

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH ON MONDAY 14th MAY 2018 AT 7.30PM

Present:

- Councillors M Goode (Vice-Chair), P Banks, P Jennions, P Taylor, T Cowell, I Chandler.
- Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), Sarah Pitt (Assistant Parish Clerk)
- 8 members of the public.

The Vice Chair, Cllr Matt Goode, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Parish Councillors and Parish Clerks. He also made a tribute to Cllr Sophie Beeton who recently passed away and who had served on the Parish and District Councils for a number of years.

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs B Bishop, S Whitlock, D Darbshire, J Coster, G Maziere, District Councillors M Kendal and C Hopkins, County Cllr F Carpenter.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 4th MAY 2017

The Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting and duly signed by the Vice Chair.

There were no matters arising.

3. REPORTS

The Vice Chair gave a brief overview of the Parish Council's activities over the past year. Highlights included improvement works to footpaths and revetments in the Pleasure Grounds, additional play equipment at Carrington Lane Recreation Ground, repairs to the toddler play park in Hurst Road, Refurbishment of seafront benches and dragon's teeth at Keyhaven. Cllr Goode said the precept had increased by 3% for 2018/19 compared to last year's 5% rise. Cllr Goode noted that unspent monies allocated to seafront playpark improvements had been rolled over to this year's budget. Cllr Goode thanked the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their efforts over the past year. Cllr Goode then introduced:

Cllr Patricia Banks, Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee

Cllr Banks reported that over the past year, the Parish Council has dealt with 114 Planning Applications. 62 Planning Applications were supported by the Parish Council and subsequently granted by NFDC. Eleven Applications were supported by the Parish Council but refused by NFDC and eight Applications were not supported by the Parish Council and also not granted by NFDC. Therefore there has largely been consensus between the Parish and District Councils. Key applications include: MOS1 proposals; 2-4 Keyhaven Rd; Community Centre extension; Land of Merlin; 43-45 Shorefield Way; Land off New Lane (12 dwellings) and an application for solar panels on a Beach Hut at Hordle Cliff.

Cllr Banks thanked Cllr Whitlock for her work as Chair of the Planning Committee.

Cllr Goode noted that the Parish Councillors were all lay people in terms of planning process but the Parish Council plays a vital role in that process to hold to account large, well-resourced developers wishing to build on greenbelt sites around the district.

Cllr Goode then opened the meeting for questions from the floor.

A member of the public asked if Carrington Caravan Park had planning permission for residential use and a rumoured new swimming pool?

The Assistant Clerk replied that the park had a 12-month occupation licence granted by the District Council a number of years ago but which had never been utilized. Now that the park has been sold, the new owners are using this licence to legitimately redevelop part of the site for residential use. However, planning permission would need to be sought for any development of a swimming pool building or ancillary plant installations. No application has been received to date by the Parish Council.

A member of the public asked about the current position of the proposed houses on land North of School Lane?

Cllr Banks said the District Council were in the process of formulating the new Local Plan, of which this proposed development forms part. She said this process was still ongoing and the Parish Council is waiting to hear from the District Council on the next stage of the process, scheduled for later this year.

Cllr Goode noted the Parish Council has a policy of not engaging with developers prior to a formal planning application being made, in order to give an unbiased, representative view of parishioners. He said when a plan is submitted the Parish Council will balance what the developer proposes with the needs of the community in order to gain the best outcome for the village.

A member of the public asked if the MOS1 development goes ahead what parking provision would be included?

Cllr Goode explained the original scheme had a drop off zone but the most recent scheme had car parking on the northern part of the site which was not a suitable position.

A member of the public suggested a walking bus/ crocodile to alleviate parking issues near the school. Cllr Goode said all suggestions would be passed on to the school and that the issue will be on the next Parish Council Agenda

A member of the public asked if there would be traffic lights instilled on the junction of the B3058 and A337?

The Clerk stated that the developer currently involved in the Manor Road site had offered to pay for traffic lights in this location if the development went ahead. However, any development on this site is likely to be a number of years in the future.

A member of the public suggested that Barnes Lane could be widened to ease traffic flow in and out of the village.

Cllr Goode acknowledged this could be helpful but would be difficult to achieve due to the number of trees in Barnes Lane. Cllr Banks stated that the residents and the Parish Council should give priority in considering the more immediate development on the MOS1 site rather than the MOS2 at Manor Road.

A member of the public asked what the schedule for the installation of the new play equipment at Hurst Road?

The Clerk said that work had commenced that day and that the kit installation should take two weeks, the surfacing would then be another two weeks and then fencing another week after that. There had been a delay on the cargo net but the area should be functional by July.

A member of the public asked where gates into the new park would be sited?

The Clerk said that three gates were due to be included – on from the existing toddler park into the new area and a further two on the periphery. A possible cut-through across the bend at Hurst Road could be considered to ease access. The clerk also confirmed the installation of additional seating and litter bins in the new area.

A member of the public asked who would monitor the park after hours?

The Clerk said there a parent/ residents group currently oversees Carrington Play Park and this approach works well and would be extended to Hurst Road. Cllr Goode said children from the school were also keen to get involved and this would be pursued.

A member of the public noted the amount of litter that can be found around benches in the Pleasure Grounds which she and her husband clear up on a regular basis. Another member of the public said she regularly cleared up dog mess on the clifftop near the Beach House Hotel.

There were no further questions so Cllr Goode thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Chair

Dated: