

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL
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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 16th SEPTEMBER 2019

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the 373rd meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 15th July 2019** in All Saints Church Hall at 6.30pm

MEMBERS

Mr. Bob Bishop	p	Mr. Matthew Goode	p	Mrs. Susan Whitlock	p
Mr. Tim Cowell	p	Mr. Peter Jennions		Mr. Josh Mantock	p
Mrs. Patricia Banks	p	Mr. Donald Darbshire		Mr. Tony Coleman	p
Mr. Kenneth Cameron	p	Mrs. Pauline Taylor	p	Ms. Anne Cullen	

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Fran Carpenter, District Cllr Hopkins, Roz Waters (Lymington Times).
12 members of the public

- 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
- 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Member of the Public to discuss Hordle Cliff. Amanda Tanner for item 6d.
- 3. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Jennions, Cullen, Darbshire & District Cllr Hawkins.
- 4. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th JUNE 2019:**
The Chair referred to item 10 and confirmed that a meeting with the grazier had been arranged. The Chair referred to item 11 and that the Clerk had written to Shorefields Holidays stating the Parish Councils desire to have wooden shelters in this location.
Cllr Banks proposed the minutes be approved; Cllr Cowell 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 **17th June 2019** was a true record of the meeting and were duly adopted and signed by the Chair.

- 5. PLANNING MINUTES 3rd JUNE 2019**
Draft Planning Minutes had been circulated.

- 6. FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

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

- d) GRANT APPLICATION FROM MILFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL:**
Member of the Public, Amanda Tanner, informed members that the school was looking to reduce car parking by providing students with a secure area to lock bikes and scooters.
Cllr Goode proposed awarding the full amount of £350, Cllr Cowell seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that £350 be awarded to Milford Primary School for a secure bike/scooter parking area paid from the Community Support Fund.

With the agreement of members, the Chair bought forward item 9.

9. PROPOSED GIFTED LAND TO THE PARISH COUNCIL AT “THE BOLTONS”:

The Clerk reminded members of the historical and current situation at the Boltons and that several years ago the Parish Council were made aware that the land was not in its ownership and following legal advice decided not to formally purchase the land from the Duchy of Lancaster, to whom the land had reverted. Subsequently, the land had been bought by Cotton Land Management Ltd with a view to extending gardens and placing TPOs on the mature trees. The Clerk also reported that a meeting had been held with Hampshire County Council (HCC) Senior Access Ranger to ascertain the possibility of making the footpaths an official Right of Way. The Clerk confirmed with the new landowner that it was now their wish to give the all land to the Parish Council, other than that behind properties 7,8,9 & 10.

A member of the public contested that as this land was a public amenity then any change of use would require planning consent. He also contested that the deed of dedication still made “a council” obliged to maintain the land as a public amenity space and that he had contacted NFDC for clarification on these matters.

Cllr Goode suggested the Parish Council await a response from NFDC as these were complex legal issues.

8 members of the public left the meeting.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

With the agreement of members, the Chair asked a member of the public to speak about Hordle Cliff.

The member of the public expressed her disappointment with the lack of support for those beach hut owners who have had to or were due to remove their beach huts due to the erosion of the beach and cliff. She reported that it was the intention of NFDC under the advice of Natural England to allow this erosion which may have far reaching consequences. She requested that the Parish Council encourage NFDC to maintain the beach as they have for a number of years.

Cllr Whitlock reported that hut owners had been informed that no further work would be undertaken at Hordle Cliff but suggested it would be a loss to the community if the beach was no longer accessible.

District Cllr Hopkins reported that £100k had recently been spent at Milford Beach.

County Cllr Carpenter reported that there was a Shoreline Management Plan in place which has taken advice from experts in this field and that there was a raft of documentation available to read.

Cllr Cowell reported that if one area of the coast is repaired this can have an effect on other areas, also that there is some investigation taking place at Barton to identify how cliff erosion can be reduced.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR JUNE 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 **June 2019** was a true record of expenditure and were duly adopted and signed by the Chair.

b) INCOME REPORT FOR JUNE 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 **June 2019** was a true record of income and were duly adopted and signed by the Chair.

c) BANK ACCOUNT STATEMENTS FOR JUNE 2019:

Statements for June were circulated for information.

d) Item already discussed

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f)

g) **GRANT APPLICATION FROM NEW FOREST CITIZENS ADVICE:**

Cllr Banks proposed awarding the £300 requested. Cllr Bishop seconded this proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that £300 be awarded to New Forest Citizens Advice, paid from the Community Support Fund.

7. MATTERS RAISED AT THE LOCAL PLAN HEARING FOR SITE 7 – NORTH OF MANOR ROAD:

Cllr Whitlock reported that she and Cllr Banks had attended the meeting on 5th July. Also, in attendance were representatives from NFDC and the developer, Pennyfarthing. Cllr Whitlock informed those at the hearing the Parish Council and residents felt that no development should be undertaken on this Green Belt site, that there would be a strain on village infrastructure and the National Park, and that additional housing could affect the sewerage situation at Keyhaven. The Parish Council felt it had been cheated over the recent decision to reduce the affordable homes on MOS1 and the target of 50% affordable homes on Site 7 could be compromised. At the hearing, Pennyfarthing stated that it would be possible to place 170 homes on the site, far greater than the proposed 110 in the Draft Local Plan. However, there was some reassurance from NFDC that it would not condone more than 110 homes as this would be more in keeping for the site.

Pennyfarthing had stated it would be undertaking an appraisal for sewerage as well as considering providing funds to change Everton Junction.

The Clerk reported that mitigation land to the north of the proposed development would not be transferred to the Parish Council as this would form the Green Belt Boundary.

8/12. PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON MOS1 OPEN SPACE PROVISION & MEETING WITH PENNYFARTHING:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a summary of the meeting held with Pennyfarthing to discuss the timeline for the development of MOS1 (School Lane). Work was due to start on 23rd July and the car park/drop off point would be constructed first, subsequently all site traffic would then enter from the north. Cllr Bishop suggested that it was unclear when the open space provision would become available, but it could be anytime in the next two years. Cllr Bishop suggested a public consultation take place so the wider community had a say in how this area could best be exploited.

Cllr Banks suggested that there still was no obligation for the Parish Council to take on responsibility for this land.

9. Item previously discussed.

10. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS FOR PARISH PROJECTS:

As not all members had received the current update, this item was deferred to the following meeting.

11. DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY:

Prior to the meeting Cllr Cameron had circulated a summary of topics the Parish Council might consider when making decisions to planning applications and to raise awareness of this subject within the community. He reported that Hampshire County Council (HCC) were also considering the same declaration and suggested that Milford-on-Sea lead the way locally.

County Cllr Carpenter confirmed the likelihood of HCC ratifying its decision on Thursday and this would be at the heart of any policy making decisions, also that there was information available on the HCC website.

Cllr Goode suggested that the value of this declaration was increased awareness and suggested that the school was very active in teaching pupils about the impact on the environment.

Cllr Cowell reported that other countries were very active when it came to environmental issues which we could learn from.

Members agreed to pursue this initiative.

12. Item previously discussed.

13. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

County Cllr Carpenter reported that HCC Children's Department had grants available for youth activities. Also; there was a consultation in progress on balancing the HCC budget.

District Cllr Hopkins congratulated those who had organised the music festival. Also, that she was looking at additional cycle racks along the sea front and that there had been a recent recharge of shingle at Milford sea front.

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

A. Business, Education & Community

Nothing to report.

B. Communication & Citizen Engagement

Nothing to report.

C. Building & Development

Nothing to report.

D. Environment & Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

E. Groups & Societies

Cllr Banks and the Clerk to attend NFALC meeting on Thursday

F. Health & Wellbeing

Nothing to report.

G. Sea Front & Coastal Protection

Nothing to report.

H. Transportation & Infrastructure

Cllr Taylor reported on an accident outside Hollands. County Cllr Carpenter confirmed a police report would be sent to HCC Highways.

I. Parish Employment

Nothing to report.

15. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk circulated the Milford Minibus project meeting details. Members suggested that this bus should be electric if possible.

The Clerk reported that telemetry work was due on Milford Bridge shortly.

16. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION:

None.

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

..... Chair

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