

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING ON THE 22nd FEBRUARY 2021.

Minutes of the 387th meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 18th January 2021.**

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		Ms. Anne Cullen	p
Mrs. Patricia Banks	p	Mr. Donald Darbshire		Mr. Tony Coleman	
Mr. Kenneth Cameron	p				

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), Sarah Pitt (Assistant/Planning Clerk) County Cllr Carpenter
16 members of the public

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr's Jennions and Coleman. District Cllrs Hopkins and Hawkins.

4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th DECEMBER 2020:**

Cllr Whitlock proposed the minutes be accepted. Cllr Goode seconded this proposal.
Members in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th December was a true record of the meeting and would be signed by the Chair at the earliest opportunity.

With the agreement of members, the Chair brought forward item 5c.

5c) **GRANT REQUEST FOR MCV LOG STORE:**

The Clerk reported that an area behind Barnes Lane Sports Pavilion had been agreed for a Log Store and prior to the meeting a report had been circulated from the MCV. Lorraine Mabbett, Vice Chair of the MCV reported that new regulations meant that logs needed to be dried before selling and that MCV members were currently storing these logs on private driveways.

Cllr Whitlock proposed awarding 50% of the project, Cllr Goode seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that 50% of the cost (£1,425) be awarded to the MCV to erect a Log Store at Barnes Lane Recreation Ground. Clerk to confirm which allocation will be utilised.

With the agreement of members, the Chair brought forward Item 6.

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

NFDC Coastal Engineer, Steve Cook, reported that the site should be cleared by the end of the week. NFDC were still awaiting confirmation that funding for the urgent work, along with money to start the development of phase two would be awarded by the Environment Agency. It was hoped this would be received by the end of this financial year. Steve suggested NFDC would then be in a position to look more closely at the requirement for the next phase of the project, which could potentially take 4-5 years before completion.

A local resident suggested that phase two needed to be undertaken as soon as possible.

Mr. Cook reported that until funds had been received from the current bids then phase two cannot start. He also suggested that it was unclear at this stage what will be required from phase two.

Cllr Cullen acknowledged that it is difficult for NFDC to design the next phase when it was uncertain what the community, Parish Council and adjoining residents required from the scheme.

Cllr Bishop suggested that discussions take place as soon as possible, enabling interested parties to be better prepared when further clarity becomes available and that the Parish Council would be discussing its potential role in the process and what funding it might consider contributing to phase two.

A member of the public suggested that discussions on phase two should begin prior to funding being confirmed to avoid any delay in the future.

Cllr Cullen suggested reinstatement of the footpath fell under phase one and was planned to be completed during Jan/Feb 2021.

Steve Cook reported that funding was available to reinstate a footpath and negotiations were currently ongoing between NFDC Estates Team and representatives from Needles Point and Shingle Bank Drive to reinstate the footpath across land owned by them. Mr. Cook also reported that access may be opened around the White House.

Representatives from Needles Point and Shingle Bank reported that draft terms to enable a temporary path had been drawn up and passed to their appointed solicitor and appreciated the urgency of this matter.

With agreement of members the Chair brought forward item 8.

8. AN UPDATE ON THE NEW FOOTPATH AT “THE BOLTONS”:

The Clerk reported that no further correspondence had been received following confirmation that HCC Highways were going to construct a new path.

County Councillor Carpenter reported that it was still the intention for HCC to construct the new path.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 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 December 2020 was a true record of expenditure.

b) **INCOME REPORT FOR DECEMBER 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 December 2020 was a true record of income.

7. AN UPDATE ON CONVERSION OF COUNCILLOR E-MAILS:

The Clerk reported that conversion of e-mail addresses was progressing well and encouraged members to complete this as soon as possible as currently e-mails were not being published until completion of this process.

8. AN UPDATE ON PLAY FACILITIES AT MOS1:

The Clerk reported that discussions had been ongoing over several months to confirm that the play equipment agreed by the Parish Council in Feb 2020 would be installed and that this should be formally agreed withing the new few weeks.

10. MOS1 OPEN SPACE CONSULTATION AND WORKING GROUP:

Bishop suggested that a working group be formed to discuss the next stage of this major development.

The Clerk suggested that the March edition of the Village Voice should include details of the consultation.

With the agreement of members, the Chair brought forward Item 12I.

12I. TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE:

Cllr Goode reported that residents waiting at the Downton Bus Stop Junction often had to wait in the rain and recalled that discussions with Shorefields Holiday Park had previously taken place regarding the installation of a covered bus shelter.

Cllr Whitlock reported that discussions had been held a number of years ago. However, representatives from Shorefields were reluctant to contribute to a shelter that was in keeping with the surroundings.

The Assistant Clerk reported that costs had been obtained for various shelter designs and materials.

The Clerk agreed to contact Shorefields again regarding this issue.

11. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

County Cllr Fran Carpenter reported that Milford Library would be receive additional funding to help with the transformation to a community library. Also, that the flooding near to the school had been reported and a contractor was going to assess the situation. However, she reported, HCC Highways were mainly dealing with highly dangerous road conditions.

Cllr Carpenter reported that she was engaging with conservation groups, including the MCV, on wider conservation projects.

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

A. Business, Education & Community

Nothing to report.

B. Communication & Citizen Engagement

Previously discussed under item 7.

C. Building & Development

Nothing to report.

D. Parish Council Open Spaces

The Clerk reported that costs were being obtained to potentially replace some play park equipment that had been highlighted in the RoSPA report.

E. Climate Emergency

Cllr Cameron reported that details had been circulated on the "Greening" Campaign and that discussions were taking place over the coming weeks to which Councillors were invited to attend. Cllr Cameron had forwarded information to the Clerk for circulation and suggested the Parish Council commit to phase one of this project.

Cllr Bishop suggested a follow-up e-mail be sent to all Councillors highlighting the process and commitment to this project and to review at the next meeting.

The Assistant Clerk reported that further development of the "Environmental" page on the website would be undertaken, which would be enhanced when an upgrade of the council's website was installed.

F. Groups & Societies

Cllr Cullen reported that she had attended the National Park Quadrant Meeting, which had given an update on current Covid-19 requirements and an initiative to introduce a walking and cycling infrastructure. Workshops and an updated partnership plan were due to take place in the coming months.

Cllr Cullen also reported that she had attended a meeting called by the Keyhaven Forum, to discuss the Lymington to Hurst Spit Sea Wall Project and that the current consultation is still ongoing.

G. Health & Wellbeing

Nothing to report.

H. Sea Front & Coastal Protection

Discussed under item 6.

I. Transportation & Infrastructure

Previously discussed.

J. Parish Employment

The Clerk reported that Sarah Pitt was working from home and that although he was attending the office, the office was closed to the general public. Josh Mantock had returned to work and had been advised on regulations relating to the current situation.

15. CORRESPONDENCE:

None received.

16. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION:

Nothing to report .

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

..... Chair

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