

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the 424th meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 18th March 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 Darbshire	p	Mr. Bernard Bennett	p
Mr. Kenneth Cameron	p	Mr. David Royle	p	Mr. Ian Bliss	p

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), Roz Waters (Lymington Times)
District Cllr Alvin Reid, Christine Ward and David Hawkins

Anne Cullen, Chair of the Parish Council, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None received.
2. **APOLOGIES:** County Cllr Carpenter.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** None.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19th FEBRUARY 2024:**
Cllr Darbshire 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 **19th February 2024** was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 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 **February 2024** was a true record of expenditure and was signed by the Chair.

b) **INCOME REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 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 Bishop seconded this proposal.

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

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

c) **RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS:**

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

6. **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

The Chair suggested that the new committee structure was working well.

She reported that she had raised the issue of constant flooding at the bus stop near the school with County Cllr Carpenter and would report back at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Chair also reported that she had attended a meeting to discuss the signage at Keyhaven, this had been attended by many agencies and a consensus of opinion was yet to be agreed. Cllr Whitlock suggested that the current litter signage be considered when addressing this issue. The Chair reported that it was.

7. **AN UPDATE ON THE KEYHAVEN PARKING CONSULTATION:**

Cllr Cullen reported that she and Cllr Darbshire had met with County Cllr Carpenter to discuss the consultation and the many issues raised by residents and businesses.

Following this meeting a submission was forwarded to the consultation by the Parish Council to which a number of Parish Councillors had contributed.

Cllr Cullen reported that a decision would be made by County Portfolio Holder Mr. Nick Adams-King later in the summer which should consider responses from the consultation.

8. **A REPORT ON THE FINANCE AND FORWARD PLANNING MEETING:**

Cllr Royle, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the recent Finance and Forward Planning Meeting had been well attended and that the Clerk had produced accounts that were in line with Income and Expenditure budgets for the financial year.

He reported that Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds was expected to be less than predicted due to self-build relief being applied to many applications.

9. **RECOMMENDED PROJECTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/25:**

The Parish Council made decisions on the Following Projects:

- a) **Wilf Flower Turf at the Community Meadow.** Proposed to proceed by Cllr Royle, seconded by Cllr Hopkins. All members voted in favour.
- b) **Clearance and New Fence at Barnes Lane Recreation Ground.** Deferred until cost received.
- c) **Rubber Bonded Mulch at Hurst Road Play Area.** Members agreed to proceed subject to receiving final costing.
- d) **Signage to Community Meadow.** Proposed to proceed by Cllr Cullen, seconded by Cllr Bishop. All members voted in favour.
- e) **Finger Post near to the Smugglers** Deferred until costs received.
- f) **New lap-top and projector for planning meetings** Proposed to proceed by Cllr Banks, seconded by Cllr Hopkins. All members voted in favour.

10. **A REPORT ON THE AMENITIES, WOODLAND, COASTAL & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the minutes of the meeting. The Chair proposed these be adopted. Cllr Whitlock reported that she had started the process of producing map/signage showing the location of the Community Meadow and identified several locations where they could be placed.

As previously mentioned, the Parish Council agreed to provide these and the Clerk would inform members of the cost prior to manufacture.

11. **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:**

District Cllr Ward reported that the weather had delayed the start of work on the land behind the school. Also, a number of beach huts were due to be removed in April due to coastal erosion. The Chair agreed to obtain further information on this. A community forum was being held in Lyndhurst to discuss community resilience/crisis Cllr Bennett agreed to contact NFDC about being part of this group.

Cllr Reid reported that he had contributed the last of his Councillor allowance to the seed turf project. He suggested contacting Graham Jackson from New Milton regarding the parking consultation.

Cllr Hawkins reported that he had also contributed to the turf seeding project and had attended many training meetings recently.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

B. FINANCE & FORWARD PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Cllr Bliss proposed the minutes of the Finance and Forward Planning Committee be adopted. Cllr Royle seconded this proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance and Forward Planning Committee meeting held on 6th March 2024 was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the committee.
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The next finance meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11th June at 10.30am.

C. AMENITIES, WOODLAND, COASTAL & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

Cllr Hopkins proposed the minutes of the Amenities, Woodland, Coastal & Environment Committee be adopted. Cllr Darbishire seconded this proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Amenities, Woodland, Coastal & Environment Committee meeting held on 13th March 2024 was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the 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 spring 2024.

E. MOS1 COMMITTEE:

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 4th April 2024

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that a resident had enquired about a pétanque court and would be coming back with a proposal.

The Clerk reported that the Bowls Club would like to enter into a formal lease.

Councillors agreed that this proposal should come from the Bowls Club.

14. OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT:

The Clerk reported that further investigation was being undertaken into possible solar panels at Scholars Retreat Field.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 7.25pm.

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