

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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



*These Minutes Will Be Approved At The Next Full Parish Council Meeting On
17th September 2018*

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the 361st of the Parish Council held **Monday 16th July 2018** in the Village Hall Church at 6.30 p.m.

MEMBERS

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Pitt (Asst. Parish Clerk), County Cllr Fran Carpenter, District Cllr Christine Hopkins
Roz Waters (Lymington Times), three members of the public.

- 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllrs Bishop and Whitlock stated an interest in Item 6d as Trustees of the Community Centre.
- 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** See below.
- 3. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Maziere, Chandler and Coster.

With the agreement of members, the Chair brought forward item 8.

8. COMMUNITY MEADOW:

Cllr Bishop stated the meadow had now been transferred to the Parish Council and the next step was to decide how best to clear it as it significantly overgrown. Large machinery is currently unable to access the site. The grazier had completed a site visit with the Parish Clerk and had recommended 30 cattle be placed on the meadow for a period of 3 weeks.

A member of the Milford Conservation Volunteers commented that any dung would be dispersed by the winter weather and that a water supply to the field would be needed if cattle were to graze the site.

Cllr Goode commented that local residents should be consulted if cows were to be temporarily placed there.

It was **RESOLVED** that clearance options should be more fully investigated and be reported to the next meeting.

With the agreement of members, the Chair brought forward item 13:

13. TREE WORKS FOLLOWING ANNUAL ROTATIONAL SURVEY

It was agreed that the report should be circulated and the area concerned walked by the parish Clerk and Cllrs Whitlock, Bishop and Darbishire. The item would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 7pm.

With the agreement of members, the Chair brought forward item 6d.

6. d. GRANT APPLICATION FROM COMMUNITY CENTRE YOUTH COMMITTEE:

Cllr Bishop passed the Chair to Cllr Goode for this item.

A representative of the Youth Committee explained the work of the committee and the benefits to the local community.

Cllr Goode commented there was provision in the budget for the sum requested and praised the work of the work of the committee for its positive benefits on the young residents of the parish.

Cllr Jennions proposed awarding £3000 to the Community Centre Youth Committee, Cllr Cowell seconded this proposal.

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| It was RESOLVED that £3000 be awarded to the Community Centre Youth Committee, paid from the Community Support Fund. |
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Cllr Bishop resumed the Chair.

One member of the public left the meeting at 7.20pm.

With the agreement of members, the Chair brought forward item 7a:

7a. KEYHAVEN FORUM AND COASTAL LAGOON:

Cllr Bishop reported the response from NFDC regarding the matter of the flooding of the Keyhaven lagoon.

Cllr Cowell reported that Southern Water had also responded and were conducting their own investigation into the matter.

Cllr Bishop stated his concern about the nature of the relationship between the Parish Council and Keyhaven Forum which was entirely separate and independent. Cllr Cowell proposed sending a copy of a letter drafted and previously circulated to the Chair of the Keyhaven Forum.

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| It was RESOLVED that a letter should be sent to the Chair of the Keyhaven Forum clarifying the Parish Council's position and copied to the Executive Head of Operations at NFDC. |
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With the agreement of members, the Chair brought forward items 7 and 12:

7. CLIFF TOP CYCLING & OTHER COASTAL CONCERNS & 12. CLIFFTOP WALK FROM MILFORD TO BARTON

Cllr Bishop reported that NFDC had agreed to appropriate signage regarding cycling on the clifftop and to re-seed the green adjacent to the Needles Eye café. In addition, he reported that the coastal path between Milford and Barton was again vulnerable and there was a risk of further closure.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should write to Hampshire County Council and copy to Sir Desmond Swayne MP regarding the Clifftop path's future.

With the agreement of members, the Chair brought forward item 9:

9. SPEED AWARENESS AND OTHER TRAFFIC ISSUES AND THE PURCHASE OF A SPEED INDICATOR UNIT

Cllr Whitlock reported that at a recent meeting, Hampshire County Council had confirmed it was going to replace the flashing warning lights by the school with larger units and signs. They had also agreed to remove excess foliage to make them more visible. It is likely this will take place after Christmas.

There was discussion about the Speed Indicator Devices (SID) and their ability to capture data, which the parish Council agreed was imperative. It was also agreed that hand held device would not provide statistically-robust data and therefore fixed devices should be further investigated.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should purchase a Speed Indicator Device and investigate options and costs for datacapture.

With the agreement of members, the Chair brought forward item 10:

10. MILFORD SCHOOL'S PARK & STRIDE SCHEME:

The committee noted the efforts of the school's travel plan team to reduce the impact of parent parking in the vicinity of the school.

4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON 16TH JULY 2018:

Members voted unanimously in favour of the Minutes being approved.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **16th July 2018** was a true record of the meeting and were duly adopted and signed by the Chair.

5. PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 6ND AUGUST 2018:

Draft minutes had been circulated.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR JULY 2018:

The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated copies of the Expenditure Report for the above period. The Chair noted unusual expenditure items which he would clarify with the Clerk on his return from Annual Leave. Notwithstanding this, members voted unanimously that the Expenditure Report be approved.

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

b) **INCOME REPORT FOR JULY 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 **July 2018** was a true record of expenditure and were duly adopted and signed by the Chair.

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

The Clerk circulated reconciled Bank Statements for information.

d) **Item previously discussed**

7, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13. Items previously discussed

11. MILFORD BECOMING A PLASTIC-FREE COMMUNITY

The Assistant Clerk reported a national scheme organized by Surfers Against Sewage, which encouraged towns to go plastic-free. The campaign is free to join and would involve some office time but would involve encouraging businesses in the parish to stop using single-use plastics wherever possible. The scheme could be overseen by the Tourism Group.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would support the Plastic-free Community initiative.

14. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:

County Cllr Carpenter reported that the Men's Shed initiative was gaining momentum and a meeting had been scheduled for 20th September for interested parties in the area. Premises were currently being sought.

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

A. Business, Education & Community

Cllr Bishop reported that due to costs, alternative options were being sought for the extension to the Community Centre.

Cllr Whitlock reported that there were new affordable housing policies proposed in the revised Local Plan and that MOS1 had been designated a "saved site" which meant it would go forward into the new MOS2 plan.

A councilor queried if MOS2 had been "declassified" as greenbelt land. **Parish Office to investigate.**

Cllr Cameron asked if the parish Council had requested to be represented to the Planning Inspectorate. Parish Office to clarify. Cllr Cowell noted there had been water in the ditches even in the dry spell. **Parish Office to notify NFDC of this.**

B. Communication & Citizen Engagement

Nothing to report

C. Environment & Open Spaces

Cllr Cowell reported that Southern Water had confirmed new equipment should be installed soon at Keyhaven to alleviate the current issues.

The Assistant Clerk confirmed new signage for no cycling, no dogs and other issues had been ordered and was awaiting delivery.

D. Groups & Societies

Cllr Banks reported she had recently attended a National Park Authority quadrant meeting and passed information to the Assistant Clerk for circulation.

E. Health & Wellbeing

Cllr Goode stated his desire to see gym-equipment installed and available at the War Memorial Hospital.

Cllr Bishop noted the effort of Chris Wolford, Chair of the Cricket Club, who had recently marked 30 years service to the club. The members thanked Mr. Wolford for his continuous service and agreed to make arrangements to formally recognize this. **Parish Office to action.**

F. Sea Front & Coastal Protection

Nothing to report.

G. Transportation & Infrastructure

Cllr Goode noted the continuing presence of a Shorefields Holidays advertising van parked at the layby near Downton lane. **Parish Office to report to Highways and Shorefields.**

Cllrs Darbshire and Cowell reported that a number of the dragon's teeth recently installed in Keyhaven were loose or missing and people were starting to park in the area again. **Parish Office to action.**

16. CORRESPONDENCE:
Nothing to report.

17. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION:
The Parish Council noted the recent death of River Warden Mervyn Couzens. They recognised his long service to the community and his considerable contribution to the upkeep of the Danestream and Pleasure Grounds.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 8.15pm

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