

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 20th JANUARY 2024.

Minutes of the 433rd meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 9th December 2024.**
In the Village Hall, Park Road

MEMBERS

Mr. Bob Bishop	p	Mrs. Susan Pepper	p	Mrs. Susan Whitlock	
Mrs. Christine Hopkins	p	Mr. Peter Jennions	p	Ms. Anne Cullen	
Mrs. Patricia Banks	p	Mr. Donald Darbshire	p	Mr. Bernard Bennett	p
Mr. Kenneth Cameron		Mr. David Royle	p	Mr. Ian Bliss	

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk)

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None declared.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr's Whitlock, Bliss & Cullen. District Cllrs Ward, Hawkins & Reid. County Cllr Carpenter.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18th NOVEMBER 2024:**
Cllr Bishop proposed the minutes be adopted; Cllr Pepper seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **18th November** was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024:**

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 Royle proposed the expenditure report be approved; Cllr Hopkins seconded this proposal.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Expenditure Report for **November 2024** was a true record of expenditure and was signed by the Chair.

b) **INCOME REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2024:**

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

Cllr Royle proposed the income report be approved; Cllr Hopkins seconded this proposal.

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

It was **RESOLVED** that the Income Report for **November 2024** was a true record of income and was signed by the Chair.

c) **2025/26 PRECEPT LEVEL**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the minutes of the recent Finance Committee. Also circulated were expenditure comparisons for financial years 2024/5 & 2025/6.

The recommendation from the Finance Committee is to increase the precept level to £239,400.

Cllr Bishop proposed to accept this amount. Cllr Darbshire seconded the proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the 2025/26 precept level be set at £239,400. This represents an increase of £5.91 per annum for a band D property (8.1%).

6. **CHAIRS REPORT:**

The Chair reported that it had been a very busy 6 weeks with unfortunate illness being suffered by some members of staff.

The Chair thanked all those involved in the progress made during the Bowls Club and Meadow working groups. He reported that an invitation had been extended to Pennyfarthing Homes to meet members of the Parish Council for an update on the next stage of the proposed development north of Manor Road.

This had been accepted by Pennyfarthing Homes. However, it was suggested that this be early in the new year as there were several councillors unavailable at present.

7. **AN UPDATE ON THE ACQUISITION OF THE COMMUNITY MEADOW (NORTHERN SECTION):**

The Clerk reported that the Council's bid had been accepted by Friends of Christchurch Priory and that the total bid was £114,535. All those that had pledged money had been e-mailed and 80% of the funds had already been received.

The Parish Council's solicitor had been instructed to act on behalf of the Council and it is hoped that the land transfer will take place before the end of February 2025.

8. **CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2024/5 AND 2025/6:**

The Clerk reported that several projects had been recommended by the Finance Committee. These included, The widening of the cricket shed to accommodate the turf groomer. Replacement benches at bus stops along the coast road and new benches on Studland Common and Meadow.

Councillors agreed to proceed with these projects.

Several other projects will be considered when final costs have been gathered. These include streaming parish council meetings and additional fencing at Barnes Lane Recreation Ground.

9. **2025 MEETING DATES:**

Prior to the meeting the suggested dates for parish meetings had been circulated.

It was agreed to change the Finance and Forward Planning dates to a Monday and to have the training days in the Parish Office starting at 5pm.

10. **THE PARISH COUNCILS' RESPONSE TO THE PARKING PROPOSALS AT KEYHAVEN:**

Cllr Darbshire suggested that the Parish Council should respond to the HCC consultation on parking proposals at Keyhaven and that this should include amenity parking in existing NFDC car parks.

Cllr Banks suggested our response should also be forwarded to NFDC as they are also undertaking a consultation on public car parks.

Cllr Darbshire agreed to draft a response and forward to Councillors for comment before the office sends it to both authorities.

11. **AN UPDATE REPORT FROM COUNCILLORS THAT HAVE ATTENDED EXTERNAL MEETINGS:**

Cllr Banks reported that she had attended the New Forest Consultative Panel held on 6th December.

She reported that discussions had been held on the 10-year plan from the Countryside access team and the meeting had received a presentation from "Go New Forest".

Reports had been received from Steve Avery which included the new National Planning Policy Framework, the Devolution White Paper, consultation on NFNPA's Local Plan Review and Biodiversity Net Gains from Aubrey Farm in Keyhaven.

Cllr Derek Tipp (NFDC) reported on the current car parking consultation, NFDC's call for development sites and the CIL Money still available.

The next meeting of the Consultative Panel is March 6th, 2025.

Cllr Pepper reported that she had attended an EGM for friends of Milford-on-Sea War Memorial Hospital. This group is going to dissolve shortly and discussions were held on their funds being transferred to the committee at The Bridge.

Cllr Pepper had also attended a meeting with English Heritage who reported that they were committed to maintaining a footpath along Hurst Spit to Hurst Castle.

12. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

No District or County Councillors were able to attend this meeting.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive the planning minutes from **4th November 2024** for adoption.
Members voted unanimously in favour of adopting these minutes.

B. FINANCE & FORWARD PLANNING COMMITTEE:

To receive the minutes of the Finance and Forward Planning Committee held on **25th November**.
Members voted unanimously in favour of adopting the minutes which were signed by the Chair of the Finance Committee.

C. AMENITIES, WOODLAND, COASTAL & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The next meeting is scheduled for **11th March 2025**.

D. TOURISM, TRADERS & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:

The next meeting is scheduled for **24th September 2025**. It was noted that an earlier meeting could be arranged if required.

E. MOS1 COMMITTEE:

A meeting to discuss MOS1 will be held when further information becomes available.

17. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that work was due to take place at the substation in the Lower Pleasure Grounds.

18. OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT:

None.

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

..... Chair Date