

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

The Old Clock House ~ 22 High Street ~ Milford-on-Sea ~ Hampshire ~ SO41 0QD



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

4th January 2011

Minutes of the **278th** meeting of the Parish Council held **Tuesday 4th January 2011** in the Church Hall Committee Room at 6.30 p.m.

MEMBERS

Mr. Julian Davis	p	Mr. Bob Bishop	p	Mr. Brian Giles	
Mrs. Susan Whitlock	p	Mr. Paul Noble	p	Mr Jim Read	p
Mrs. Maureen West	p	Mr. Peter Jennions	p	Mr. Mark Owen	
Mr David High	p	Mr Gary Watkins		Mrs Sophie Beeton	

IN ATTENDANCE

District Cllrs. Mel Kendal and Michael Pemberton
Chris March (A&T Reporter) & Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2011.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were none.
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** There were no members of the public present.
3. **APOLOGIES** Cllr. Giles (Convalescing) and Cllrs Beeton, Watkins and Owen (working).
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7TH DECEMBER 2010**

Cllr Bishop proposed that the minutes be adopted. Cllr Read seconded this proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 7th December 2010 were a true record of the meeting and were duly approved by the members and signed by the Chairman.

5. **COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS**

a) **Finance & General Purpose Committee Meeting held 13th December 2010**

Cllr Bishop reported on two matters from this meeting. Cllr Bishop said that there were two new projects being considered by the Council, the proposed new sea front Putting Green and Grazing at Studland Common and said that although the Parish Council were supporting both projects in principal, both would require further detailed planning and wider public consultation.

b) **Planning Committee Meeting held 7th December 2010**

Cllr Jennions dealt with these minutes.

Cllr Jennions said that the meeting just before Christmas had not been quorate and therefore no decisions had been taken. However, it was thought by members present that in view of the public attendance at this meeting it was appropriate to report on various matters of interest. Members of the public thanked the Parish Council for their support in rejecting one of the recent Ravenhurst planning applications.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Bishop and Jennions for their committee reports.

6. DRAFT THREE (3) BUDGET APPROVAL 2011-12

Cllr Bishop gave a summary report on the Budget proposals for the financial year 2011-12. Cllr Bishop said that due to the national financial picture, the precept for the year had been kept the same as 2010-11 and that difficult considerations had been taken into account by the working group who were unanimous in their recommendations of Draft 3 of the Budget to the Council. Cllr Bishop said that salaries, some administrative costs and maintenance budgets had been frozen and that there was no scope to increase income. Some planned improvements have been shelved and that the small contingency and windfall sums would be needed in part to help finance the degrading sea front play park grounds safety surface. A grant is being sought to cover four-fifths of the anticipated cost to make good the surface. Cllr Bishop said that in recommending the draft three budget report, there would be no scope for any other unbudgeted projects, which would have to be funded by other grants and or, sponsorship.

Cllr Bishop proposed that the recommendations of the working group be supported. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Read. There being no amendments put forward, members voted unanimously to approve the Draft 3 Budget recommendations.

It was **RESOLVED** that the presented Budget (Draft three) proposals be adopted.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Bishop, the working group and the Clerk for their efforts in producing a balanced, sensible and sustainable budget for 2011-12.

7. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

The Chairman invited Cllr Michael Pemberton to give his report.

Cllr Pemberton said that it would be important to make appropriate long-term maintenance arrangements for the proposed putting green and that care would need to be taken with regard to safety issues. Cllr Pemberton also welcomed the news that the new bus shelter for the Camden Hurst area has been progressed and that the order had been placed with the supplier.

Cllr Kendal was asked to give his report.

Cllr Kendal reported that the Government had cut its grant to the District by 15% (£2.7m). Cllr Kendal said that the county had spend an additional £2.5m over and above the normal £30m budget for repairing road surfaces. The Chairman asked whether Cllr Kendal could confirm that repairs to the bottom end of Barnes Lane are programmed. Cllr Kendal said that he would provide a schedule of works once the list had been updated.

Cllr West thanked the County and District Councils for their fine efforts in ensuring that streets were being cleared of rubbish and that gritting had been undertaken.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs Kendal and Pemberton for their reports.

8. PROJECT LEADER/REPRESENTATIVE/CLERK REPORTS AND UPDATES

SCHOOL PROJECTS ~ EVERTON JUNCTION and QUALITY COUNCIL STATUS: Nothing to report

MILFORD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP: Meeting being arranged.

TOURISM GROUP: A meeting has been arranged for later in January.

MILFORD ENVIRONMENT GROUP, TRAFFIC PARKING & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, TRADES AND BUSINESSES, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & KEYHAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS: Nothing to report.

KEYHAVEN RIVER USERS ADVISORY PANEL: Meeting being arranged in near future.

COASTAL PROTECTION, DRAINAGE, FLOODING & SEWERAGE: Nothing to report

MILFORD VILLAGE ASSOCIATION: It was agreed that as no further communication had been received from the Chairman of the MVA that this item will be removed from future agendas.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: Nothing to report.

HEALTH: Cllr Bishop said that a meeting of the new stakeholders had been held and that a new leaflet would be distributed throughout the parish, possibly via the Village Voice newsletter. Cllr Bishop said that a wide range of services and clinics were now being provided from the Memorial Hospital.

VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE, COUNCIL WEBSITE, SPORT: Nothing to report

YOUTH FACILITIES & YOUTH CLUB: It was reported that a new Senior Youth Worker was likely to be in place within the next few days.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Cllr Bishop reported that the Milford Pantomime would take place at the Village Community Centre from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd January and that tickets were still available.

NATIONAL PARK: Nothing to report.

PLEASURE GROUNDS ~ E-WGS:

1,000 Trees: The Clerk reported that grounds preparation work would be carried out on Sunday 9th January in readiness to plant a further 125 native sapling trees in the Pleasure Grounds. Once planted, this will bring the total number of new trees planted to one-thousand (1,000) since 2002 when the Woodland Grant Scheme was first introduced to help manage the grounds. One-hundred of these trees are being given to the project free of charge via the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and the balance of twenty-five trees will be sponsored by residents and members of the Milford Environment Group and Wildlife Recording Group. It is hoped that the school children and Beavers who have helped plant trees and carried out tasks within the Pleasure Grounds can be encouraged to come along and help plant the trees.

Dangerous Tree Works: The Clerk confirmed that work at The Boltons has been completed and that the trees in the Pleasure Grounds are being undertaken over the next few days. It is likely that there will be some churning up of the ground, which will be repaired in due course.

POLICE, EMERGENCY COMMITTEE, NEW FOREST ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS NEWSLETTER (Village Voice), HAMPSHIRE VILLAGES INITIATE and LOCAL PLAN POLICY MS-2: Nothing to report.

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Sites & Development Management Development Plan Document: The Clerk confirmed that the District Council will be holding a Public Consultation exhibition on the above to be held on Thursday 3rd February 2011 between 3.00 and 9.00pm. All members of the Parish Council are invited to attend and that every encouragement will be given to community residents to take part in this consultation process.

10 MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

The Old Mill: It was reported that The Old Mill had recently been sold

Sea front Clutter: Cllr Read said that he had recently walked the sea front and that much of the clutter had been removed and that NFDC should be congratulated on their work to date. Cllr Read suggested that Cllrs Bishop and Pemberton walk the sea front again to see if there were remaining items that still needed to be addressed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 7.00 pm

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Chairman

Date:.....