

MILFORD-ON-SEA PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Office
'The Old Clock House'
22 High Street ~ Milford-on-Sea ~ Hampshire ~ SO41 0QD



Finance and Forward Planning Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2025, in the Parish Office at 10.30am

Present: Cllrs. David Royle (Chair), Bob Bishop, Bernie Bennett, Patricia Banks, Donald Darbishire
Parish Clerk – Graham Wells

The Chair of the Finance Committee Cllr David Royle welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

Apologies: Cllr Cullen & Cllr Hopkins.

1. 2024/25 Income & Expenditure figures to date:

The Clerk circulated up-to-date reports on income and expenditure and reported that even though there had been a couple of unbudgeted expenses (Solicitors fee & HALC membership) the prediction is that expenditure will be almost exactly as budgeted for.

Other than allotment subscriptions all other income had been received.

2. Summary of capital funds available:

The Clerk reported that capital funds available currently stood at £28,130. There is likely to be additional CIL funds allocated in April. However, this figure is unknown.

3. Review of projects completed since the meeting on 25th November 2024:

1. Extension of the Tony Locke Orchard and fruit trees planted.
2. Shuttering for a path in the Upper Pleasure Grounds from Studland Common (Scalplings to be delivered at a later date).
3. Completion of path and overgrown area at Sturt Pond Close.

4. To consider projects for 2025/26:

It was suggested that the following projects are considered by the full Parish Council at its meeting on 17th March 2025.

1. The continuation of replacing the fencing at Barnes Lane Recreation Ground.

This project would be part funded (50%) by the residents of Blandford Court under the same arrangement as in 2024.

2. The construction of a Pétanque Terrain on the land adjacent to the bowls Club.

The Clerk to obtain costings to construct the terrain.

3. Work for the newly acquired community meadow.

It was agreed to recommend reserving £2k for this project due to start in the spring.

The Chair reported that a meeting was being held on Thursday 27th to consider the meadow.

4. Additional Benches on Studland Meadow & Common

The Clerk reported that there was a bid to receive a CIL allocation from the District Council to fund these benches. It was agreed to suggest to the full Parish Council that if the Parish Council were unsuccessful, it would still proceed with this project and obtain “sponsors” to fund the project.

5. Update on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Bid:

The Clerk reported that no confirmation had been received on the Parish Council's bid. Cllr Royle suggested that other projects in the District had been granted, suggesting that Milford's bid had been unsuccessful. It was agreed that the Clerk should confirm this with NFDC.

6. A.O.B.:

Cllr Bishop suggested contacting the landowner of the permissive coastal footpath, near to Scholars Retreat, to ascertain whether this path could be widened. The Clerk agreed to pursue this.

Cllr Banks asked about the tree which was agreed to be dedicated to Cllr Alan Rice. The Clerk agreed to inquire about this.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 11.35am

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Date