

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING ON THE 18th JANUARY 2021

Minutes of the 386th meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 7th December 2020**

It should be noted that due to the current Coronavirus situation this meeting was held via Zoom. The public were made aware of the agenda and the link to the meeting

MEMBERS

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), Sarah Pitt (Assistant/Planning Clerk) Roz Waters (Lymington Times)
4 members of the public

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Donald Darbshire. District Cllrs Hopkins and Hawkins. County Cllr Carpenter

4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th NOVEMBER 2020:**

Cllr Cullen proposed the minutes be accepted. Cllr Whitlock seconded this proposal.
Members voted seven (7) in favour and one (1) abstention.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **7th November** was a true record of the meeting and were duly adopted and signed by the Chair.

5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2020:**

The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated copies of the Expenditure Report for the above period and highlighted some stand-alone expenditure items.
Members had no further comments on expenditure items.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Expenditure Report for **November 2020** was a true record of expenditure.

b) **INCOME REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2020:**

The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated copies of the Income Report for the above period
Members had no further comments on income items.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Income Report for **November 2020** was a true record of income.

c) **GRANT REQUEST FROM COMPASS COUNSELLING:**

Prior to the meeting a grant request from Compass Counselling had been circulated.
Cllr Bishop proposed awarding £300. Cllr Banks seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that £300 be awarded to Compass Counselling from the Community Support Fund.

d) **2021/22 PRECEPT LEVEL:**

Prior to the meeting, a working group had discussed 2021/22 finances in detail and had proposed the precept for 2021/22 be increased to £128,897. The Clerk reported that the final expenditure budget would be agreed at the end of the financial year.

Cllr Goode proposed the increase be agreed. Cllr Whitlock seconded this proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was RESOLVED that the 2021/21 precept level be set at £128,897.

6. **AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS REGARDING THE SEA WALL NEAR TO THE WHITEHOUSE:**

Cllr Bishop reported that he, Cllr Cullen, and the Clerk had met with NFDC Coastal Engineers and residents representing the Sea Wall Action Group (SWAG), to view the current work due to be completed before Christmas. The Clerk reported that discussions were taking place with NFDC and the landowners regarding the re-alignment of the footpath.

Cllr Cullen reported that during the coming months NFDC would be appointing a consultant to compile a business plan for the next phase of the project.

Cllr Bishop confirmed that the Parish Council would be involved in the development of the next phase and suggested that additional protection to the exposed parts of the coastline be should be completed as soon as possible.

7. **THE NFDC WASTE STRATEGY CONSULTATION:**

Cllr Bishop suggested that should wheelie bins be introduced to the village some residents might struggle due to the accommodation they live in. Cllr Cameron suggested that the general public be encouraged to compost more waste.

Cllr Cullen reported that recycling in the district was woefully short of national averages and that a pilot scheme should be conducted prior to a complete roll out of new bins. Cllr Banks suggested that wheelie bins might not be suitable for a conservation area.

Cllr Bishop suggested the Parish Office circulate a draft response to the consultation.

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

The Clerk read through a report sent by County Cllr Fran Carpenter. She reported that the proposed work to reinstate the footpath at the Boltons was progressing. Also, that additional funding had been received to support families across Hampshire.

She reported that discussions on the potential upgrade to the path at Sturt Pond were still ongoing.

9. **PROJECT LEADER/REPRESENTATIVE/CLERK REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

A. Business, Education & Community

Cllr Bishop reported that the Community Centre was open on a limited basis.

B. Communication & Citizen Engagement

The Clerk reported that the office e-mails had been changed and that councillors would now be contacted to set up e-mails for parish business only.

Several Councillors suggested they would prefer to set this up themselves and the Assistant Clerk agreed to forward details to enable this to happen.

C. Building & Development

Nothing to report.

D. Environment & Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

E. Climate Emergency

Cllr Cameron reported on discussions to set up specific information on the Parish Council website. The Assistant Clerk reported that information had been forwarded and was in the process of setting up this dedicated page.

Cllr Goode suggested that electric car charging points in the village would make Milford-on-Sea more attractive as a tourist destination.

F. Groups & Societies

Cllr Banks reported that the community panel had addressed subjects including campsites, partnership planning, Ash Dieback, council house purchase and electric charging points had been discussed. The next meeting was scheduled for 12th January 2021.

G. Health & Wellbeing

Cllr Banks reported that the War Memorial Hospital was being readied for use as a Covid Vaccination Centre.

H. Sea Front & Coastal Protection

Discussed under item 6.

I. Transportation & Infrastructure

Cllr Goode reported that there is often standing water on the B3058 next to the school.
Cllr Bishop agreed to liaise with the Clerk to tackle this issue.

J. Parish Employment

Nothing to report.

15. CORRESPONDENCE:

None received.

16. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION:

Nothing to report .

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 8.25pm.

..... Chair

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