

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the 422nd meeting of the Parish Council held **Monday 22nd January 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 Darbishire		Mr. Bernard Bennett	
Mr. Kenneth Cameron		Mr. David Royle	p	Mr. Ian Bliss	

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Graham Wells (Parish Clerk), Roz Waters (Lymington Times)
District Cllrs Christine Ward and David Hawkins and one member 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 Cameron, Darbishire and Bliss. District Cllr Reid. County Cllr Carpenter.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Amy Jablonska for item 5d.
4. **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11th DECEMBER 2023:**
Cllr Hopkins proposed the minutes be adopted; Cllr Royle seconded this proposal.
Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th December 2023 was a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair of the meeting.
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5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

a) **EXPENDITURE REPORT FOR DECEMBER 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 Cullen seconded this proposal.

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

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

b) **INCOME REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2023:**

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 Cullen seconded this proposal.

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

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

c) **RECONCILED BANK STATEMENTS:**

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

d) **GRANT APPLICATION FOR AMY ROSE THERAPIES:**

Cllr Cullen reported that £750 had already been awarded to Amy Rose Therapies in November 2023 for a workshop to include young people from Priestlands School that were residents of Milford-on-Sea.

Amy Jablonska reported that further funding was required for a new group of youngsters and that the funds would be used for admin, venue costs, materials, books, refreshments and her costs.

Cllr Royle suggested that the request lacked substance and it would have been beneficial to have received additional information and feedback on the success of the original group the Parish Council had funded.

Cllr Whitlock suggested that funds be sought from both Lymington Town Council and from Priestlands School as this would cover attendants outside of Milford.

Cllr Royle proposed rejecting the award. Cllr Banks seconded this proposal.

Cllr Hopkins proposed awarding the full amount requested, Cllr Bishop seconded this proposal.

Members voted two (2) in favour of awarding £750.

Members voted five (5) in favour of rejecting the award.

There was one (1) abstention.

It was RESOLVED not to award the grant to Amy Rose Therapies.
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6. **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

The Chair reported that staff reviews had been completed and followed up. Several items discussed had already been put in place and additional training courses had been either booked or were in the process of being so.

The Chair suggested that as the review process had been very lengthy the parish council should consider a staffing committee at some future date.

The Chair reported that the next meeting to discuss the Hurst Spit to Lymington project was taking place on 7th February via Zoom and Cllr Hopkins would be attending this.

A further meeting was being held on 21st March at Lymington on the same subject to which all Councillors are invited.

A number of Councillors had approached the Chair suggesting some training courses specifically for Councillors. The Chair reported that several were being held at the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) office in Eastleigh and invited members to consider this option. Also, that Deputy Clerk, Niamh Morrison, had been in discussions with David Norris, Planning Officer at NFDC, to arrange a visit from him to look at planning procedures.

The Chair reported that she had been in discussions with Cllr Jeff Blundon regarding a carton recycling bin to be located at Sea Road Car Park.

7. **PARKING CONSULTATION FOR SALT GRASS LANE IN KEYHAVEN:**

Cllr Cullen reported that there had been extensive social media comments on this subject and would be contacting County Cllr Carpenter to gain further information on the timing and what members of the public would be included in the consultation. Cllr Pepper suggested that specific car parks that were close to amenities and could produce an income might be considered for overnight campers.

8. **THE POSSIBILITY OF FUNDING A LEGAL CHALLENGE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SS7/SWALLOWFIELDS:**

Cllr Pepper reported that the group Milford Residents for Sustained Development (MRSD) were considering a legal challenge and were awaiting the outcome of the development control meeting that would be discussing the application. It was likely that this would be at either the February or March meeting. Parish Councillors also agreed to discuss this further when the outcome was known.

9. POSSIBLE SOLAR PANELS AT SCHOLARS RETREAT FIELD:

Cllr Pepper reported that she and the Clerk had met to discuss the option for solar panels at Scholars Retreat Field. She reported that several local authorities had undertaken this type of project and that there were grants available for such a project.

As there was a great deal of investigation to be undertaken, she suggested the Parish Council agree to pursue this further.

Members voted unanimously in favour of continuing further investigation into this project.

10. CLERK MEETING WITH NFDC's CHIEF EXECUTIVE, KATE RYAN:

The Clerk reported that the recent bi-annual clerks meeting with Kate Ryan had been attended by 15 other Town and Parish Clerks.

He reported that NFDC were undertaking a re-branding which it was hoped would encourage staff recruitment and retention.

Granie O'Rourke is Leaving shortly and that NFDC were evaluating all the services they provide to Town and Parish Councils

NFDC were currently formulating an emergency plan for the district and it was likely that Towns and Parishes would be consulted on this along with service providers.

NFDC were starting the process of a further local plan review and were preparing for the General and Police Commissioner Elections later in the year.

11. ADOPTING THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE:

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a paper explaining the General Power of Competence (GPC). He reported that most Towns and Parishes that meet the criteria adopt this power. It had also been suggested within the report on the Clerks position in 2022.

Cllr Royle proposed adopting this power. Cllr Pepper seconded the proposal.

Members voted unanimously in favour.

It was RESOLVED that Milford-on-Sea Parish Council adopt the General Power of Competence.
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12. COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS:

District Cllr Ward reported that the outline planning application for SS7 should be heard by NFDC at either their February or March meetings.

She also reported that the District Council had funded £100k of rock and beach replenishment for Milford seafront and that there was currently a consultation taking place to comment on how the future of the seafront might look.

Cllr Ward also reported on a scheme called The Shop Doctor, which was available to shop owners.

District Cllr Hawkins reported that he had attended a number of meetings in support of Milford-on-Sea.

He suggested that residents and the Parish Council respond to the survey for a new gravel pit, and although this might not affect the village, there would be a significant increase in lorry movements along the main road. He was, however, concerned about the environmental impact of this proposal locally.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. PLANNING COMMITTEE

To receive for adoption the planning minutes from 4th December 2023.

Members voted unanimously in favour of adopting these minutes.

B. FINANCE & FORWARD PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Cllr Royle proposed that the next finance meeting take place on Wednesday 6th March at 10.30am. Members agreed to this change.

C. AMENITIES, WOODLAND, COASTAL & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE:

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

D. TOURISM, TRADERS & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE:

The next meeting to be scheduled for spring 2024.

E. MOS1 COMMITTEE:

A meeting will be held in the new year when further information is known on the progress of the open space land.

13. CORRESPONDENCE:

None received.

14. OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT:

None.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and **CLOSED** the meeting at 7.40pm.

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