

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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THESE MINUTES WILL BE APPROVED AT THE NEXT FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 21st OF AUGUST OF 2023.

Minutes of the 418th meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 21st August 2023.**
In the Village Hall, Park Road

MEMBERS

Mr. Bob Bishop	P	Mrs. Susan Pepper.	p	Mrs. Susan Whitlock	p
Mrs. Christine Hopkins		Mr. Peter Jennions	p	Ms. Anne Cullen	p
Mrs. Patricia Banks		Mr. Donald Darbishire	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 Ward, Hawkins and Reid
and one member of the public.

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

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None received.
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Matthew Cobb for item 10.
3. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Banks, Cllr Cameron, Cllr Hopkins. County Cllr Carpenter.
4. **CO-OPTION OF MR. IAN BLISS ONTO MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL:**
Cllr Cullen proposed that Mr. Bliss be co-opted onto the Parish Council; Cllr Bishop seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that Mr Ian Bliss be co-opted onto Milford-on-Sea Parish Council and has full voting rights following his signing of the Council declaration.

5. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th JULY 2023:**
Cllr Royle proposed the minutes be adopted; Cllr Darbishire seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on **17th July 2023** was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

6. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

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

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

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

b) INCOME REPORT FOR JULY 2023:

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

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

c) RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS:

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

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

10. TREE PLANTING PROJECT FOR SCHOLARS RETREAT FIELD:

Prior to the meeting Cllr Cullen had circulated a report detailing discussions held with Hampshire County Council's (HCC) Countryside Access Team on 9th August. This suggested that any planting should be phased over a 5-year period following extensive preparation of the land with the possibility of providing water to the site in the event of a drought period.

Mr. Matthew Cobb, the neighbouring farmer, suggested that due to the changes in the climate over recent years and the excessive wind burn factor, the planting of trees on the site was not advisable. Mr. Cobb was willing to run a water supply to the field with a meter for a separate water bill for the Parish Council.

Cllr Whitlock suggested there was a great deal of extra work required to plant and manage the site. Cllr Pepper suggested reverting the land to a grazing pasture if water was supplied.

Cllr Darbishire proposed installing a water supply, flail the land and chemically spray if required, then review the planting project in several years; Cllr Jennions seconded this proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour.

was **RESOLVED** that the tree planting project be review in later years following some extensive work on the land to revert to a grazing pasture.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chair referred to the potential memorial tree for Alan Rice - The Clerk reported that the Gardening Club would be pleased for an oak tree to be planted in the Community Meadow.

The Chair referred to contacting HCC Highways regarding a roundabout at Everton Junction – Cllr Whitlock agreed to compile a report from all the correspondence received as this is something still worth pursuing.

The Chair asked about the repair of the Millenium Clock – The Clerk reported the repairs were taking place on 6th, 7th, 8th September.

The Chair asked about interpretation boards – The Clerk reported that NFDC were looking at replacing and updating the existing boards and providing new ones in selected locations, this would be paid from mitigation funds available to NFDC.

8. REPLACING THE PARISH OFFICE WINDOWS AND DOOR:

The Clerk reported that pre-planning advice had been requested and would update members when a case officer had visited the office.

9. NEW CATTLE GRAZIER, MR. OLLY MEACHER:

The Clerk reported that in recent months he and NFDC had been trying to locate a suitable grazier for land owned by both parties. Mr. Olly Meacher had recently agreed to become the grazier for NFDC at Sturt Pond. The Clerk suggested that Mr. Meacher graze the same Parish Council land as in previous years.

Cllr Whitlock suggested that the number of cattle on one parcel of land at a time should also be the same as in previous years. Also, that up-to-date signage be placed on entrance gates to inform the public when cattle are grazing.

Cllr Darbshire proposed giving the grazing contract to Mr. Meacher; Cllr Pepper seconded this proposal. Members voted eight (8) in favour and one (1) against.

was **RESOLVED** that Mr. Olly Meacher be awarded the grazing contract for Milford-on-Sea Parish Council to graze on Baskets Field, Studland Meadow & Common at rotational dates to be agreed and that no grazing would be permitted on Studland Meadow or Common during the summer holidays.

10. Item previously discussed.

11. PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR:

The Finance and Forward Planning Committee had suggested several projects to be completed in the current financial year, the majority of these projects would be funded by receipts from CIL or Mitigation income.

Projects agreed were:

Repair the Millenium Clock, replace rotten benches at Carrington Lane Play Park, replace Office Windows and Door (subject to permission), repair sections of Rubber Bonded Mulch at Hurst Road Play Park, Decorate Parish Office (following installation of new windows), Install Water Supply, Flail and Treat Scholars Retreat Field, a new Bus Stop on the Coast Road (near to the Beach House), Upgrade Website, purchase new Laptop & Projector for planning meetings.

The Following projects were deferred:

Beehives in Baskets Field or Studland Meadow
Bus Shelter at Lytton Lawn

The following projects were rejected:

Purchase of a “Dung Beetle”
Tree planting project at Scholars Retreat

The following projects would be discussed at future committee meetings:

Facilities at MOS1
Land East of the Needles Eye Café

Cllr Darbshire proposed the above list; Cllr Whitlock seconded this proposal. Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the projects agreed on should be completed in the current financial year at an estimated cost of £21k and that if costs had increased significantly since obtaining quotes the Clerk would inform the Parish Council prior to placing any orders.

12. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

District Cllr Ward reported that ongoing discussions were being had with the Developer to resolve the land issue at MOS1/The Swifts.

District Cllr Reid reported that the current round of community grants had become available to bid for.

District Cllr Hawkins had nothing further to report at this time.

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive for adoption the planning minutes from 3rd July 2023.

Members voted unanimously in adopting these minutes.

B. FINANCE & FORWARD PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Cllr Cullen proposed the minutes of the Finance & Forward Planning Meeting be adopted; Cllr Royle seconded this proposal.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Finance & Forward Planning meeting held on **21st July 2023** was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.

C. AMENITIES, WOODLAND, COASTAL & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Clerk reported that names for this committee would be circulated soon, along with a meeting date. Cllr Cullen reported that “terms of reference” for this committee would be drawn up shortly.

D. TOURISM, TRADERS & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:

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E. MOS1 COMMITTEE:

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14. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk reported that work on the rhododendron hedge along Blackbush Road had been requested by HCC Highways.

17. OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT:

Cllr Whitlock suggested more signage regarding cattle grazing along the sea wall. Also, there were still large notices regarding litter along the coastal path.

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

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