

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 MARCH 2021.

Minutes of the 388th meeting of the Parish Council held Monday 22nd February 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	
Mr. Tim Cowell		Mr. Peter Jennions	p	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, District Cllr Hawkins, Roz Waters (Lymington Times) 7 members of the public

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Coleman. District Cllr Hopkins.

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

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

The Clerk reported that since the last Parish Council meeting a further meeting had taken place with New Forest District Council (NFDC) that discussed the re-instatement of the footpath with the hope that this could be achieved by Easter. At this meeting NFDC confirmed that the Parish Council would have an input into the consultation on what future work would be required, this consultation was expected to take place between May and October 2021.

Parish Councillors had met to discuss the future role it might play and had welcomed the assurance that it would be involved in the next phase of the project. Cllr Cullen suggested that the next phase would need to encompass a broader specification that considered the wider village requirements.

Members of Needles Point and Shingle Bank Drive reported that exact line of the path and safety fencing was still to be finalised and further meetings with NFDC were due to take place shortly. Draft agreements had already been drawn up and legal representatives from all parties were working towards the final agreement of the path reinstatement.

4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th JANUARY 2021:**

Cllr Banks suggested confirmation within these minutes of the decision on funding for the Log Store at Barnes Lane Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that he had advised the Parish Council on the fund allocation following the last meeting and that 50% of the cost of the log store which the Parish Council had agreed to would be split between CIL allocations (50%) and Community Support allocation, s137, (50%). No objections to this had been received.

Members voted in favour of the minutes being approved.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22 nd January 2021 was a true record of the meeting and would be signed by the Chair at the earliest opportunity.
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5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2021:**

The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated copies of the Expenditure Report for the above period and highlighted some stand-alone expenditure items.

The Clerk reported that the Groundsman would be paid the agreed Inland Revenue mileage rate from 1st February 2021, which would cover any cost incurred from the use of his own vehicle.

The Clerk reported that advice from the internal auditor had been received regarding the advance of salary to the Groundsman. An agreement has been signed confirming this small advance would be repaid before the end of the financial year.

Members had no further comments on expenditure items.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Expenditure Report for **January 2021** was a true record of expenditure.

b) **INCOME REPORT FOR JANUARY 2021:**

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 **January 2020** was a true record of income.

c) **GRANT REQUEST FROM NEW FOREST DISABILITY INFORMATION SERVICE:**

Cllr Banks proposed awarding £500, Cllr Jennions seconded this proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that £500 be awarded to New Forest Disability Information Service, paid from the community support fund.

7. **MOS1 OPEN SPACE CONSULTATION NEXT STEPS:**

The Clerk reported that the consultation process would start on 15th March and run until 30th April. This would give residents, groups, and societies enough time to respond to the consultation. The Parish Council will utilise all the normal channels of communication including the Village Voice, website, notice boards, Survey Monkey, school, and clubs to inform people of the consultation and will compile a range of options before a final decision on what additional facilities might be added to the site.

Cllr Banks asked what the timetable was and if the development at MOS2 would offer mitigation land.

The Clerk reported that plans had been agreed to construct two play areas in April and discussions on the allotments had taken place with NFDC. Pennyfarthing had indicated that they should be off-site by 22nd May. Within the next few months, a further meeting would be held with NFDC to discuss the procedure of transferring ownership of the land to the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that a brief discussion on mitigation land at MOS2 with NFDC had taken place. However, as the date of this potential development is unknown further conversations would be held at a later date.

8. **IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASE ONE OF THE GREENING CAMPAIGN:**

Cllr Cameron reported that several virtual meetings on the Greening Campaign had taken place and proposed that the Parish Council initiate phase one of the campaign that will help address the overall climate problem by reducing the carbon footprint of the village as a whole. The campaign supports town and parish councils with information and a simple guidance for residents on tackling several different areas to help with this process. Cllr Cameron agreed to contact other interested parties that may wish to get involved with this project.

Members voted unanimously in favour of adopting phase one of the campaign.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council adopt phase one of the Greening Campaign and to obtain the information pack at a cost of £50.

9. **UN UPDATE ON MAY ELECTIONS AND VIRTUAL MEETINGS:**

The Clerk reported that elections planned for 6th May are still likely to proceed. NFDC is making provisions for polling stations to be safe areas and are also encouraging residents to vote by post. Nomination papers will need to be hand delivered to NFDC in Lyndhurst between 22nd March and 8th April; further information should be received in the coming weeks.

The Clerk also reported that legislation which allow meetings and decisions to be undertaken remotely is due to finish on 7th May. However, there is mounting pressure on central government to extend this. The Clerk agreed to keep members informed of future legislation changes.

10. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

County Cllr Fran Carpenter reported that the 2020 – 2050 Transport Consultation is due to end on 28th February and should members of the Parish Council wish to respond they must do so before this date.

Cllr Carpenter reported on a local project “The Big Bee Rescue” and suggested this could form part of the Greening Campaign as many conservation groups, including the MCV were actively involved.

District Cllr Hawkins reported that he was attending a number of meetings, especially those relating to climate change, flooding and the sea wall and would provide updates on a regular basis.

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

A. Business, Education & Community

Nothing to report.

B. Communication & Citizen Engagement

The Clerk reported that he had not been in touch with the local policeman for some time.

C. Building & Development

Nothing to report.

D. Parish Council Open Spaces

The Clerk reported that he had recently provided a report on Parish Council open spaces and that some projects were on hold due to the current situation.

E. Climate Emergency

The Assistant Clerk reported that a dedicated page on environmental issues had been set up on the parish website which would be further enhanced when the website is upgraded in the new financial year.

F. Groups & Societies

Cllr Banks reported that she was due to attend the New Forest Consultative Panel meeting and would report back at future meetings.

G. Health & Wellbeing

Nothing to report.

H. Sea Front & Coastal Protection

Discussed under item 6.

I. Transportation & Infrastructure

Nothing to report.

J. Parish Employment

The Clerk reported that Sarah Pitt was coming to the end of her CILCA qualification and as part of this process would be reviewing parish council policies over the next few months.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

None received.

13. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION:

Nothing to report .

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 7.30pm.

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