

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 22nd JULY 2024.

Minutes of the 427th meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 17th June 2024.**
In the Village Hall, Park Road

MEMBERS

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), Roz Waters (Lymington Times)
District Cllr Alvin Reid and three members of the public

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

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR TO THE PARISH COUNCIL:

Cllr Royle proposed Cllr Bernard Bennett, Cllr Bishop seconded this proposal
Members voted unanimously in favour

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Bernard Bennett is elected to the position of Chair to Milford-on-Sea Parish Council.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR TO THE PARISH COUNCIL:

In her absence Cllr Cullen had agreed to be nominated.
Cllr Pepper proposed Cllr Cullen, Cllr Bishop seconded this proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Anne Cullen is elected to the position of Vice-Chair to Milford-on-Sea Parish Council.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Royle and Cllr Bennett declared for item 10.

4. APOLOGIES: Cllr's Whitlock, Jennions, Cullen, Cameron, Darbshire, Banks, Hopkins. District Cllr's Ward and Hawkins

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Representatives of Milford Bowls Club.

With the agreement of members, the Chair brought forward item 10.

10. PRESENTATION BY MILFORD-ON-SEA BOWLS CLUB:

Mr. Paul Longley introduced himself and presented a detailed report regarding the current position of the Bowls Club. They are seeking support from the Parish Council for future projects as the council owns the building and land at the Hurst Road site. He reported that current membership is approx. 130 and the club has spent £170k on improving the facility since 2017. He suggested that the club house is too small to hold all members at social events and is showing signs of unrepairable deterioration due to its wooden construction.
Cllr Bishop suggested this is an important community asset that should be protected.

It was agreed to hold a Parish Council working group meeting and return to discussions with the Bowls Club following this meeting.

6. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (AGM) HELD ON 20th MAY 2024:

Cllr Royle proposed the minutes be adopted; Cllr Bishop seconded this proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **20th May 2024** was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

7. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON 29th MAY 2024:

Cllr Royle proposed the minutes be adopted; Cllr Bennett seconded this proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Public meeting held on **29th May 2024** was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS:

a) EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR MAY 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 Royle seconded this proposal.

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

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

b) INCOME REPORT FOR MAY 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 **May 2024** was a true record of income and was signed by the Chair.

c) UPDATED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS POLICY:

Cllr Royle reported that he and the Clerk had reviewed the new edition of Financial Regulations issued by NALC and adapted them to reflect the Parish Council's practices, ensuring they are in line with current legislation and guidelines.

Cllr Bennett reported that it had been suggested at the recent Finance meeting that all Parish Council Policies be reviewed and updated as required, then presented to the Full Parish Council for adoption over the coming months.

Cllr Royle proposed the Financial Regulations Policy be adopted; Cllr Bishop seconded this proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that the updated Financial Regulations Policy 2024 is adopted.

9. CHAIR'S REPORT:

As the Chair had been elected at the beginning of the meeting Cllr Bennett had a limited amount to report. He did report that a meeting was being held later in the week with Cllr Cullen and Deputy Clerk Niamh Morrison, to discuss the upgrade of the Parish Council website. A more in-depth report on the progress of this project will be given at the next Parish Council meeting.

10. Item previously discussed.

11. AN UPDATE ON SOLAR PANELS AT SCHOLARS RETREAT FIELD:

Cllr Pepper reported that SSE had confirmed that there is an opportunity to connect to their power grid should solar panels be installed at the site. However, it was possible that the current tenant farmer was no longer going

to be farming on the site. She reported that the landowner was also considering installing solar panels and might be interested in collaborating with the Parish Council to make the project more financially viable.

12. COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

District Cllr Reid reported that all the committees at NFDC were now on hold until the end of the general election.

He reported that he had laid wreaths recently to commemorate D-Day and America Day.

Cllr Reid passed on some funding information to members of the Bowls Club.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive for adoption the planning minutes from 7th May 2024.

Members voted unanimously in favour of adopting these minutes.

B. FINANCE & FORWARD PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Cllr Bishop proposed that the minutes of the Finance and Forward Planning Committee held on 11th June be adopted; Cllr Royle seconded this proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance and Forward Planning meeting held on **11th June 2024** was a true record of the meeting and was signed by the Chair of the Finance Committee.

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.

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that Friends of Christchurch Priory were consulting with the Charity Commission and would be in touch with the Parish Council shortly.

The Clerk reported that NFDC's Director of Place, Operations and Sustainability was discussing the land behind the school with other officers prior to any transfer of the land to the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from NFDC's Planning Dept. confirming that they would not be interested in taking ownership of any ANRG or POS land north of Manor Road and acknowledged interest from Milford-on-Sea Parish Council.

They also confirmed there was no obligation by the developer to provide allotment plots on the site.

Cllr Pepper suggested that, if possible, allotments could be located on the mitigation land north of the current greenhouses.

The Clerk reported that a request had been received from the school to place temporary sculptures on parcels of land owned by the Parish Council. It was agreed to gain a consensus of opinion via e-mail to Councillors not in attendance

14. OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT:

None.

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

..... Chair

.....Date