

# MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH ON MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019 AT 7.30PM

### Present:

- Councillors B Bishop (Chair), M Goode (Vice-Chair), S Whitlock, P Banks, P Jennions, D Darbshire, T Cowell, T Coleman, K Cameron, J Mantock and Taylor.
- Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), Sarah Pitt (Assistant Parish Clerk)
- 53 members of the public.
- County Cllr F Carpenter.

The Chair, Cllr Bob Bishop, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Parish Councillors and Parish Clerks.

### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Cullen, District Councillors D Hawkins and C Hopkins.

### 2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018

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

There were no matters arising.

### 3. REPORTS

The Chair gave a brief overview of the Parish Council's activities over the past year. Cllr Bishop said the precept had increased by 6% for 2018/19 but that the Council kept a tight rein on spending and that the Council had sought out and applied for a variety of grants to supplement income on specific projects. Cllr Bishop noted the huge contribution made by volunteers around the parish. He said the Council uses a variety of channels to engage local residents such as the Village Voice magazine, website, parish office and noticeboards. Cllr Bishop thanked the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for their efforts over the past year. Cllr Bishop then introduced:

**Cllr Matthew Goode, Vice-Chair**

Cllr Goode said that the Council would hear what matters to local residents shortly.

Cllr Bishop then introduced:

**Cllr Sue Whitlock, Chair of the Planning Committee.**

Cllr Whitlock thanked Planning Vice Chair Cllr Patricia Banks for her contribution over the past year and also Planning Clerk Sarah Pitt. Cllr Whitlock then reported that over the past year, the Parish Council has dealt with 104 Planning Applications. 70 Planning Applications were supported by the Parish Council and subsequently granted by NFDC. Eleven Applications were objected to by the Parish Council and refused by NFDC and 2 Applications were supported by the Parish Council and but not granted by NFDC. Therefore there has largely been consensus between the Parish and District Councils. Key applications include: MOS1 and MOS2 proposals; Land of Merlin; redevelopment of the Old Mill; Land rear of the White Horse pub; Lytton lawn Caravan site (sole siting of caravans) and a variety of Enforcement and other planning issues at Carrington Caravan Park/ Solent Grange.

Cllr Whitlock then focused on the MOS1 situation and that financial viability assessments played the key role in determining the outcome for the site, contrary to the findings of the original planning inspector who deemed that 70 of the 30 homes designated for the site should be affordable. She said the Parish Council were grateful for the tenacious work of SLAM in attempting to uphold the original planning impactor's findings.

Cllr Whitlock noted that the Parish Council played an advisory role in the planning process and tries hard to represent local opinion whilst being mindful of planning policy.

**4. HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN MILFORD**

*A member of the public asked if there was going to be a Judicial Review for MOS1*

Cllr Whitlock said that SLAM had had a meeting with the Housing Minister and local MP and that they were appealing to the Secretary of State to repeal the planning permission.

*A member of the public asked if the Parish Council had considered what it might do to support SLAM?*

Cllr Bishop said that the Parish Council had met with the new Head of Planning at the District Council and SLAM and that it was a fully-voiced meeting. He went to on to say that it was extremely expensive to take any further action. He then commented that the outcome would impact on resident's faith in the MOS2 proposals being upheld in the future.

*A member of the public asked if there was a guarantee that the new houses will go to local people?*

Cllr Whitlock explained that although Milford is designated as a Forest Village, any new houses will be available for local people but there will be no Right To Buy them. The District Council strictly polices the housing allocation.

*A member of the public asked if the using the Greenbelt for housing set a precedent?*

Cllr Bishop said the parish Council had looked at smaller sites around the parish previously, but these plans did not come to fruition. Cllr Whitlock added as part of the existing Local Plan, new housing had to be built on Greenbelt land but that is not the case with the proposed new Local Plan. The Clerk added that the Parish Council will know soon if the opportunity for a Judicial Review had been granted.

## **5. QUESTIONS FOR THE LOCAL POLICE CONSTABLE**

Cllr Bishop introduced **PC Alistair Longworth**:

PC Longworth said there had been a 4% drop in reported crime in the village over the past year, a total of 162 crimes. He said this was low compared to other areas and that his "patch" covered 30,000 people. He went on to say that he held monthly Beat Surgeries where local residents could discuss their policing concerns with him, held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Community Centre – next dates 12<sup>th</sup> June and 10<sup>th</sup> July 11am – 12 noon. He went on to say that the nearest police station will move into the District Council Offices in Avenue Road, Lymington and will have a front counter.

*A member of the public asked if speedchecks could be done around the area?*

PC Longworth said he can and has conducted speedchecks, primarily around the school. The threshold for speeding was 40 mph. The Clerk said that the new Speed Indicator Device (SID) was currently on test and will be placed at key sites around the village. He reiterated that it is not a camera and will only give warnings to drivers.

*A member of the public said that people were parking in the laybys near the school.*

PC Longworth said there needed to be several accidents and incidents for the County Council to introduce double yellow lines. Cllr Goode commented that parked cars actually slowed traffic.

*A member of the public said there had been an increase in people selling door to door and if there was help available to elderly people in these incidents?*

PC Longworth said that stickers and posters were available for residents to put on their front doors to deter these salespeople. He said they should have a pedlars' licence but prosecutions were unlikely to proceed. He asked that concerned residents call 101 if they are targeted and the police can then move them on, albeit to another area. There is no quick fix.

*A member of the public said there had been an increase in the number of dog attacks on deer and what could be done?*

PC Longworth said that a dog attack on a human was an assault and should be reported as such. However, a dog attack on another animal was a matter for the District Council's Dog Warden.

Cllr Bishop thanked PC Longworth who then let the meeting to a round of applause.

## **6. TRAFFIC ISSUES**

Dealt with under item 5.

## **7. COMMUNITY MEADOW**

Cllr Bishop said the land bequeathed by Mrs Gillespie has had a large amount of work carried out and thanked the MCV for their large contribution to this. He said a path had been laid and raised beds for planting by the local Nursery and Dementia Action Group had been established. He reported that the area will be kept as a meadow and a space for quiet contemplation with no dogs allowed. There as to be an opening picnic on 22<sup>nd</sup> June to which everyone was invited.

## **8. SECURITY AT BARNES LANE RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr Bishop reported there had been 2 break-ins and damage done to the pavilion and that clubs and local residents had been approached to create a reporting process for the future. The Clerk said professional security advice had been sought which had recommended several measures to make it more secure which the Council were actioning.

## **9. ANNUAL REPORT**

Cllr Bishop said the new 2018-19 report was available and if residents had any queries to contact the Parish Office.

## **10. QUESTIONS AND MATTERS RAISED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE PARISH**

*A member of the public asked why the location of the MOS1 parking area had been located in that position, given the concerns of the Headeacher?*

Cllr Whitlock said the site had been selected by the developer and they did not consult over the location. The Parish Council had also objected to the location as it was too close to the bend and that although it would serve the allotments and recreation space, it was unlikely to solve the current parking issues around the school.

*A member of the public asked if there had been any progress on traffic management at the junction of the Lymington Road and A337?*

Cllr Bishop said that any scheme would cost hundreds of thousands of pounds and that although there had been recent accidents HCC have other priorities. The Parish Council will continue to press HCC for action in this location and he encouraged local residents to write to the County Council.

*A member of the public commented that any changes here would depend of the MOS2 developments.*

The Clerk said the developer had a public meeting nearly 2 years ago and they had said they would possibly look at traffic lights at the junction but there was nothing in writing. There was no stipulation on the developer to do anything regarding traffic calming or safety in this location.

*A member of the public said that the hedgerows needed trimming around the area.*

Cllr Bishop advised the resident to contact the Highways Department of the County Council.

*A member of the public said he had experienced a very worthwhile time as a councillor over the past two years.*

Cllr Bishop thanked them for their service to the community.

Cllr Bishop introduced **County Councillor Fran Carpenter.**

Cllr Carpenter reported that the County Council had top-dressed the B3058 between Milford and Downton Lane. She said the stretch towards Barton needed complete resurfacing and will be considered later. She said she had been the instigator of the Men's Shed project in the area and this had proved very successful with 50 members who carry out community projects when they meet on Friday lunchtimes.

She went on to say that the new leader of the County Council was Milford resident Keith Mans and that Mel Kendal was Vice Chair. She also reported that the County Council needed to make a further £80m in savings. Cllr Carpenter then finished by saying the District Councillors Christine Hopkins and David Hawkins would be running more surgeries for local residents.

Cllr Bishop thanked Councillor Carpenter.

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

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm.**

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Dated: ..... *Chair*