

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 18th MARCH 2024.

Minutes of the 423rd meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 19th February 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		Mr. Donald Darbishire	p	Mr. Bernard Bennett	p
Mr. Kenneth Cameron	p	Mr. David Royle		Mr. Ian Bliss	p

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), Roz Waters (Lymington Times)
District Cllrs Reid and David Hawkins and three members of the public

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

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None received.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr's Royle and Banks. District Cllr Ward. County Cllr Carpenter.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Mr. Simon Quincey for item 7. Mrs. Gill Watson for item 8.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22nd JANUARY 2024:**
Cllr Hopkins 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 22nd January 2024 was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR JANUARY 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 Cullen proposed the expenditure report be approved; Cllr Bishop seconded this proposal.

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

It was RESOLVED that the Expenditure Report for January 2024 was a true record of expenditure and was signed by the Chair.
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b) **INCOME REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024:**

The Clerk had, prior to the meeting, circulated copies of the Income Report for the above period.

Cllr Cullen 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 January 2024 was a true record of income and was signed by the Chair.
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c) **RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS:**

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

6. **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

The Chair reported that recent correspondence from Nick Adams-King, Lead Cabinet Member for Universal Services (Highways, Transport, Environment, Countryside and Communities), had been circulated to members. Within this correspondence was detail of requesting 20mph for town and parishes. Although this was still possible, the cost was likely to be in the region of £10k - £15k per 20mph zone and this cost would fall to individual towns or parishes.

The Chair reported that currently Hampshire County Council (HCC) were engaging in a public consultation to review their services with the aim of reducing the £132 million shortfall they currently have.

The Chair had not received any further details of the public consultation planned for Salt Grass Lane and New Lane.

The Chair was due to meet with a number of different agencies next week to discuss the possibility of additional signage to deter kite surfers at Mount Lake. Cllr Whitlock suggested that the existing signage in this area, advising people to take their litter home, should be reviewed as it is unsightly.

The Chair reported that work on the land behind the school was due to start shortly. Also, that arrangements were being made for a remote meeting to discuss the Keyhaven – Lymington sea defense project. She also reminded members of the training day scheduled for Friday with NFDC planning officer David Norris.

7. **A REPORT ON PROPOSED "TUBE MAP CYCLE ROUTES":**

Cllr Cullen introduced Mr. Simon Quincey from Transition Lymington.

Mr. Quincey circulated details of proposed cycle routes and connections similar to the London Underground Tube Map. He suggested that this connectivity within the district would encourage commuters and teenagers to use bicycles instead of their own, or parents' transport. This could be included in future planning policy by the District or County Council.

Mr. Quincy was seeking political support from towns and parishes which would encourage the County Council to make the required changes to current infrastructure and thus make safer connected cycle routes.

Cllr Pepper asked how this would benefit and affect the structure of roads in Milford. Mr. Quincey suggested that by having a designated road route this would encourage safer driving. Also, if paths were widened this would also be seen as a safety measure.

Cllr Darbshire agreed to be Milford's cycling Councillor and all members voiced their support for this plan to make cycling safer in the village and surrounding areas.

8. **THE OUTCOME OF NFDC'S DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MEETING THAT DISCUSSED THE DEVELOPMENT OF SS7 / SWALLOWFIELDS:**

Cllr Whitlock reported that the development control meeting at NFDC's Lyndhurst offices had been well attended by residents of Milford-on-Sea to the extent that not all could fit into the Council's Chamber. Even though compelling reasons were given to refuse the application, the number of proposed homes (170) in the outline planning application was granted.

Cllr Whitlock suggested that the turning point in the debate was NFDC'S fear of losing an appeal by the developer. She thanked District Cllr's Hawkins and Reid for their support and Milford Residents for Sustainable Development (MRSD) for all the work undertaken to produce such detailed evidence for refusal.

Mrs. Gill Watson suggested that it had been a sad day for democracy and that MRSD were meeting later in the week to discuss the options available to them.

9. **KEYHAVEN TO LYMINGTON SEA DEFENSE PROJECT:**

Cllr Hopkins reported that she had attended a virtual meeting and would forward details to members in the coming days.

Members agreed to add this item to the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

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

District Cllr Hawkins expressed his disappointment at the decision made by the District Council's Planning Committee and that he had somewhat lost faith in the democratic process.

Cllr Hawkins reported that he had attended other district meetings over the last month.

District Cllr Reid thanked Cllr Hawkins for his support in recommending refusal of the SS7 outline planning application and suggested that Cllr Hawkins had persuaded several District Cllrs to also vote for refusal.

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

A. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive for adoption the planning minutes from 8th January 2024.

Members voted unanimously in favour of adopting these minutes.

B. FINANCE & FORWARD PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The next finance meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 6th March at 10.30am.

C. AMENITIES, WOODLAND, COASTAL & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

It was agreed to change the meeting to Wednesday 13th of March 2024.

D. TOURISM, TRADERS & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:

The next meeting to be scheduled for spring 2024.

E. MOS1 COMMITTEE:

Members agreed that a meeting in the near future should be set now that work is due to commence on the open space land behind the school.

Cllr Cameron suggested that the vegetation screening along Lymington Road had been removed. The Clerk agreed to investigate this issue.

13. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None received.

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 7.40pm.

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