

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 19th JULY 2021.

Minutes of the 392nd meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 21st June 2021.**
In All Saints Church Hall

MEMBERS

Mr. Bob Bishop	p	Mr. Matthew Goode		Mrs. Susan Whitlock	p
Mr. Tim Cowell	p	Mr. Peter Jennions	p	Ms. Anne Cullen	p
Mrs. Patricia Banks	p	Mr. Donald Darbishire	p	Mr. Tony Coleman	p
Mr. Kenneth Cameron	p	Mr. David Royle	p	Mr. Ian Erridge	p

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), Christine Stuart (Assistant Clerk), District Cllr Hawkins,
6 members of the public.

The Vice-Chair Anne Cullen chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Mr. Webster for Item 7, Mr. Halliwell & Mrs. Pepper for items not on the agenda.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Goode and County Cllr Carpenter.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (AGM) MEETING HELD ON 4th MAY 2021:**
Cllr Royle proposed the minutes be accepted. Cllr Erridge seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th May 2021 was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.
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5. **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM 1st JUNE 2021:**
Draft minutes have been circulated.

With the agreement of members the Chair brought forward item 7.

7. **MILFORD, KEYHAVEN & CHRISTCHURCH BAY COASTAL DEFENSES:**

The Clerk reported that a beach recharge of 4000 tons of shingle was due to take place on 28th June to the area beneath the lower promenade and that the footpath near to the White House had been opened. Further information on the next phase of the coastal defence work was due to be discussed at two virtual meetings on 6th and 12th July. As well as these meetings, New Forest District Council (NFDC) would be producing a report which would be available to the wider public.

Cllr Cullen suggested that the coastal defences at Milford would be considered within a larger project and thus Milford would not be in a position of isolation.

A member of the public suggested that the newly laid footpath did not offer an adequate surfacing for all users and asked why it was deemed to be a temporary arrangement.

Cllr Cullen suggested this information be obtained from NFDC's coastal team.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

A member of the public, Mrs. Pepper, suggested that trees in the orchard had been suffering from the recent extreme weather and that a path had gotten very overgrown.

The Clerk reported that he was aware of the condition of some trees and that any dead trees would be replaced in the Autumn and that the path would be cut back this week.

A member of the public, Mr. Mike Halliwell reported on his idea relating to obtaining funds for a war memorial by offering hitch hikers rides.

Members were concerned about the insurance implications and did not commit to supporting the scheme.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR MAY 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.

Cllr Cowell proposed the expenditure items be approved. Cllr Royle seconded this proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Expenditure Report for **May 2021** was a true record of expenditure and was signed by the Chair.

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

The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated copies of the Income Report for the above period.

Cllr Bishop proposed the income items be approved. Cllr Darbishire seconded this proposal

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Income Report for **May 2021** was a true record of income and was signed by the Chair

c) **RECONCILED BANK ACCOUNTS:**

Bank statements were circulated for information.

d) **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE 2020/2021 INTERNAL AUDIT:**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the Governance Statement.

Cllr Cowell proposed approving the Annual Governance Statement. Cllr Bishop seconded the proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Governance Statement of 2020/2021 was correct and that the Parish Council was adhering to all the requirements within it. The Document was signed by the Chair of the meeting and Clerk.

e) **ACCOUNTING STATEMENT FOR 2020/2021 AUDIT:**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts.

Cllr Bishop Proposed approving the Accounting Statement. Cllr Royle seconded the proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Accounting Statement for 2020/2021 was correct and was duly adopted and signed by the Chair of the meeting and Responsible Financial Officer.

f) **2020/2021 YEAR END ACCOUNTS:**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021.

Cllr Cullen proposed approving the 2020/21 Year End Accounts. Cllr Cowell seconded the proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the 2020/2021 Year End Accounts were a true record of financial transactions and were duly signed by the Chair and Responsible Financial Officer.

8. SEATING ON THE VILLAGE GREEN:

The Clerk reported that no complaints had been received regarding additional seating on the Village Green. Members expressed their delight that the Village Green was being used by residents and visitors alike.

9. ALLOTMENT AND OPEN SPACE LAND TRANSFER OF MOSI:

The Clerk reported that a meeting was being held this week to discuss the transfer of allotment land to the Parish Council. He also reported that the openness of the site, the play area and the hedge removal opposite Manor Road would be raised by him at the meeting.

10. RENAMING BARNES LANE PAVILION THE “CHRIS WALFORD PAVILION”:

Cllr Bishop proposed the Pavilion be known as The Chris Walford Pavilion, as Chris had committed over 33 years to building and maintaining the Pavilion and recreation Ground. Cllr Erridge seconded the proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was RESOLVED that the Pavilion at Barnes Lane Recreation Ground be named the Chris Walford Pavilion.
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11. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS:

District Cllr Hawkins reported that he had been invited to view the repairs being undertaken at Hurst Castle. Also, that he would pursue the reason for a “temporary” path recently constructed and if further shingle is planned for areas along Hordle Cliff.

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

A. Business, Education & Community

Cllr Darbishire reported that a tourism meeting would take place in the Autumn.

Cllr Whitlock reported the Community Centre had cancelled some events, whilst others were hoping to go ahead. Also, that the youth group was now open.

B. Communication & Citizen Engagement

Nothing to report.

C. Building & Development

Cllr Banks reported that she had attended a virtual meeting relating to changes to permitted developments. Christine Stuart, Planning Clerk, had also attended this meeting.

D. Parish Council Open Spaces

The Clerk reported that the MCV had started to remove the fallen trees in the Pleasure Grounds and sectioned them up to be placed in the new Log Store.

E. Climate Emergency

Cllr Cameron reported that the Greening Campaign was well underway and that publicity would be ongoing throughout the consultation period. Cllr Cullen suggested extending the deadline for the survey to the end of July. Cllr Royle and Cllr Erridge reported that they had been successful in contacting a number of groups and societies to enable them to inform their members.

F. Groups & Societies

Cllr Banks reported that she had attended the recent meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel.

G. Finance

Cllr Cullen reported that terms of reference for the newly formed Finance Committee had been circulated to members,

H. Health & Wellbeing

Cllr Banks reported that the War Memorial Hospital had recently been well used to offer vaccinations However, no further information had been forthcoming on the long-term future of the hospital.

I. Sea Front & Coastal Protection

Reported under item 7.

J. Transportation & Infrastructure

Cllr Cullen agreed to photograph and report the large pothole outside 64 High Street.

K. Parish Employment

The Parish Council welcomed Christine Stuart as the new Assistant/Planning Clerk and wished her well.

12. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that work to replace the foot bridge at the northern end of Sturt Pond was due to be undertaken before the end of the month.

13. MATTERS FOR INFORMATION:

None.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 7.55pm.

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