

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 MEETING ON THE 20th OF FEBRUARY 2023.

Minutes of the 411th meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday January 16th 2023.**
In the Village Hall, Park Road

MEMBERS

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

County Cllr Fran Carpenter, Niamh Morrison (Assistant Parish Clerk), Roz Waters (The 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 Cowell, Cllr Vaughan, Cllr Cullen, Cllr Cameron, District Cllr David Hawkins and District Cllr Christine Hopkins.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5th DECEMBER 2022:**
Cllr Royle proposed the minutes be adopted; Cllr Darbishire 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 5th December 2022 was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5. **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES HELD ON 5th December 2022:**
The Planning Minutes were fully adopted and signed on Monday, 9th January 2023.

6. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

- a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2022:**

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 Darbishire seconded this proposal.

All members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Expenditure Report for December 2022 was a true record of expenditure and was signed by the Chair.

b) INCOME REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2022:

The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated copies of the Income Report for the above period. Cllr Jennions proposed the income report be approved; Cllr Darbshire seconded this proposal. All members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Income Report for **December 2022** was a true record of income and was signed by the Chair

c) RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS:

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

d) CHANGE OF SIGNATORIES FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL BANK ACCOUNTS:

The Parish Office obtained a mandate from HSBC Bank to change the signatories on the Parish Bank Account. Cllr Goode proposed that Cllr Cullen, Cllr Royle volunteered to be the new signatories, Cllr Darbshire seconded this proposal. All members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the new signatories would be Cllr Cullen and Cllr Royle.

7. THE OPEN SPACE LAND BEHIND MILFORD SCHOOL:

Cllr Goode reported that the specification for the renewed survey and report that NFDC were expected to produce late last year was still outstanding. Cllr Goode reported that the Executive Head of Planning, Regeneration and Economy (Claire Upton-Brown) who responsible for the implementation of this report has sited time constraints as the reason it has yet to be carried out, however it is very much a priority. It was agreed that the Parish Council's own agronomist report on the parcel of land should be shared with Portfolio Holders to assist in moving things forward.

8. SERVICING THE VILLAGE CLOCK:

Smith of Derby produced 3 options for the Parish Council to consider regarding the servicing and maintenance of the Millennium Clock. The Parish Council decided that they need to fully understand the cost implications (both immediate and ongoing maintenance) and what is available in the budget prior to deciding if this project is the most prudent. Cllr Banks would like clarification on who the clock was gifted from, when and what was the understanding of the Donor's commitment at the time. It was proposed that an article be written in the Village Voice about the history of the clock, how thankful the Parish Council is to the Donor and expand on the predicament the Parish Council find themselves in with the ongoing liability.

9. THE LAND AT THE COMMUNITY MEADOW OWNED BY CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY:

The Assistant Clerk had nothing to report on the land at the Community Meadow owned by Christchurch Priory. A brief discussion was held about the future of the land might hold and what the status of the land is.

10. PARISH COUNCIL LAND AT SCHOLARS RETREAT:

The Assistant Clerk reported that the Clerk had recently met with a Hampshire County Council Open Space Officer at the site with the view of planting trees in this space. It was agreed that the Parish Council would look at the potential proposal of tree planting from Hampshire County Council when it became available. A discussion was held about the geographical positioning to the land and what would be potentially viable there. Cllr Goode suggested that it is put out to the community via the Village Voice that the Parish have this land and are seeking innovative and viable ideas.

11. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

County Cllr Fran Carpenter reported that 10 new schools have been proposed for Hampshire, 2 of them being SEN facilities, 7 existing schools will have new SEN facilities. She informed the Parish Council that Hampshire County Council are working around the clock dealing with the current pressures due to flooding and road conditions. Drain covers are being stolen throughout Hampshire which is causing additional problems for Hampshire County Council.

Cllr Carpenter said she would be very happy to contribute from her budget next year towards the Millennium Clock.

The Parish Council acknowledged Cllr Rice and all the great work he did as a Councillor. They were saddened to hear of his passing.

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

A. Business, Education & Community

Nothing to report.

B. Communication & Citizen Engagement

Nothing to report.

C. Building & Development

Nothing to report.

D. Parish Council Open Spaces

Nothing to report.

E. Climate Emergency

Cllr Goode reported that he had an up-date from Cllr Cowell to inform him that the pumping system was working effectively from Grebe Close towards the holding tanks in the direction of Keyhaven but the tanks have filled up very quickly resulting in the lid tops blowing. In turn the contents of the tanks flowing in the direction of Keyhaven which is already subject to recent flooding. Cllr Goode was already aware on one vehicle submerged with flood water in Keyhaven. The tank capacity is clearly not enough to take the current feed.

A discussion was held about various areas within the Milford-on-Sea Village that were subject to flooding. There is “too much” flowing down the Danestream. Cllr Goode suggested that when we experience a period dry weather the experts can come and explain what is exactly going on.

F. Groups & Societies

Nothing to report.

G. Finance

Covered under item 6.

H. Health & Wellbeing

Nothing to report.

I. Sea Front & Coastal Protection

Cllr Royle informed his fellow Cllrs that many beach huts at the eastern end are due to be closed off as the access is deemed dangerous. Cllr Goode remarked on the obvious seasonal changes visible at Hordle Cliff.

J. Transportation & Infrastructure

Nothing to report.

K. Parish Employment

Nothing to report.

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

Cllr Banks referred to correspondence received in the Parish Office from Hampshire County Council regarding a proposed footpath from Barnes Lane to The Orchard. Hampshire County Council have contacted the Parish Council regarding an application for a map modification to be made dating back to 2008. The proposal is now being given consideration. The Cllrs agreed that it was quite a sensible proposal and suggested the Parish Office contact the former Clerk to seek clarity on the background of the application. Cllr Banks reported that if the Parish Council approve it then it is in the Village’s best interest to get in passed as quickly as possible.

14. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION:**

Nothing to report.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 8.10pm.

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