

**MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL**  
The Old Clock House ~ 22 High Street ~ Milford-on-Sea ~ Hampshire ~ SO41 0QD

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**31st October 2011**

Minutes of the **285th** meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 31st October 2011** in the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

**MEMBERS**

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| Mr. Julian Davis    | p | Mr. Bob Bishop     | p | Mr. Jim Read       | p |
| Mrs. Susan Whitlock | w | Mr. Paul Noble     | w | Mrs. Sophie Beeton | p |
| Mr. Chris Willard   | p | Mr. Peter Jennions | p | Mr. Ewan Brown     | p |
| Mr David High       | p | Mr Gary Watkins    | p | Mr. Tony Coleman   | p |

**IN ATTENDANCE**

District Cllr. Michael Pemberton ~ County Cllr. Alan Rice ~ Mr Mike Yung-Hok ~ Mr Chris Roberts and  
Brendan Walker (4 Delivery) ~ Roz Waters (A&T Reporter) & Parish Clerk

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** The Clerk declared a Personal Interest in the matter relating to the Pumping Station in Swallow Drive (Item 4).
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** None present
3. **APOLOGIES** Cllrs. Whitlock and Noble (Working).
4. **PROPOSED SITING OF SOUTHERN WATER PUMPING STATION EQUIPMENT ON PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AT SWALLOW DRIVE**

The Chairman invited representatives from 4Delivery (4D) to outline the proposed details of the new pumping station required as part of the sewerage infrastructure programme. Mr Walker (Technical Operations Manager) said that it would be important to house the equipment close to a suitable access point and that their first consideration was for it to be located along the rear wall of number 70 Swallow Drive. However, having reconsidered this location, 4D now believed that it would be aesthetically inappropriate in this position, which would have been highly visible from the road. Mr Walker felt that the equipment would be better positioned to the rear of the public open space and circulated a revised plan showing the proposed location. The 'above-ground' equipment would be enclosed within a 2.4m high palisade fence and would take up a space 10.3m long by 3.5m deep. The single 'vent-stack' is 4m high. The plan shows that sufficient screening will be incorporated into the plan to ensure that the equipment will, for the most part, be screened from users of Swallow Drive. Mr Walker said that the equipment could not be placed further back into the existing hedgerow as the ground dropped steeply in this location. Mr Yung-Hok said that access will only be required a few days each year for servicing and that it would be necessary to provide a suitable track across the grassed area for their vehicles. 4D said that they would install a grass-crete base, from which grass would quickly re-establish. Photographs of a similar installation were circulated for information. 4D said that there would be no discernible noise from the pumps and that there would be a duty pump and a standby pump installed. Electricity supply would be placed underground and a Wayleave will form part of the agreement. 4D said that they would not require a lay-by in Swallow Drive but would install a dropped-kerb. The Council said that some form of security measure to stop illegal entry onto the open space had been previously agreed and that 4D would be asked to bund both sides of the public open space leaving a narrow gap with a drop-down bollard for grass cutting and 4D service vehicles to access. Mr Yung-Hok said that they would consider a bund. Cllr Bishop said that he would not wish to see a bund in this location as he felt that there was too much interference with public open spaces. The Chairman said that maybe 4D would see what might be possible to alleviate local concerns.

Mr Yung-Hok said that the meeting had been helpful and that a formal planning application would be made soon and an agreement draft drawn up for consideration by the Council. The Chairman thanked 4Delivery for their attendance. All members of 4D left the meeting.

## **5. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 12th SEPTEMBER 2011**

Cllr Bishop proposed that the minutes of the meeting be approved. Cllr. High seconded this proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 12th September 2011 were a true record of the meeting and were duly approved by the members and signed by the Chairman.

## **6. COMMITTEE & OTHER REPORTS**

### **a) Finance & General Purpose Committee Meeting held 3rd October 2011**

Cllr Bishop dealt with these minutes. Cllr Bishop said that the Forestry Commission had agreed to help fund the Council to get rid of the Gaultheria in Sharvells Copse and that some Rhododendron would be retained along the footpath and along Blackbush Road until a public meeting had been called towards the end of the two year grace period given by the Forestry Commission to the Council to have all rhododendron removed. Cllr Bishop said that the Forestry Commission had revised their view of sycamore and that future management would be considered at the next F & GP meeting. There were no questions.

### **b) Planning Committee Meeting held 26th September 2011**

Cllr Read dealt with these minutes, which had already been adopted. There were no questions.

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

## **7. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS**

The Chairman invited Cllr Alan Rice to give his report. Cllr Rice spoke about:

- New Panel to consider grant aid
- New Income Generation Group
- Members delegated budget – cut from £10k to £8k and
- New direction for ‘museums’

Cllr Michael Pemberton reported on:

- The first meeting of the Keyhaven Forum ( NFDC Portfolio holder Cllr Colin Read, River Warden and Pete Durnell all to be invited to next meeting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at the Keyhaven Yacht Club. Cllr Pemberton extended a welcome to all Parish Councillors.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Pemberton for getting this Forum underway.

## **8. PROJECT LEADER/REPRESENTATIVE/CLERK REPORTS AND UPDATES**

**SCHOOL PROJECTS** Cllr Davis said that Ofsted had recently completed their vigorous inspection of the School and that they had received 24 class 1 grades and 3 class 2 grades, which put the school in the top 1 or so % of schools nationally. This is an outstanding and very rare achievement. Cllr Davis said that children living in this catchment can attend an outstanding Pre-School, Primary School, Priestlands Secondary School and Brockenhurst College.

Cllr Rice said that the success at the Primary School was down to the enthusiasm of everyone involved at the school and especially of Cllr Davis as Chairman of Governors. It was agreed that the Council would write to the two Head Teachers at the Pre-School and Primary School to thank them for their exceptional work.

**EVERTON JUNCTION Intelligent Traffic Light solution:** The Clerk reported that he had received an email communication from an Everton resident who had forwarded a copy of HCCs Mr Ken Thornber’s letter stating that an intelligent Traffic Light system will be installed at the junction when funds permit and that speed checks along the A337 between Efford and just beyond the Everton junction had concluded that the road at this point should be reclassified with a 40mph speed restriction.

**MILFORD COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP:** Cllr Bishop said that a meeting had been held a few weeks back and that new members had attended. A further meeting would take place before the end of the year.

**TOURISM:** Cllr Bishop said that the Tourism Group had met. A further post-season meeting would be organised.

**ENVIRONMENT GROUP:** Cllr Bishop said that the Grazing Project public consultation document would be distributed in the next week or two by members of the Group and that we were just awaiting the detailed land survey map produced by John Fooks – Land Surveyor to arrive. The Clerk said that the draft survey document had been circulated to all members for comment. Two members responded saying that they thought the draft well balanced.

Cllr Bishop said that the conservation groups had cleared some gaultheria from parts of Sharvells Copse.

**TRAFFIC ~ PARKING & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:** Cllr Jennions said that a meeting is being called for **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 6.30pm in the Parish Office** and that all members are invited to attend. Invitations will be sent to members of the earlier working group and new people who had expressed an interest.

**TRADES & BUSINESSES:** Cllr Coleman said that a new restaurant ‘The Raft’ will replace Belle Époque in the near future.

**KEYHAVEN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS:** Cllr Willard reported that the replacement Royal Mail post-box project appears to have failed, despite alternative land being offered and funds to pay for a replacement box. Cllr Willard said that the telephone box, which has been out of use for 2-3 years, is to be repaired. Replacement parts have been authorised by BT and should be fitted soon.

**KEYHAVEN FORUM:** See Cllr Pemberton’s report under item 7.

**COASTAL PROTECTION:** Cllr Bishop suggested that the papers sent out by the Parish Office on the future of Coastal Protection could be looked at closer to the time when NFDC Coastal Engineer Steve Cook and Dr Andrew Bradbury visit, which would be later in the year or sometime in the spring of 2012. It should be noted that changes to the way Government funds coastal protection works in the future will change.

**VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE COMMITTEE:** Cllr Bishop said that the VCCC AGM will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> November in the Community Centre.

**SPORT:** The Clerk reported that the Bowling Club draft lease amendments are currently with Hugh Whitlock Solicitors and that the Council is awaiting his comments. The Bowling Club now wish the Council to place the order with the contractor to replace the surrounding fencing along the eastern and northern boundaries of the green. The Club has offered to pay £1,736 towards the cost of the work, which is the difference between the grant (£350) the Council has agreed to contribute towards the project and the total cost (excluding VAT). This matter will be placed onto the next F & GP meeting agenda for resolution.

**NATIONAL PARK:** Cllr Beeton asked if anyone was available to attend the next Panel Meeting on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Cllr Beeton also reminded members that the National Park Headquarters moves to Lymington Town Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> November. [ Cllr Beeton noted that the following was missing from the previous minutes: That the NFNPA planning committee were allowing Parish & Town Councillors only to speak for as long as necessary in order to put across all valid points to members, but would NOT be allowed to speak again ].

**PLEASURE GROUNDS – WOODLAND MANAGEMENT:** Cllr Beeton said that she had recently attended a Wood-Fuel Conference and that it was possible that the Council might be able to manage sycamore in a long-term sustainable way through the harvesting (coppicing and pollarding) of trees for wood fuel. Cllr Beeton thought that it would be possible to appoint volunteers and contractors to undertake this work at little or no cost. Cllr Beeton said that she would report fully on this project at the next F & GP meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that subject to application acceptance, the Forestry Commission were offering to pay a grant of £840 over the next four-years for the removal of Gaultheria from Sharvells Copse. The Clerk said that this was a 50% contribution towards the overall cost of the herbicide (glyphosate) and a licenced operator to undertake the work.

**STUDLAND COMMON GRAZING PROJECT:** Reported under Environment Group above.

**NEWSLETTER:** The Clerk reminded members that if they had anything that they wanted included in the next issue of the Village Voice, it was important to let him have the text by Noon Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE:** Nothing to report.

**11. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

Cllr Beeton said that a New Forest Bus Tour and Cycle Routes working group meeting will take place in the Parish Office on 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. There will be two presentations and all members are invited to attend.

The Clerk reported that 11 year old Maja Peglar would be raising funds for Children in Need on the Village Green on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. The theme will be ‘Bake a Difference’. Mrs Peglar (proprietor of Bon Appetit) will be in close attendance.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 7.30 pm

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Chairman

Date:.....

**THESE MINUTES HAVE NOT BEEN CONFIRMED**