

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 20th OF MARCH 2023.

Minutes of the 412th meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 20th February 2023.**
In the Village Hall, Park Road

MEMBERS

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), District Cllr David Hawkins, District Cllr Hopkins, County Cllr Fran Carpenter, Roz Waters (Lymington Times) and 1 member of the Public

Chair of the Parish Council, Matthew Goode, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None Received
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Cameron, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Jennions.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th JANUARY 2023:**
Cllr Royle proposed the minutes be adopted; Cllr Banks seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour that the minutes are accepted.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **16th January 2023** was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5. **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES HELD ON 9th JANUARY 2022:**
Members voted unanimously in favour that the Planning Minutes are fully adopted.
6. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023:**

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

Cllr Bishop proposed the expenditure report be approved; Cllr Whitlock seconded this proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour that the Expenditure Report is accepted.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Expenditure Report for **January 2023** was a true record of expenditure and was signed by the Chair.

b) **INCOME REPORT FOR JANUARY 2023:**

The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated copies of the Income Report for the above period. Cllr Bishop proposed the income report be approved; Cllr Whitlock seconded this proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour that the Income Report is accepted.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Income Report for **January 2023** was a true record of income and was signed by the Chair.

c) **RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS:**

Reconciled bank statements for January were circulated to members for information.

d) **GRANT APPLICATION FOR MILFORD VOLUNTEER DRIVERS:**

Cllr Goode proposed deferring this application and to invite a representative of Milford Volunteer Drivers to the next Parish Council Meeting so that they could answer various questions raised by Councillors. Members agreed to this proposal.

e) **GRANT APPLICATION FROM MILFORD PRE-SCHOOL:**

Cllr Cowell proposed awarding £300 towards the project for Milford Pre-School. Cllr Darbishire seconded this proposal. Councillors voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that £300 be awarded to Milford Pre-School, paid from the Community Support Fund.

7. **OPEN SPACE LAND BEHIND MILFORD SCHOOL:**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated an Assessment Action Plan, forwarded from the Head of Planning at New Forest District Council (NFDC).

The Chair reported that the land was still in the ownership of Pennyfarthing Homes and although Milford-on-Sea Parish Council have agreed to accept the land, this is subject to it being in a safe condition and not leaving the Parish Council with any liability. He suggested that the Assessment Plan received could leave the Parish Council bound by conditions out of its control if both NFDC and Pennyfarthing Homes (PFH) both agreed on certain elements and that this should not be acceptable to the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that an independent assessment on the condition of the land had already been commissioned by the Parish Council in the Autumn of 2022, this had been undertaken by an expert Agronomist from the Grounds Maintenance Association. The Agronomist had stipulated that Milford Parish Council should not accept the land in its current condition and made recommendations on how to resolve the issue.

Cllr Goode suggested that it was in the public interest for parishioners to be aware of the discussions between Milford-on-Sea Parish Council, NFDC and PFH and that any comments on the Assessment Plan would be a collective response from all Councillors.

Cllr Cullen suggested that the Parish Council meet in the first instance with NFDC after responding to the assessment plan.

Cllr Banks suggested that the previous landowner, J. Edgar had some responsibility to agree to the requirements set out in the S106 agreement.

It was agreed for the Clerk to collate all the individual Councillor responses and draft a response to NFDC, this would be circulated to Councillors for approval prior to being sent.

8. **FEASIBILITY STUDY AND MEETING DATE WITH THE ARCHITECT:**

The Clerk reported that at the same time as trying to resolve the issue in item 7, the Parish Council had previously agreed to undertake a feasibility study to assess what facilities it would like on the land behind the school. Cllr Goode suggested that the aspirations the Parish Council have for the site might take several years to complete and that it would be reasonable to progress the feasibility study at an early stage of the process. It was agreed by Councillors to try and pursue a meeting on the weekend with the architect previously agreed.

9. UPDATE ON THE HLS AGREEMENT AND WORK PLANNED FOR STUDLAN COMMON:

The Clerk reported that the Higher-Level Stewardship (HLS) funding to manage the land at Studland Common had been extended for a further five years.

Recently there had been an extensive flail on Studland Common and work to clear some gorse was due to proceed later in the week. It was hoped that several members of the MCV would be in attendance.

Cllr Whitlock reported that cattle had not been on the land for some time.

The Clerk agreed to speak to the grazier about this and report back.

10. UPDATE ON THE FORTHCOMING PARISH ELECTIONS DUE ON 4TH MAY 2023:

The Clerk reported that he had started to receive information from NFDC regarding the election and the processes involved for Councillors to submit the required paperwork.

Nomination papers could be submitted in person to NFDC from 20th March until 4th April. If more than 12 residents apply to stand then there will be an election for the 12 available posts.

Information and advice would be available in the Parish Office for existing as well as any new potential Councillors.

11. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

County Cllr Carpenter reported that she was aware of the container situated at the end of Salt Grass Lane and was liaising with HCC Highways Department. She also reported that a budget meeting at HCC was to take place this week.

Cllr Carpenter and the Clerk have been receiving complaints again about parking in Salt Grass Lane and New Lane. Both had been corresponding with Hampshire County Council Representatives and would report back at a future meeting.

District Cllr Hawkins reported that NFDC Councillors had been receiving information on the forthcoming elections for District Councillors. He reported that Milford and Hordle would have joint District representation from 3 Councillors.

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

A. Business, Education & Community

Nothing to report.

B. Communication & Citizen Engagement

Cllr Darbshire reported that he had attended a recent meeting to discuss the Milford Music Festival and that this event should help support local traders.

C. Building & Development

Nothing further to report.

D. Parish Council Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

E. Climate Emergency

Cllr Cullen reported that she was due to attend a meeting on Climate Change and Nature Emergency shortly. Cllr Banks had agreed to represent the Parish Council at the meeting to discuss the Lymington to Hurst Spit project.

F. Groups & Societies

Nothing to report.

G. Finance

Nothing to report.

H. Health & Wellbeing

Nothing to report.

I. Sea Front & Coastal Protection

Nothing to report.

J. Transportation & Infrastructure

Nothing to report.

K. Parish Employment

Nothing to report.

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that £500 had been awarded by Tesco following their “token” campaign before Christmas.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 7.45pm.

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