

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 3rd DECEMBER 2018

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the 365th of the Parish Council held **Monday 19th November 2018** in the Village Hall Church at 6.30 p.m.

MEMBERS

Mr. Bob Bishop	p	Mr. Matthew Goode	p	Mrs. Susan Whitlock	p
Mr. Tim Cowell	p	Mr. Peter Jennions	p	Mr. Ivan Chandler	p
Mrs. Patricia Banks	p	Mr. Donald Darbshire	p	Mr. Kenneth Cameron	p
Mrs. Pauline Taylor		Mrs. Jane Coster			

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Fran Carpenter, Roz Waters (Lymington Times).

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Taylor & Coster, District Cllr Hopkins.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd OCTOBER 2018:**
The Chair referred to item 7. The work on Sea Road Toilet Block has been delayed to undertake a bat survey.
The Chair referred to item 10. A letter to the local MP is being drafted.
Cllr Cowell proposed the minutes be approved, Cllr Goode seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour of the Minutes being approved.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **22nd October 2018** was a true record of the meeting and were duly adopted and signed by the Chair.

5. **PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 1st OCTOBER 2018:**
Draft minutes had been circulated.
Cllr Bishop commented on the positive response and outcome for the Merlin application.
6. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**
 - a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018:**
The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated copies of the Expenditure Report for the above period.
The Clerk highlighted several unusual expenditure items.
Members voted unanimously that the Expenditure Report be approved.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Expenditure Report for **October 2018** was a true record of expenditure and were duly adopted and signed by the Chair.

- b) **INCOME REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018:**
The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated copies of the Income Report for the above period.
Members voted unanimously that the Income Report be approved.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Income Report for **October 2018** was a true record of expenditure and were duly adopted and signed by the Chair.

c) **BANK ACCOUNT STATEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 2018:**

The Clerk circulated reconciled Bank Statements for information.

d) **GRANT APPLICATION FROM MILFORD-ON-SEA CHARITABLE TRUST:**

Cllr Bishop suggested this recent request differed from previous applications as it was for a unified event. Cllr Whitlock suggested it would encourage additional much needed volunteers. Cllr Chandler suggested support was required for local charity work.

Cllr Goode proposed awarding £200. Members voted seven (7) in favour and two (2) abstentions.

It was **RESOLVED** that £200 be awarded to the Charitable Trust from the Community Support Fund.

e) **GRANT APPLICATION FROM MoS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (TOILETS IN HALL):**

Cllr Goode suggested that as hirers of the Village Hall it is not an obligation for the Parish Council to contribute towards additional upkeep of the building. Cllr Cowell suggested that the toilet facilities were in reasonable condition.

Members voted seven (7) against the request with 2 abstentions.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would not award funds to upgrade the toilet facilities in the village hall.

f) **GRANT APPLICATION FROM MoS VILLAGE ASSOCIATION (VILLAGE GREEN BENCH):**

Cllr Bishop reminded members that the Parish Council had previously agreed a new bench to be installed around the tree at the north west section of the village green.

Cllr Jennions proposed awarding £500. Cllr Goode seconded this proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour of this proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that £500 be awarded towards the cost of installing a circular bench on the Village Green in memory of Chris Monk from the Community Support Fund.

7. **REPLACEMENT OF VACANT PARISH COUNCILLOR POSITION:**

Cllr Goode suggested that, even though there was a short time until the next Parish Elections, the Parish Council should seek to fill the position vacated by Cllr Gina Maziere as soon as possible.

Members voted unanimously in favour of this suggestion.

It was **RESOLVED** that the vacant Councillor Position be filled as soon as possible.

8. **UPDATE ON SHOP CHRISTMAS TREES:**

Cllr Darbshire reported that currently 31 traders had agreed and paid for Christmas Trees, delivery of these was the first week in December and once decorated by the shop owner they would be placed on the fixings two days later. The Clerk reported that the Village Green Christmas Tree had also been ordered and additional lights purchased.

9. **WHAT SPEED INDICATOR TO PURCHASE:**

The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated details of the recommended Speed Indicator. Exact lamppost locations were going to be identified in the coming week and permission to mount the unit was going to be sought from HCC. Cllr Goode agreed to set up the data capture information with Parish Office Staff.

Cllr Whitlock requested obtaining details on when the larger sign and lights might be installed on the approached to the school. Clerk to investigate.

Members voted unanimously to purchase the recommended unit.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Evolis Radar Speed Sign be purchased at a cost of £2,200 including mounting brackets from the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund.

10. **NEW BENCH ON VILLAGE GREEN:**

Discussed under item 6f.

11. UPDATE ON NFDC LOCAL PLAN, MoS1 & MEETING WITH “SLAM” GROUP:

The Clerk reported that the public enquiry date for MoS1 has been set for 12th, 13th and 14th February 2019; however, the venue still had to be confirmed. Also, that NFDC’s Local Plan Review had been forwarded to the Inspectorate for review. Cllr Bishop reported that a successful meeting had been held with the “SLAM” group with several ideas exchanged.

12. UPDATE ON NEW LANE CARAVAN PARK DEVELOPMENT:

Cllr Bishop reported that the recent newspaper article indicated that the new owners of the caravan park were willing to meet with existing residents. Cllr Darbshire suggested that the removal of hedgerow was an illegal offence, the Clerk reported this was being dealt with by NFDC’s Legal Department. Cllr Goode suggested inviting the new owners to a meeting with the Parish Council to highlight both parties’ concerns. Cllr Whitlock confirmed that the recent retrospective application for the entrance wall had been refused. Cllr Goode requested confirmation that any development for a swimming pool would need planning permission, the Clerk confirmed this was the case. Cllr Bishop suggested that NFDC had acted reactively to ongoing situations instead of being proactive with site visits. Cllr Chandler considered the response should the developer ignore planning procedure. Cllr Banks suggested that a stop notice would be difficult on such a project and highlighted breaches in working practices regarding to working at weekends. Cllr Goode suggested writing again to NFDC but keeping the letter more positive with one or two bullet points.

13. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS:

County Cllr Carpenter reported that repairs at Everton Junction had been completed. She also reported that discussions were taking place regarding a cycle path from Everton to Lymington; Councillors expressed concern that this might affect free bus travel if there was an unbroken pathway. Cllr Carpenter informed members that monthly surgeries were going to be held, which would also include District Cllr Hopkins. She also reported attendance at the Milford remembrance services and had met with the Befrienders Group.

18. PROJECT LEADER/REPRESENTATIVE/CLERK REPORTS AND UPDATES:

A. Business, Education & Community

Cllr Bishop reported that the next tourism meeting was due on 29.11.2018 in the parish office.

B. Communication & Citizen Engagement

Cllr Whitlock reported that PC Ali Longworth is holding a monthly surgery in the Community Centre.

C. Environment & Open Spaces

The Parish Clerk highlighted several maintenance/conservation activities being undertaken in the Pleasure Grounds.

Cllr Cameron requested confirmation on tree pruning on trees without TPO’s. Clerk to investigate.

Cllr Bishop reported a recent sewerage issue along Gillingham Road. Parish Office to report any further incidences.

The Clerk reported that the new bench agreed for Studland Common was due to be installed the following week.

D. Groups & Societies

Cllr Banks report on the various District and New Forest groups that meet on a regular basis, she requested the Parish Office give notification of the meetings to members in advance.

There were discussions taking place to devolve the NFALC meetings into smaller meetings, making the topics more relevant to local Towns and Parishes. She reported that NFDC were looking to save on officer time but were likely to attend one annual meeting of NFALC.

Cllr Goode suggested caution on commenting at such a meeting if no executive decision had been given by the Parish Council.

Cllr Bishop confirmed that the process had worked well with the recent Neighbourhood Planning working group.

The Clerk agreed to forward agendas as soon as they were received so that Parish Councillors could then decide if they wanted to attend and to gain an executive decision from the Parish Council on a subject.

E. Health & Wellbeing

Cllr Banks reported on a recent meeting with New Forest Disability and although the Parish Council’s recent donation had not appeared in the organisations literature, it would do so next year.

Cllr Goode suggested obtaining costs of new defibrillators as well as undertaking a survey of existing village defibrillators to ascertain if there are any areas where new units could be placed.

Cllr Chandler suggested a unit at Barnes Lane Sports Pavilion.

Clerk to investigate.

F. Sea Front & Coastal Protection

Nothing to report.

G. Transportation & Infrastructure

Nothing to report.

14. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that Shorefields Holiday Park were discussing the bus shelter at Downton Lane at their next board meeting.

15. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION:

The Clerk reminded members that the meeting of 3rd December would be a joint planning and full council meeting. It was agreed the Silent Silhouette be removed when the Christmas trees were erected.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 8.00pm

..... Chairman

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