

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 15th OF MAY 2023.

Minutes of the 414th meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 17th April 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	p	Ms. Anne Cullen	p
Mrs. Patricia Banks	p	Mr. Donald Darbshire		Mrs. Jayne Vaughan	
Mr. Kenneth Cameron	p	Mr. David Royle	p	Mr. Bernard Bennett	p

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), Roz Waters (Lymington Times) and 2 members 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:** Mrs. R. Lloyd for item 7.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Darbshire & Cllr Vaughan. District Cllrs Hopkins and Hawkins, County Cllr Carpenter.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20th MARCH 2023:**
Cllr Royle proposed the minutes be adopted; Cllr Banks seconded this proposal.
Members all voted in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **20th March 2023** was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5. **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES HELD ON 6th MARCH 2023:**
Members voted seven (8) in favour and two (2) abstention that the Planning Minutes are fully adopted.
6. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**
 - a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR MARCH 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 Royle proposed the expenditure report be approved; Cllr Banks seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour that the Expenditure Report is accepted.

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

- b) **INCOME REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2023:**

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 Banks seconded this proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour that the Income Report is accepted.

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

c) **RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS:**

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

d) **GRANT APPLICATION FOR VICTIM SUPPORT:**

Cllr Cullen proposed awarding £200. Cllr Bishop seconded this proposal. Councillors voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that £200 be awarded to Victim Support, paid from the Community Support Fund.

7. **ALLOWING DOGS ON MILFORD BEACH THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:**

Member of the public, Mrs. Lloyd, addressed the committee with concern that currently dogs are allowed on the beach at Milford all year round. She suggested this should not be permitted and that there should be either dog-free areas or a restriction during the summer months.

Cllr Whitlock reported that this had been discussed several years ago and that the final decision was in the hands of NFDC. Cllr Jennions suggested that enforcement would pose a problem for NFDC and that there had not been any complaints for some considerable time.

Cllr Goode suggested that Mrs. Lloyd contact NFDC if she wished to pursue this matter further.

8. **A REPORT FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH NFDC OFFICERS REGARDING THE OPEN SPACE LAND AT “THE SWIFTS”:**

The Clerk reported that he and Cllr Cullen had met with Officers from NFDC to discuss how the open space issue behind the school could be resolved. It was made clear, yet again, that the Parish Council could not accept the land into its ownership in its current condition and Cllr Cullen suggested that the land be made fit for purpose as agreed within the planning application for the site.

The NFDC officers suggested that they appoint an independent assessor to evaluate the site and report back with recommendations and solutions.

Cllr Cullen suggested that this had already been undertaken by the Parish Council at the end of 2022. However, if this would move the issue along to a resolution then so be it.

NFDC officer, Simon Hanney agreed to produce a plan of action enabling all parties to agree on the way forward and report back to the Parish Clerk.

The Clerk suggested that the Parish Council still obtain its own independent assessment when work is completed on the site.

9. **THE MEETING HELD WITH STUDIO FOUR ARCHITECTS AND SUBSEQUENT BRIEFING DOCUMENT:**

Cllr Goode reported that an interesting and positive meeting has been held with Studio Four Architects regarding the possibility of a Sports Hall on the land behind the school. He suggested that this potential project would require a great deal of work by Councillors and Parish Staff over several years. Also, that there would be a requirement to map out how the Parish Council may obtain the funding required as well as engage with the school and local sports clubs, obtain some visual concepts of the building, contact other local authorities that have undertaken similar size projects and considering the land as discussed in item eight above, look at services and future costs.

It was agreed to form a working party to start this work shortly after the new Parish Councillors were officially elected.

10. **REPORTING STRUCTURE AND FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had drafted a possible “committee” structure for consideration. He suggested this might be a way forward enabling greater engagement from Parish Councillors in areas of interest and expertise. Cllr Banks suggested that this in principle was a good idea and needed to be discussed further. Also, it would be possible to change the Parish Council’s Standing Orders should there be an agreement to proceed.

Cllr Goode suggested that Councillors would still need to be honest with their commitment to attend either working groups or more formal committees.

11. **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**
Both District and County Councillors were unable to attend this meeting and no prior reports had been received.
12. **PROJECT LEADER/REPRESENTATIVE/CLERK REPORTS AND UPDATES:**
- A. Business, Education & Community**
Cllr Whitlock reported that the Community Centre will now be known as “The Bridge”.
- B. Communication & Citizen Engagement**
Nothing to report.
- C. Building & Development**
Nothing to report.
- D. Parish Council Open Spaces**
The Clerk reported that work on the MEG Bridge and Boardwalk to Blackbush Road, along with the two bridges close to Mill Meadow was due to start this week.
- E. Climate Emergency**
Cllr Cullen reported that she had discussed with members of the Greening Campaign about expanding environmental projects.
- F. Groups & Societies**
Nothing to report.
- G. Finance**
Nothing to report.
- H. Health & Wellbeing**
The Clerk reported that work to enhance the Chris Walford Pavilion was complete.
- I. Sea Front & Coastal Protection**
Nothing to report.
- J. Transportation & Infrastructure**
It was suggested that the Clerk contact County Cllr Carpenter regarding the number of potholes that have appeared in the village.
- K. Parish Employment**
Nothing to report.
13. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
Nothing to report.
14. **OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT:**
Nothing to report.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 8.00pm.

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