

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 11th DECEMBER 2023.

Minutes of the 420th meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 20th November 2023.**
In the Village Hall, Park Road

MEMBERS

Mr. Bob Bishop	p	Mrs. Susan Pepper.	p	Mrs. Susan Whitlock	
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		Mr. David Royle	p	Mr. Ian Bliss	p

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), District Cllr's Reid, Ward and Hawkins, County Cllr Fran Carpenter
Roz Waters (Lymington Times) and six members of the public

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

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None received.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Whitlock and Cllr Cameron.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Mike Walker & Jackie McGuinness for item 5d. Amy Jablonska for item 5e.

Mrs. Jill Watson addressed the council and gave an update on the amended planning application for SS7/Swallowfields. She suggested that a public meeting be arranged to discuss the amendments, that there should be an extension for comments to be made on the application beyond the 4th of December and requested a Parish Councillor volunteer to assist in fighting the application.

The Chair confirmed that Parish Councillors would be discussing the application prior to the 4th of December and would be considering the points raised above.

4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th OCTOBER 2023:**

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 **16th October 2023** was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR OCTOBER 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 Darbshire seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour that the Expenditure Report is accepted.

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

b) INCOME REPORT FOR OCTOBER 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 Darbishire seconded this proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour that the Income Report is accepted.

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

c) RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS:

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

d) MILFORD-ON-SEA YOUTH GROUP FUNDING:

Mr. Mike Walker reported that the youth group continues to grow each year with over 60 children attending twice a week. Any funds provided are used for paid staff, hall hire and equipment. Mr. Walker suggested that additional funds would be welcome due to the rising costs incurred.

Mr. Walker invited Councillors to attend an evening session to see what types of facilities and programs the children participate in.

The Chair thanked Mike and the team for all the work they undertake on behalf of children in the village.

The Clerk confirmed that £5,000 had been allocated within the annual budget to support the youth group.

e) GRANT REQUEST FROM AMY ROSE THERAPIES:

Amy Jablonska introduced herself as a local arts therapist who was looking to provide a safe place for both children and adults enabling them to express their feelings through various art forms. She reported that she obtains all her referrals from Priestlands School and that all children using her facility would be from Milford-on-Sea. Cllr Cullen suggested that further support and possible funding could be sought from the Primary Care Network and that she could contact other groups doing similar therapies. Cllr Darbishire suggested the grant needed to specify where the money was being spent. Amy Jablonska reported that any grant awarded would be used for booking venues, materials and therapy costs.

Cllr Royle proposed awarding £750 as an initial payment covering therapy for young people in the village. Cllr Pepper seconded this proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that £750 be awarded to Amy Rose Therapies, specifically for young people, paid from the Community Support Fund.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT:

The Chair paid tribute to the sterling work undertaken by the late Steven Tarling, who worked tirelessly for both the National Park and Sway Parish Council.

The Chair reported that a meeting/networking event was being held by Boldre Parish Council. Also, the New Forest Association of Local Councils (NFALC) were evaluating their meetings and role within the sector. She reported concern that there were many local organisations engaging in similar forums.

The Chair reported that a meeting with County Cllr Carpenter and the Clerk had been held which covered a number of topics, many of which were highways related.

Also, recent correspondence indicated that work on the open space land behind the school was likely to start early next year.

The Chair had attended a meeting with various bodies to discuss potential signage at the coast near Keyhaven to make water users aware of the dangers to birdlife. Also, a meeting to discuss the Hurst Spit to Lymington project for councillors only was being arranged for February/March 2024.

The Chair reported that cattle were now grazing on Studland Meadow and signs informing the public had been placed on every gate to the meadow.

7. AN UPDATE ON REPLACING THE WINDOWS AND DOOR AT THE PARISH OFFICE:

The Clerk reported that several quotes had been sought and a final supplier decided upon. A meeting had taken place with the supplier, Clerk and property landlord Mr. Franc Cheminais, with Mr. Cheminais agreeing to the installation and guaranteeing a return of 50% of the cost should he decide to sell when the current lease expires in 2028.

The Clerk had arranged for British Telecom to remove all unneeded telephone wires and the installation was expected to take place during January 2024.

8. A REPORT FROM THE TOURISM, TRADERS AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:

Cllr Darbshire reported that the meeting had been attended by several parish councillors but only two representatives of businesses from the seven invited.

He reported that the committee had discussed this year's music festival and whilst it been a major success there were concerns raised about safety. It had been suggested an independent risk assessment be undertaken for the 2024 event. It was also suggested that information be given to the parish council on what local charities had benefited from funds raised. The Clerk had agreed to obtain this information.

Cllr Royle suggested that if the festival committee required a grant for 2024, they apply earlier in the year.

The Clerk reported that the minutes of this meeting are available to view on the Parish Council's website.

9. INSTALLATION OF A FLOWER PLANTER CLOSE TO THE DOWNTON BUS STOP:

The Clerk reported that the plant trough under the "Welcome to Milford" sign opposite South Lawn had been filled with plants provided by South Lawn Hotel. Also, the trough beneath the same sign on the coast road had been emptied and repaired and would also be filled with winter plants.

10. PLACING ADDITIONAL BENCHES ON THE LAND EAST OF THE NEEDLES EYE CAFÉ:

The Clerk reported that a suggestion had come from the Amenities Committee to provide picnic benches on the land east of the needles eye café.

Cllr Bishop suggested that these tables could be sponsored.

Members voted unanimously in favour of purchasing two benches for this area.

11. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

County Cllr Carpenter reported that individuals wishing to place "20 is plenty" signs in their gardens adjacent to the highway was not possible.

Also, Hampshire County Council were preparing their budget for 2024/25 and it was likely that many services would be reduced, assets sold and much work undertaken by volunteers. A consultation on this was due in the coming weeks.

District Cllr Ward reported that a task and finishing group at NFDC was being set up to reduce housing costs as they also were looking at the next year's budget.

District Cllr Hawkins reported that a presentation on coastal strategy was being held on Thursday 23rd November, this was open to all councillors to attend but was not a public event.

Cllr Bishop suggested that work was required on the groynes along Milford Sea front. Cllr Hawkins reported that work was currently being undertaken but was very weather dependent.

District Cllr Reid reported that NFDC were continuing to review its waste strategy and that green wheelie bins could be purchased now in time for the 1st of April collections.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive for adoption the planning minutes from 2nd October 2023.

Members voted unanimously in favour of adopting these minutes.

B. FINANCE & FORWARD PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The next finance meeting is scheduled for 27th November to discuss the precept for 2024/25. All members would be invited to this meeting.

C. AMENITIES, WOODLAND, COASTAL & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The next meeting is scheduled for the 12th of March 2024.

D. TOURISM, TRADERS & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:

To receive for adoption the Tourism, Traders & Traffic Committee 13th November 2023.
Members voted unanimously in favour of adopting these minutes.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Tourism, Traders & Traffic Committee held on **13th November 2023** was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

E. MOS1 COMMITTEE:

Members agreed to set a meeting date in the near future, during the day if possible.

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

None received.

14. OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT:

None.

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

..... Chair Date