MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 21st OCTOBER 2024.

Minutes of the **430th** meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 16th September 2024.**
In the Village Hall, Park Road

MEMBERS

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), Roz Waters (Lymington Times)

Cllr Bernie Bennett, Chair of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Bennett & Cllr Royle for item 10.

2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr's Bliss and Darbishire. District Cllr's Ward, Reid and Hawkins. County Cllr Carpenter.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.

4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th AUGUST 2024:**
Cllr Royle proposed the minutes be adopted; Cllr Hopkins seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour.

> It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **19th August** was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR AUGUST 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 Bishop proposed the expenditure report be approved; Cllr Pepper seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour that the Expenditure Report is accepted.

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

b) **INCOME REPORT FOR AUGUST 2024:**
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 Pepper seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour that the Income Report is accepted.

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

6. CHAIR'S REPORT:

Parish Chair, Cllr Bennett reported that he was unaware of his obligation for the remembrance day services. Cllr Whitlock reported that she had historically attended the service at All Saints Church and that Cllr Banks had represented the council at the service in Keyhaven. However, as chair of the Parish Council he could attend either or both of these services.

Cllr Bennett reported that both he and Vice-Chair Cllr Cullen were unable to attend the October Parish Council meeting and a Chair would have to be elected for that meeting on the night.

Cllr Bennett reported that he would be liaising with Assistant Clerk, Niamh Morrison, regarding the integration of a digital calendar.

With the agreement of members, the chair brought forward item 13 into his report.

13. PARISH COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Cllr Bennett suggested that the Parish Council could hold some meetings outside the public domain. These would not be formal summonsed meetings where resolutions were passed but would give members of the council time to discuss items that would then possibly go to the full Parish Council for consideration or a decision.
These meetings could also be used for further training or awareness.

Cllr Banks mentioned that some informal meetings were held at County and District levels of local government.
Cllr Bennett suggested trying this a couple of times during 2025.

7. ADOPTION OF LONE WORKING POLICY:
8. ADOPTION OF EQUALITY & DIVERSITY POLICY:
9. ADOPTION OF CODE OF CONDUCT:

Cllr Royle proposed the adoption of all three policies; Cllr Cullen seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Lone working policy, Equality & Diversity Policy and the members Code of Conduct all be adopted.

10. THE OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF MILFORD-ON-SEA BOWLS CLUB:

As Cllr Bennett had declared an interest in this item the chair of the council was passed to Vice-Chair Anne Cullen.

Cllr Cullen suggested that one of the options was to sell the facility to the bowls club or to retain this as a public asset.
Cllr Banks proposed to retain the bowls club in Parish Council ownership. Cllr Pepper seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that Milford-on-Sea Bowls club remain under the ownership of the Parish Council.

Cllr Cullen reported that the Bowls Club were unable to apply for any grant funding without a long-term agreement or lease. She proposed that a working group meeting be held to discuss this, and any other options, in more detail.
Cllr Whitlock reported that there was a draft lease from 2010 in the office that had not been finalised.
Cllr Royle suggested that this might not be suitable for the present situation.

It was agreed to form a working group in the near future.

The Chair reverted to Cllr Bennett.
Cllr Whitlock departed from the meeting.

11. RETROSPECTIVE RESOLUTION FOR JOSHUA MANTOCK AND NIAMH MORRISON TO JOIN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME:

The Clerk reported Hampshire Pension Fund had informed him that there had not been a resolution passed to allow Josh Mantock or Niamh Morrison to join the scheme even though they had contributed for several years. He confirmed that this retrospective resolution would in no way affect their pension.

Cllr Pepper proposed they both retrospectively join the scheme. Cllr Banks seconded this proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that Joshua Mantock and Niamh Morrison join the Local Government Pension Scheme (retrospectively).

12. THE RECENT CONSULTATION ON THE EXXON MOBILE CARBON CAPTURE PIPELINE:

Cllr Cullen reported that she had attended the consultation day held at The Bridge which had been very informative. She reported that the time to respond to the consultation had been extended to 30th September and asked whether the Parish Council should formally comment on this proposal.

Cllr Royle proposed Cllr Cullen and Pepper produce a formal response on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Hopkins seconded this proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr's Cullen and Pepper draft a response to the proposed Exxon Mobile Pipeline and circulate this to all members prior to submission.

13. Item previously discussed.

14. DOG FOULING SIGNAGE:

Cllr Pepper suggested that dog fouling had become worse in recent years especially in the Pleasure Grounds and suggested additional signage be placed on entrances to both the Upper and Lower Pleasure Grounds and any other areas under the jurisdiction of the Parish Council that are blighted by this issue.
Cllr Cullen agreed to contact the group in Barton that had successfully reduced dog fouling in some areas and report back on how they have achieved this.
Cllr Pepper and Cllr Hopkins agreed to obtain costs and designs of additional signage.

15. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

Apologies had been received from both County and District Councillors and no reports had been received prior to the meeting.

16. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive for adoption the planning minutes from 5th August 2024.
Members voted unanimously in favour of adopting these minutes.

B. FINANCE & FORWARD PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The next meeting is scheduled for **25th November** to set the 2025/26 precept level.

C. AMENITIES, WOODLAND, COASTAL & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

The next Amenities Committee meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 15th October** at 10.30am.

D. TOURISM, TRADERS & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:

The next meeting to be scheduled for **24th September** 2024.

E. MOS1 COMMITTEE:

The next meeting will be held when work on the open space land has progressed further.

17. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that a response had been received from Pennyfarthing Homes regarding the Open Space and ANRG land at the proposed development site SS7/Swallowfields which state there is no urgency in agreeing the management of these areas. This is in contradiction to information received from NFDC. Further clarification will be obtained.

18. OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT:

Cllr Pepper reported that she had attended the Consultative Panel meeting where NFDC informed attendees that a new call for sites was likely. Also, there was a large increase in NFDC planning fees.

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

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