

NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

S U M M O N S

To All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the MEETING of NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL to be held at The Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, NEW MILTON BH25 6AS on MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2025 at 6.30 pm.

G P Flexman
Town Clerk

7 February 2025

Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, New Milton, BH25 6BZ (Tel: 01425-619120)

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

2. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS /MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest, noting Members have a dispensation to discuss and set a Budget & Precept for 2025-26.

4. MINUTES To confirm the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 6 January 2025.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

To receive and consider any correspondence the Chairman may wish to lay before the Council.

6. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

To receive information reports from County and District Councillors representing the Wards of New Milton on matters of interest to Town Councillors and the local community.

7. REFERRED ITEM To consider a referred item from F&GP Committee. **Appendix 1**

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS To receive the minutes of the Standing Committees detailed below and consider the recommendations contained therein.

a) Planning Committee: Minutes 168 to 197 inclusive of the meetings held on 15 and 30 January plus 11 February 2025.

b) Amenities Committee: Minutes 79 to 91 inclusive of the meeting held on 20 January 2025.

c) Finance & General Purposes Committee: Minutes 86 to 101 inclusive of the meeting held on 3 February 2025.

9. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

To approve the Schedule of Payments No 07/24/25 in the sum of £311,917.18 for the period 1 November – 31 December 2024, endorsed by F&GP on 3 February 2025.

10. COUNCIL BUDGET / PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2025/2026
 - a) To approve next year's Budget of £1,450,227 as endorsed by the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 10 December 2024, and
 - b) To approve a revised Precept of £1,450,227 being £33,500 more than before in order to cover any increased costs, eg. PWLB repayments. **Appendix 2**
11. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

To receive information reports from Town Councillors serving on outside bodies.
12. TOWN DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

To receive TDM report including update on the Neighbourhood Plan. **Appendix 3**
13. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

To receive latest report from the Council's Communications Officer. **Appendix 4**
14. NEXT MEETING: Monday 31 March 2025 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall.

DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR

A period of public participation known as the DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR will, at the Chairman's discretion, take place at the end of the Public Session at meetings of the full Council. Members of the public who wish to speak must provide their name and address and details of the subject or item they wish to speak on. The Chairman will advise the member of the public that no speech will exceed 3 minutes except by consent of the Chairman. Normally, only one member of the public may speak in support of, and one against each issue, subject to the Chairman's discretion (Standing Orders – Page 15).

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.

(If required)

Distribution:

Town Councillors
District Councillors Mrs J L Cleary
County Councillor M Kendal, K Mans, F Carpenter
New Milton Police
NMRA
Press



Minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee of New Milton Town Council held on Monday 3 February 2025 at 6.30 pm in New Milton Town Hall.

Chairman	p	D N Tungate
Vice-Chairman	p	A D O'Sullivan
<u>Councillors:</u>	p	J Adams
	p	G R Blunden
	p	S J Clarke
	p	M Scott-Johns
	p	W Davies
		R Maynard
	p	R A Reid

94. REFERRED MATTER

The Chairman referred to Appendix 3, a Recommendation from the Amenities committee:
"RECOMMENDED: That the uprights of the new car park barrier along Barton Common Road be painted green, while retaining the yellow crossbar."

Cllr S Clarke stated that car park barriers are generally painted yellow for reasons of Health and Safety and Insurance, he felt the barrier should remain yellow. Cllr Reid agreed. Cllr G Blunden also agreed, advising that he had not been at the Amenities meeting.

Cllr S Clarke proposed that the F&GP Committee did not endorse the recommendation. The Chairman agreed, and said the matter would be decided at the next Town Council meeting.



PRECEPT 2025/26

Please complete the highlighted cells in table A and B (if appropriate), and return the form **SIGNED and DATED** to Julie Dunsdon in Accountancy, not later than the 15 January 2025.

TABLE A: Amount required by Town / Parish Council in 2025/26 (to the nearest £).

	Council Tax Requirement (Note 1)	Tax Base	Council Tax Per Band D (Note 2)
2024/25	£ 1,325,429	Properties 10,619.40	£ 124.81
2025/26	1,450,227	10,741.00	135.02
Variation (Increase + / Decrease -)	124,798	121.60	10.21

Signed:

Dated:

Notes:

1. This is the total amount you will receive from the Council, in two instalments.
2. Once you have completed the highlighted cell, your Band D Council Tax level for 2025/26 will be shown in the last column.

PRECEPT REQUEST FOR NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

PRECEPT 2025/26

TABLE B: Analysis of Income and Expenditure - For completion by Authorities precepting over £100,000 only.

2024/25				2025/26		
Gross Expend £	Income £	Net Expend £		Gross Expend £	Income £	Net Expend £
		0	Planning & Economic Development			0
650,420	-96,410	554,010	Recreation & Tourism	766,219	-95,268	670,951
0		0	Housing			0
817,019	-12,100	804,919	Other Services	791,376	-12,100	779,276
		0	Contribution to Funds			0
	-33,500	-33,500	Transfers from/to balances		0	0
1,467,439	-142,010	1,325,429	Council Tax Requirement (Precept)	1,557,595	-107,368	1,450,227
		0				0

Appendix 2

Town Development Manager Report
For Town Council Meeting 17th February 2025

1. *Neighbourhood Plan Review – Informal Public Engagement.*

The Neighbourhood Plan is going to informal public engagement on the 10th – 21st March 2025.

The engagement will involve an online survey, on which the public can comment on the amendments, updates and additions to the NP. Since the NP was made in 2021, a number of changes have occurred both locally and nationally. With new approaches to climate change, active travel and building design, we need to reflect these changes in our policies.

The public will be given the opportunity to comment on these policies, which also consider housing needs, the town's heritage buildings, walking and cycling, local shops, and development opportunities. Advertising has already gone out in NMTC's e-news and social media, as well as Focus and Prince's publications for the month of February - and look out for posters on our Town Council noticeboard and public buildings.

There will also be an advert on the A&T website and social media post from 3 March, and a Banner advert on the A&T daily e-newsletter from 10 March. Further advertising for the engagement will be found in the New Milton Advertiser & Times on Friday publication dates of 28th February and 7th March 2025.

Drop-in sessions will be held on Friday 14 March (3-7) and Saturday 15 March (9-1) at New Milton Town Hall.

2. *Neighbourhood Plan Review – Technical Packages*

New Milton Town Council has been awarded further funding via Locality to support the review process of the Neighbourhood Plan. Funding in the form of technical packages includes:

- Housing Needs Assessment (HNA)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and
- Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA)

3. *Cookery Classes*

I received some good news from Coastal Medical and cookery tutor Natasha Beatty on the low carb cookery classes. Set to return this year, with a planned start of February the new cookery courses will be held once a month with an aim to increase the courses should further funding be found. Support for the cookery classes was achieved via monies left to the practice for patient health purposes.

4. *Police Beat Surgeries*

Details of forthcoming Police Beat Surgeries are as follows:

- Wednesday 12 February at the Nedderman Centre, starting 9.00am
- Thursday 13 February at The Arnewood School, starting at 7.00pm
- Thursday 6 March at the NM Community Centre, starting 6.30pm
- Monday 17 March at Barton Methodist Church, starting 1.00pm

Local businesses, residents and Town Councillors are encouraged to attend these local community events.



Comms Officer Report

February 2025

Update on New Website

1. Website content has been created, and formatting of the various pages is being finalised.
 2. Currently reviewing typos, page links, and minor fixes.
 3. Outstanding items to be completed by the web designer include the development of forms to be added to the website, to enable website users to complete and submit through the website:
 - Booking form for events on the Recreation Ground
 - Allotment application form
 - Grant Aid application
 - Job Application form
 - COTY nomination form
 - Online payment function to be installed using World Pay and Woo Commerce.
 4. We received excellent feedback from New Forest Mencap and New Forest Disability Service who were given a preview of our new website as a work in progress. They were delighted to be asked to contribute.
 5. Positive feedback has also been received from Councillors and Officers offering some suggestions which will be reviewed as appropriate.
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Proposed News Articles/Press Releases

February 2025	Planting 11 disease resistant elm trees received from Hampshire Forest Partnership
February 2025	Good news stories from Youth Services
March 2025	Outcome of Mayor's Tea Party
March 2025	Confirm performers for afternoons of music
March 2025	E-news sharing upcoming council meetings, events, community news
March 2025	Launch of new website



Community Engagement

1. Dementia Community Forum

A meeting was arranged in November 2024 for local Dementia Community contacts to come together at the Town Hall to talk about dementia services in New Milton. We welcomed representatives from Oakhaven, Engleburn, Kingfishers, Dementia Allotment, and Coastal Medical Partnership.

We had a broad conversation about the dementia journey and how accessible support is to the community. The plan is to meet again in the future to review services and share news.

2. Youth Services

- **Forum** – working with Louise and Joy to bring together Youth contacts to promote Ashley Youth & Family Hub and our aims and objectives.
- **Arnewood School** – working with Louise and Joy to strengthen relationship with Arnewood and encourage engagement between the Student Council and Town Council.

3. NP Engagement

Working to a Comms Plan with Chiara promoting the NP engagement period from 10 – 21 March 2025.