

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 15th APRIL 2019

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the 369th meeting of the Parish Council held Monday 18th March 2019 in the Village Hall at 6.30pm

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		Mrs. Jane Coster	
Mr. Kenneth Cameron	p	Mrs. Pauline Taylor	p	Ms. Anne Cullen	p

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), District Cllr Mel Kendal, Roz Waters (Lymington Times) 1 member of the public.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Darbshire and Coster, District Cllr Hopkins and County Cllr Carpenter.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th FEBRUARY 2019:**
Cllr Banks proposed the minutes be approved, Cllr Jennions 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 18th February 2019 was a true record of the meeting and were duly adopted and signed by the Chair.

With the agreement of members, the chair bought forward item 15.

15. **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:**

District Cllr Kendal confirmed the 2019/20 increases to Band D Council Tax and that a commitment had been given to allocate £450,000 to good causes and charities this year. Cllr Kendal thanked the Parish Council for its support over the 24 years he had served as a District Councillor and noted some vast improvements to the village, notably the sea front. Cllr Kendal reported that the situation regarding the War Memorial Hospital had not progressed any further and that both HCC and the CCG had put proposals to the NHS without success. He reported that NHS Property Services were spending £150,000 pa to maintain the fabric of the building.

Cllr Cowell enquired as to any recourse if nothing is done by the NHS.

Cllr Kendal suggested as NHS Property Services were the owners of the site and any decision might be swayed based on the value of the site for property development.

Cllr Cameron suggested the Parish Council express its concern via the press, who were present at the meeting.

5. **PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 4th MARCH 2019:**

Minutes of the planning meeting had been circulated.

Cllr Bishop referred to item 3 of the minutes (Solent Grange) and that a number of reports had been submitted from outside interested parties. Cllr Whitlock reported that the decision is now a legal matter and the Parish Council had made its comments very strongly. It was also believed there had never been caravans on the middle field and that to install additional services would require planning consent.

Cllr Cameron suggested finding out if there was any way planning policy would override legal process.

Cllr Banks suggested this was now entirely a legal process and not a planning issue.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2019:**

The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated copies of the Expenditure Report for the above period. Members voted unanimously that the Expenditure Report be approved.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Expenditure Report for **February 2019** was a true record of expenditure and were duly adopted and signed by the Chair.

b) **INCOME REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2019:**

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 **February 2019** was a true record of income and were duly adopted and signed by the Chair.

c) **BANK ACCOUNT STATEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2019:**

Statements for February were circulated for information.

d) **GRANT APPLICATION FROM MILFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

Cllr Whitlock proposed awarding £300, Cllr Taylor seconded this proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that £300 be awarded to Milford Primary School for a Role Play House paid from the Community Support Fund.

e) **GRANT REQUEST FROM MILFORD & KEYHAVEN SEA SCOUTS:**

Cllr Cowell proposed awarding £500, Cllr Cullen seconded this proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that £500 be awarded to Milford & Keyhaven Sea Scouts for improvements to the Scout Hall paid from the Community Support Fund.

f) Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated budget information for the 2019/2020 financial year. Members voted unanimously in favour of these budget figures.

It was **RESOLVED** that 2019 / 2020 final budget expenditure will be £129,250 and that additional capital expenditure will be shown separately to this figure.

7. REPORT ON THE PROGRESSES OF THE COMMUNITY MEADOW:

The Clerk reported a further clearance by the MCV had taken place recently and that the Gardening Club were going to discuss and inform the Parish Council of what support and work they could undertake. The Friends of Christchurch priory, who have inherited the northern section of the land, are holding a meeting in April to decide what their intentions for the land are.

8. REPORT ON THE MEETING WITH FOOTBALL AND CRICKET CLUBS:

Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated the minutes of the recent meeting with both the Football and Cricket Clubs.

Cllr Bishop reported that relations between the two clubs was very good.

Cllr Chandler requested an update on a possible defibrillator. The Clerk reported this was going to be discussed at a football club AGM and reported back to the Parish Council.

9. REPORT FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH OPEN SPACE OFFICERS ON STORAGE AT HURST ROAD DEPOT:

The Parish Clerk, prior to the meeting had circulated notes on the meeting with NFDC Officers. He reported that the ground was going to be levelled for a new secure container this week and that the legal terms were being drafted for approval, also that the current container would have some minor repairs done and repainted to fit in better with its surroundings.

10. FORTHCOMING PARISH ELECTIONS:

The Clerk reminded members of the dates for submission of nomination papers and that proposer and seconders poll numbers would be required and are available in the Parish Office. He also confirmed that papers needed to be hand delivered to NFDC at Appletree Court before 4pm on April 4th and nomination papers were available in the Parish Office.

11. RECOMMENDATION ON THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE MOWER AND SERVICE AGREEMENT:

The Parish Clerk, prior to the meeting had circulated details of the meeting with the machine supplier and the recommendations put forward. Following this he, Cllr Bishop and Groundsman, Jason Robbins had inspected the John Deere Mower and were happy with its current condition and confirmed that it had accumulated 250 hours (approx. 1 year of use). Also circulated was confirmation that depreciation was not an issue for Parish Councils, along with insurance and road insurance costs. The Clerk had also circulated an update of capital costs following the recommendations by the supplier.

Cllr Cowell proposed purchasing the John Deere Mower and the Service Agreement from New Forest Farm Machinery, as well as the storage container, tractor, trailer and chain harrow from Jason Robbins.

Cllr Banks seconded this proposal

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that a John Deere mower and service agreement be purchased from New Forest Farm Machinery, along with an additional storage container, tractor, trailer and chain harrow from Jason Robbins all paid from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund.

12. ADOPTION OF A LONE WORKING POLICY:

The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated a copy of the lone working policy. Cllr Cowell suggested the policy should cover both the clerks as well as the new groundsman and that added security/alarm could be investigated.

Members voted unanimously in favour of adopting the lone working policy.

It was **RESOLVED** that the lone working policy be adopted and a copy given to the new Groundsman prior to his start date.

13. COASTAL FOOTPATH FROM MILFORD TO BARTON:

Cllr Bishop reported that although a meeting had been held two years ago, little progress had been made on re-aligning the coastal path. Cllr Cullen suggested this was particularly dangerous to cyclists.

Cllr Whitlock reported that investigations had started on coastal erosion at Barton, but little concern seemed to be given regarding the link to Milford.

Cllr Cameron suggested writing to MP Sir Desmond Swayne regarding this matter.

14. MOS2 PUBLIC ENQUIRY:

The Parish Clerk confirmed that a request had been submitted for the Parish Council to speak at three dates during the inquiry. Friday 7th June at 9.30am (The Green Belt), Wednesday 3rd July at 9.30am (Protecting the Environment), Friday 5th July at 9.30am (SS7 Land north of Manor Road, Milford-on-Sea).

He also confirmed the re-submission of the Parish Council's objections had been sent to the inspectors.

Cllr Whitlock suggested contacting representatives of SLAM to ascertain their response.

15. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

A report by District Cllr Kendal previously given.

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

A. Business, Education & Community

A Tourism meeting should be held in the spring.

B. Communication & Citizen Engagement

The Clerk reported that the Local Police Officer would be present at the Public meeting on 20th May in All Saints Church Hall.

C. Environment & Open Spaces

Nothing to Report.

D. Groups & Societies

Cllr Bishop reported that a Keyhaven Forum was planned for 2nd April.

Cllr Whitlock reported she had been invited to give some feedback on developments at Solent Grange.

It was agreed, that with three Parish Councillors resident within Keyhaven, it would be more appropriate to take up the open invitation to all parish residents to attend and speak at Parish Council Meetings on all matters of concern.

E. Health & Wellbeing

The Clerk reported that repairs to the roof skylights on the Pavilion should be completed soon.

F. Sea Front & Coastal Protection

Cllr Goode reported there were a number of concerns expressed by Beach Hut Owners of the decision by the District Council not to re-charge the beach with shingle and thus re-establish the safety of the huts. Cllr Banks suggested there was a policy of doing nothing and just allowing nature to take over. Cllr Goode asked at what point do NFDC re-visit this policy. Cllr Whitlock reported that as a hut owner herself, the licence is very clear on the responsibilities of the District Council.

G. Transportation & Infrastructure

Cllr Goode reported that although some work had been undertaken along Manor Road, there were still a number of pot holes that needed attention. Cllr Bishop suggested it was false economy undertaking the same work numerous times instead of doing the work properly the first time.

The Clerk, prior to the meeting had circulated details of the speed indicator unit sites to be agreed by HCC. Councillors agreed to the location of all these sites.

17. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

16. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION:

The Clerk reported a Beach Clean was being undertaken on Saturday 6th April.

The Clerk reported that NFDC were considering placing electrical charging points in the majority of their car parks and further information should become available after the District Elections.

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

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