

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

The Old Clock House ~ 22 High Street ~ Milford-on-Sea ~ Hampshire ~ SO41 0QD



THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING ON THE 17th MAY 2021.

Minutes of the 390th meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 19th April 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	p	Ms. Anne Cullen	p
Mrs. Patricia Banks	p	Mr. Donald Darbshire	p	Mr. Tony Coleman	p
Mr. Kenneth Cameron	p	Mr. David Royle	p	Mr. Ian Erridge	p

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), County Cllr Carpenter, District Cllr Hawkins,
3 members of the public.

The Chair opened the meeting by introducing the two newly elected Councillors and wished them well in the coming months and years.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
3. **APOLOGIES:** None.

With the agreement of members, the Chair brought forward item 8.

8. **USE OF AND SEATING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN:**

A member of the public reported that several incidences had occurred where individuals had urinated along their boundary fence and on one occasion had climbed the fence and relieved themselves in their garden. She reported that consideration was being given to erecting a strand of barbed wire and CCTV.

Cllr Whitlock suggested these incidences may not occur this summer as public facilities are now open.
Cllr Jennions suggested a visible sign indicating the public toilets in Sea Road Car Park.

The Clerk reported that it was likely that only The Cave and The Paddle would be requiring additional seating on the Village Green. Also, that there had been several requests for A Board advertising from other businesses.

Cllr Darbshire suggested the telephone box could be used as a place for advertising.

Cllr Whitlock suggested that those businesses that have additional seating be allowed to place menus on their tables.

Members agreed A Board advertising would not be allowed on the Village Green and the Clerk would inform those that had requested this.

4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd MARCH 2021:**

Cllr Banks proposed the minutes be accepted. Cllr Darbshire seconded his proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

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

5. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 8TH APRIL 2021:

Draft minutes had been circulated.

With the agreement of members, the Chair bought forward item 7.

7. MOS1 OPEN SPACE CONSULTATION:

The Clerk reported 275 suggestions had been received and that the first round of the consultation would run until 30th April.

Cllr Bishop emphasised that once views from the current round of consultation have been analysed a final round of consultation would be held on the key suggestions and issues that were raised.

Cllr Goode requested confirmation from NFDC relating to the core policy and if there was any conflict with the inspectors report following the public enquiry. This, he suggested, would put members minds at ease when considering additional facilities for the site.

Cllr Erridge suggested that a wide range of managed facilities should be considered that would appeal to young people and adults.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR MARCH 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.

Members had no further comments on expenditure items.

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

b) **INCOME REPORT FOR MARCH 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 **March 2021** was a true record of income.

c) **GRANT APPLICATION FROM MILFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

The Clerk reported that £5,000 was available in the Community Support Fund.

Cllr Goode suggested the request was essential for schooling in the current climate.

Cllr Jennions proposed awarding £1000. There was no seconder for this proposal.

Cllr Cullen proposed awarding £500 and reviewing any additional requirement later in the year. Cllr Darbshire seconded this proposal.

Members voted seven (7) in favour, two (2) against and two (2) abstentions.

It was **RESOLVED** that £500 be awarded to Milford-on-Sea Primary School to continue use of the marquee, paid from the Community Support Fund.

d) **GRANT APPLICATION FROM VICTIM SUPPORT:**

Cllr Darbshire proposed awarding £200. Cllr Royle seconded this proposal.

Members voted six (6) in favour, one (1) against and four (4) abstentions.

It was **RESOLVED** that £200 be awarded to Victim Support, paid from the Community Support Fund.

9. VIRTUAL/REMOTE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS AFTER 7TH MAY:

The Clerk reported that legislation to allow Towns and Parishes to meet and make decisions remotely was due to end on 7th May. However, there is a hearing on 21st April to challenge this decision. He reported that other local Councils have either bought forward meetings or postponed them until after 21st June, when it is planned all restrictions will end.

Members agreed to await the outcome of the hearing before making any further decision.

The Clerk reported that he had received quotes on the I.T to enable the public to see and hear future parish meetings when the Parish Council meets physically in the near future.

10. FORMATION OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a proposal to formulate a Finance Committee. Cllr Goode suggested this committee consider both Audit and Compliance issues. Cllr Bishop suggested this should be a committee open to all Councillors and that it would meet approximately three times a year. Also, that any recommendations should be referred to the full Parish Council for a final decision

Cllr Cullen suggested a reduced number of Councillors on this committee. Cllr Erridge suggested a core group of Councillors and other Councillor attendees.

Members voted in favour of formulation a Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that a Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee be formed and the election of Chair and Vice Chair to this committee and its structure would take place at the AGM.

11. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

County Cllr Fran Carpenter reported that a temporary repair had been undertaken to the pothole on Manor Road. Also that Hampshire County Council's Legal department had been made aware that land at The Boltons had been sold on. There were no further details on when the work to reinstate the footpath would take place.

District Cllr Hawkins introduced himself to the new Councillors and reported that there was some uncertainty on how the District Council would be meeting in relation to legislation on virtual meetings ending on 7th May.

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

A. Business, Education & Community

Cllr Whitlock reported that the Community Centre was looking at reopening with restricted capacity. Cllr Goode suggested that, when possible, the Parish Council should meet with the School Council.

B. Communication & Citizen Engagement

Nothing to report.

C. Building & Development

The Clerk reported that NFDC had agreed to dividing the allotment site into smaller plots.

D. Parish Council Open Spaces

The Clerk reported that meetings were taking place to identify where floral displays could be placed following HCC not allowing hanging baskets on cast iron posts. The Clerk reported that additional planting behind the new Log Store had been agreed and that Anti Climb Paint was being applied to the Log Store and Cricket Shed roofs.

E. Climate Emergency

Cllr Cameron reported that the wording on a letter to groups and societies had been agreed and that it was hoped that the organisers of these societies would forward the details to their members. Cllr Cameron thanked the two new Councillors for offering to help on this project and reported that under the Parish Council's submission, an article on the greening campaign had appeared in the latest addition of the Village Voice.

F. Groups & Societies

Cllr Cullen reported that she had attended the recent NPA quadrant meeting which had discussed, the expected increase in traffic, wild camping, ground nesting birds and light pollution.

G. Health & Wellbeing

Nothing to report

H. Sea Front & Coastal Protection

Cllr Bishop reported that the coastal path was now fully open.

Cllr Royle reported that there had been a coastal land slip close to Paddy's Gap Car Park.

I. Transportation & Infrastructure

Cllr Jennions suggested that the speed indicator be placed in a residential location along Keyhaven Road.

The Clerk agreed to add this location to the list of proposed street locations and permission would be required from SSE and Hampshire County Council Highways.

J. Parish Employment

The Parish Council went into an “In Camera” session to discuss the vacancy of Assistant Parish Clerk.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

None received.

13. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION:

Cllr Whitlock reported that all the appropriate steps had been taken by the owner of “Rays” for seating to be placed on the pavement and that NFDC had visited the premises .

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 8.30pm.

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