



NEW MILTON
T O W N C O U N C I L

Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee for New Milton Town Council, held on
Thursday 17 September 2026 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall.

<u>Councillors:</u>	Chairman	p	S J Clarke	
	p	S P Davies		
	p	W B Davies	p	D E Hawkins
	p	R Maynard	p	P M Moores
		B Murrow	p	R A Reid
	p	B M Scott-Johns		

Officer: Theresa Elliott – Assistant Town Clerk

There was 1 member of the public in attendance and no public participation.

84. APOLOGIES

Cllr B Murrow had tendered his apologies.

85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

86. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

87. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2026 be agreed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

88. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting clerk advised the following from the action points.

Minute 79 – the query regarding the colour of proposed Bowls Club new fence had highlighted that the colour plan had still not been made visible on the New Forest District Council website. This has now been remedied. It will be green.

Minute 86a – contact had been made to New Milton Sand and Ballast regarding the start date of development at Ashley Manor Farm, but no response had yet come forward. It will be circulated once known.

Minute 86b – New Forest District Council Planning Enforcement had advised that they had visited the site of 18 Marine Drive again in mid-August and are of the opinion that, due to the screening provided by a substantial hedge and 1.8m brick wall, the condition of the site does not adversely impact the amenity of the surrounding area. Therefore, a Notice under section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act would not be justified.

89. LIST OF APPLICATIONS

The list of applications for the periods ending 2 and 9 September 2026 were considered (see attached list).

During debate on 26/10818, Cllr Reid became concerned he may know the applicant, therefore took no part in debate or vote.

90. LIST OF DECISIONS

The list of decisions for periods ending 2 and 9 September 2026 were noted (see attached list).

91. NATIONAL SCHEME OF DELEGATION

As per minute 52a, the new Scheme of Delegation comes into effect nationally on 31 October 2026. There was a brief discussion about the new system

- a) not being viewed as democratic;
- b) having been rejected by New Forest District Council Planning Committee; and
- c) being a central government change, which all Local Planning Authorities, minus National Parks, must comply with.

It was then RESOLVED that

This committee would alter wording of recommendations from Thursday 29th October 2026 meeting.

It was noted that any delegation preference made meantime may be disregarded, should an application not be determined before 31 October.

92. CORRESPONDENCE

a) New Milton Post Office

Although the meeting clerk has contacted Post Office headquarters to get some idea of numbers of interested parties, general location, timescales etc, the response has not provided any detail requested. However, it did state '*we are committed to finding a solution for New Milton and can confirm that we are currently in dialogue with an interested party*'. They have stated they will update the community as soon as they can share further information.

b) Temporary Closure of footpath

Hampshire County Council have advised that the footpath running south west from Christchurch Road towards Milford Road will be closed from 11 September to 21 February 2026, to allow repairs to the bridge.

c) Bowls Club fence application

This Town Council application number 26/10607 is due to be resolved by 6 October, therefore the outcome, expected to be positive, will be available for the next Amenities Committee meeting.

d) Beechwood Avenue shipping container

The container, still in position has been flagged for New Forest District Council Enforcement team again, as the timeframe given for removal has now passed.

e) New Forest District Council Local Plan

Due to Local Government Reorganisation the production of the Local Plan had been paused. However now LGR has been paused for the area, New Forest District Council have agreed at a meeting held 14 September, to transition towards the governments new plan-making framework. Carrying on with the previously agreed timescale would be increasingly risky, due to overall changes in the planning system and local government as a whole. The new approach will build on existing work, so will not be lost.

New Forest District Council will continue to review guidance and seek necessary clarification from MHCLG, work with neighbouring authorities and strategic partners so that the announcement on LGR does not become mixed up with Devolution proposals.

Developers, businesses, residents and landowners will be able to help shape the plan through public consultation at key stages of the process.

93. NEXT MEETING

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on **Thursday 1 October 2026** at 6.30pm in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.07pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Minute	Task	By whom	By when
91	Alter recommendations for member summaries	Meeting clerk	29/10/26

Distribution:

Town Councillors

District Councillor J L Cleary;

County Councillors F Carpenter, D Poole and J Vigor;

New Milton Police ; Press;

New Milton Residents Association.

List of Applications for the period 2 and 9 September 2026 – Minute 87.

Application No: **26/10750** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Mr Lloyd

Site: Rear of 74 Station Road

Proposal: Change of use from Commercial to x9 no. 1-bed Residential flats; extension at first floor level and new roof with dormers to facilitate creation of second floor; fenestration alterations. Refuse store and cycle parking.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity net gain.

Application No: **26/10778** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Godfrey

Site: 15 Appletree Close

Proposal: Replace conservatory roof with a part glazed solid roof

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity net gain.

Application No: **26/10788** Ward: Ashley South Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Mr B Carpenter

Site: 1 Belmont Road

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity net gain.

Application No: **26/10797** Ward: Barton & Becton Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Mr and Mrs G Knight

Site: 33 Seaward Avenue

Proposal: Increase in height of existing brick piers to front north facing garden wall to max. 1.8M, infill panels between piers.; install sliding electric gate.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity net gain.

Application No: **26/10798** Ward: Barton & Becton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr and Mrs G Knight
Site: 33 Seaward Avenue

Proposal: Side extensions; roof alterations including roof lights to facilitate creation of first floor; E.V. charging point and air source heat pump to side elevation; fenestration alterations and solar panels to roof.

NMTC Comment: STRONGLY OBJECT (NON-delegated)

Incongruous due full first floor of contemporary design and proposed roof form. This is a locality of traditional hipped roof bungalows with the occasional glimpse of first floor living via roof lights and dormers, and occasional house, again with hipped roof. Refer 'Building Format' text on page 72 and 'Key Dimensions' text on page 73 of Local Distinctiveness Study.

Application No: **26/10800** Ward: Barton & Becton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr R Robertson
Site: 2 Barton Croft

Proposal: Free standing solar shading pergola

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity net gain.

Application No: **26/10818** Ward: Ballard Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Miss S David
Site: April Folly, 14 Thoresby Court

Proposal: Replacement porch; additional window to front elevation

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity net gain.

Application No: **26/10820** Ward: Barton & Becton Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr O Stockwell
Site: 2 Wendover Close

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity net gain.

Application No: **26/10822** Ward: Ashley South Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr J Rees
 Site: Land of 1 Duncan Road

Proposal: Detached bungalow

NMTC Comment: OBJECT (Non-Delegated)

- (1) The spatial setting with narrow plot width is out of character contrary to Local Distinctiveness Study page 45 (Rhythms and Patterns)
- (2) Backland development
- (3) Overbearing nature to neighbours.

Application Number: **26/0432**

Ward Name: Milton

Location: Mallard Buildings, Station Road

Description Holm Oak x 5 Reduce, London Plane x 1 Reduce

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.

Application Number: **26/0433**

Ward Name: Ashley South

Location: 61 Brook Avenue North

Description Birch x 2

NMTC Comment: NMTC object to the felling of any tree unless it is dead, dying or dangerous, no longer of amenity value or otherwise agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer for exceptional reasons.

Application Number: **26/0449**

Ward Name: Ashley North

Location: 16 Thetchers Close

Description: Oak x 3 Reduce; Ash x 1 Reduce

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.

Application Number: **26/0451**

Ward Name: Ashley North

Location: 16 Little Bars Drive

Description: Oak x 1 Reduce

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.

Application Number: **26/0457**

Ward Name: Ashley North

Location: 10 Linford Close

Description Ash x 1 Fell; Oak x 1 Fell

NMTC Comment: NMTC object to the felling of any tree unless it is dead, dying or dangerous, no longer of amenity value, or otherwise agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer for exceptional reasons.

Application Number: **26/0467**

Ward Name: Barton & Becton

Location: 21 Atkinson Close

Description Oak x 1 Reduce

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.
