

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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



Minutes of the
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
HELD AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL
On Monday 9th May 2022 at 7.30pm

MEMBERS

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), Niamh Morrison (Assistant Clerk), Josh Mantock (Groundsman)
County Cllr Carpenter, District Cllr Hawkins & 25 members of the public.

1. **APLOLGIES:** Cllr Cameron, Cllr Coleman & District Cllr Hopkins

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH MAY 2019

It was resolved that the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on **Monday, 13th May 2019** were approved as true to record and duly signed by the Chair. There were no matters arising.

2. **REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**

Cllr Matthew Goode, the Chair of the Parish Council introduced himself, the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk. He proceeded to extend a welcome to the public to the Annual Parish Meeting. This was followed by each Cllr introducing themselves.

The Chair acknowledged the new members of the Parish Council (Cllr Royle and Vaughan). He thanked the Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Groundsman for their efforts, especially during the pandemic. Special thanks were given to Dave Gollodge and Mark Whitfield who have devoted over 45 years between them maintaining Parish Council Pleasure Grounds. The Chair also thanked the late Mr. Tony Locke who played an instrumental role in several projects within Milford-on-Sea. He also acknowledged the contribution made by Chris Walford's 33 years of work at Barnes Lane Recreation Ground. The Chair also paid complements to Tracy Haupt and Di Brushwood for the fantastic Village Green Christmas lights and Cllr Darbshire for coordinating the traders Christmas trees. Also acknowledged were those Councillors who spearheaded the Greening Campaign.

The Chair proceeded to explain to the public the role in which the Parish Council plays including meetings, frequency, and content. He encouraged members of the public to attend the regular meetings and to come forward with ideas and suggestions. The Chair gave brief overview of the activities in the last 12 months, in particular the quarterly meetings that are held between the Parish Council and NFDC. The content of these meetings include the Coastal Defense Strategy, the Public Open Space and SS7. The Chair signposted the members of the public to the Annual Report that had been circulated and reported that due to the acquisition of additional land due in 2022/23 the precept had increased by 14.5%.

Cllr Goode then invited Cllr Banks, the Chair of the Planning Committee Meeting, to come forward with a report.

3. REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Banks gave thanks to Cllr Whitlock who successfully chaired Zoom planning meetings during the pandemic and voiced gratitude to Cllr Royle (Vice Chairman) for all his help and support during her Chairmanship.

Cllr Banks gave an overview of the role of the Planning Committee and their ability to pass comments to the District Council and National Park Authority, with recommendations for approval or refusal. In 2021/22 alone, the Planning Committee had considered more than 100 building applications and over 50 tree works applications.

Cllr Banks highlighted the importance of potential building projects in the pipeline for Milford-on-Sea Parish in the form of SS7 and the possibility of the NHS developing a new health care provision at the War Memorial Hospital.

It was reported that the Building Contractor developing the land at Manor Road intend to host a Public Consultation later this month for 3 or 4 weeks and that a Planning Application is expected to be submitted late in the summer.

Cllr Goode invited Cllr Cullen, the Chair of the Finance Committee, to give her report.

4. REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Cllr Cullen gave an outline of the Finance Committee; this included both the expenditure and capital budgets. Cllr Cullen explained that the expenditure budget primarily covers the maintenance of Parish Land, Playparks, The Parish Office, Staff, Loan for the Community Centre and small items of Equipment. Community Grants are also distributed from this budget.

The Clerk proceeded to give insight to the members of the public as to where the Parish Council funds come from, including details of the Precept, Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and expected Mitigation Funds.

The Chair of the Parish Council then invited Hampshire County Councillor Fran Carpenter to address the public.

5. REPORT FROM HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Carpenter thanked the Parish Council for the invitation. She proceeded to give an insight into activities happening within Hampshire. The highlights included a transport plan to encourage people to walk and cycle, Electric Vehicle Charging will be increased, 1 million trees to be planted, installation of green energy to over 400 schools, hydrogenated gritters and sugar cane bollards. She also reported two new SEN schools, a detox center in Fareham and the Chatty Café project that is emerging.

She informed the public that the response in Hampshire to the crisis in the Ukraine has achieved good results and there have been 850 home check completed and over 600+ here already.

Cllr Carpenter handed over to New Forest District Cllr Hawkins to report.

6. REPORTS FROM NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Hawkins passed on apologies from Cllr Hopkins and proceeded to read a message from her. In this message she stated that she actively monitoring events in the local community, in particular refuse and any proposed changes in the future.

Cllr Hawkins informed the public of the work that has been undertaken on coastal frontage. To-date there has been over a million spent on sea defenses close to the White House and that a wider project had developed to include the whole of Christchurch Bay. He offered his reassurances that the situation is being strictly monitored to note of any alterations.

He informed the public Milford-on-Sea Village has the best public amenities as they incorporate unisex and disabled facilities for children. He hoped that the other amenities would be replaced in due course with something as similar and modern.

7. FUTURE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT MANOR ROAD (SS7)

The Chair reported that a consultation was due to be undertaken by the developer, Pennyfarthing, in May. This would be an on-line consultation which would last 3-4 weeks. The Chair encouraged the public to engage with the consultation as even though homes are likely to be build on the site residents and the Parish Council does have some influence on the project.

The Chair also reported that a planning application was likely this summer and that investigations were ongoing as to the affect of sewerage and drainage from the proposed development.

8. LAND TO BE OBTAINED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL AT “THE SWIFTS”

The Clerk reported that the allotment site was now in the ownership of the Parish Council and 19 allotment holders were cultivating their individual plots. The transfer of the play area should be completed by the end of May.

The Clerk reported that a survey of the open space field had been undertaken by Hampshire Football Association (FA) which had recommended several actions to make the field safe for public use. This had been passed to the developer, whose contractor was due to start work to remedy the situation. The Clerk confirmed that once this work had been completed a further survey by the FA and/or an agronomist would be required and that the Parish Council would not be taking ownership of the land until fully satisfied with its condition.

9. ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual report had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting.

10. QUESTIONS OR MATTERS RAISED BY THE ELECTORS OF THE PARISH

Q1. *Who owns the layby close to the Downton Lane Junction?*

County Cllr Carpenter confirmed it was Hampshire County Council’s Highways Department. However, like Saltgrass Lane and New Lane at Keyhaven, the authority can only encourage those that park for long periods to move on.

Q2. *Can the soil from the Manor Road (SS7) development be used for the field at “The Swifts”?*

The Clerk stated that it was unlikely that work on SS7 would start until Autumn 2023 and that it was hoped the land at the swifts would be safe to use before this date.

Q3. *Who is responsible for the maintenance of the grass areas within “the swifts” development?*

It is understood that these areas are still owned by the developer until transferred to a different authority.

Q4. *What is happening to the fencing at the car park / drop off entrance opposite South Lawn Hotel?*

The Chair reported that a works permit from Hampshire Highways and Southern Water has been applied for. It is hoped that whatever is erected at this entrance will be in keeping with a rural location.

Q5. *What is the point of completing the consultation for the proposed development north of Manor Road?*

The Chair suggested that it is worthwhile completing the consultation as members of the public can influence how residents of the village wish to see the development, as well as concerns such as a traffic system at the Everton Junction and the requirement for affordable housing.

Q6. *Are the Parish Council reducing services in favour of salaries?*

Cllr Royle explained that the Parish Council have increased the hours for its Groundsman and budgeted for an additional part time Groundsman at a future date and that the Parish Council is committed to maintain the amenities

of the village.

Q7. Will the construction traffic for the development North of Manor Road affect the roads in the village?

The Chair reported that current plans are to make an access point just past South Lawn Hotel. Thus construction traffic will not need to go into Manor Road or Barnes Lane.

Q9. Will the public toilets next to the Bowls Club be replaced soon?

District Cllr Hawkins reported that the public toilets are planned to be replaced in 2023

Q10. What measures are in hand to stop the flooding outside the school?

County Cllr Carpenter has reported the flooding to HCC Highways in the past and would discuss further with the Parish Clerk.

The Chair reported that an impact assessment as well as sewerage and run off water assessments would be undertaken by Pennyfarthing as part of the requirements for planning permission north of Manor Road.

Q11. Would the house currently on land north of Manor Road be demolished and form part of the development?

The Chair reported that recently the tie on the property to be occupied by a tie to agriculture had been removed, but was unaware of any discussions between the developer and the homeowner.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 8.50pm.

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