcetts Field entrance.

c) Finance and General Purposes Committee

Cllr N Tungate, Chairman of the F&GP Committee, submitted the minutes of F&GP Committee meeting held on 13 March 2023 and moved their adoption.

RESOLVED:

That Minutes 97 to 110 inclusive of the meeting held on 13 March 2023 be received.

d) Executive Committee

Cllr K Craze, Chairman of the Executive Committee, submitted the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings held on 17 February and 20 March 2023 and moved their adoption.

RESOLVED:

That Minutes 55 to 74 inclusive of the meetings held on 17 February and 20 March 2023 be received.

118. 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 07/22/23 in the sum of £185,036.29 for the period 1 January – 28 February 2023 be approved.

The Schedule of Payments was duly signed.

119. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Cllr O'Sullivan confirmed that Forest Arts offers various events and workshops and is well attended.

Cllr Murrow confirmed that a letter from the Canteleu Mayor Melanie Boulanger had been received with an invitation to the Armada event on 15-19 June 2023 and to RSVP by 14 April.

Cllr Murrow also confirmed that a date for opening the Dementia Allotment is yet to be announced but the 3 volunteers continue to maintain and look after the allotment. They are currently seeking a Volunteer Coordinator to oversee dementia matters generally.

120. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1, Calendar of Meetings 2023, previously circulated, showing deletion of 11 May Planning meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the revised Calendar of Meetings dated 27 March 2023 be approved.

121. TOWN DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

The TDM presented her report on recent activity which was noted by members.

There followed a discussion about the traffic congestion in and around New Milton due to various SGN road works including a road closure on the A337 at Chewton Glen. The Clerk was asked to pursue HCC Highways.

Concern was also voiced about the appalling condition of Station Road and the many potholes. Again, the Clerk will take the matter up with HCC Highways.

122. NEXT MEETING – **Monday 15 May 2023 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall.**

Democratic Half Hour None required.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

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