



Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of New Milton Town Council, held on Thursday 17 February 2022 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall.

<u>Councillors:</u>	Chairman	p	S J Clarke	
	Vice Chairman	p	R A Reid	
	p	K E Craze	S P Davies	
	p	D E Hawkins	p	D Samber
	B Murrow	p	D N Tungate	
	p	H Wallis-Dowling		

In attendance: Officer: T Elliott – Assistant Town Clerk

There were two members of the public present, and no public participation.

200. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Davies and Murrow had tendered their apologies.

201. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Under agenda item 6 Cllr Clarke stated that he was well known to the applicant of 22/10094 (4 Grasmere Gardens) so did not take part in the debate or vote and signed a register sheet accordingly.

202. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

203. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2022 be agreed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

204. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting clerk updated the committee on the following

- Minute 188f – Suggestion of meeting with Highways – Tim Lawton has responded stating that ability to support local meetings has diminished significantly in the last decade so unable to support in the same way. However, they may be able to support an online meeting to discuss specific issues.
The Chairman stated that the meeting should take place, to discuss '20 is Plenty' locations and other highway matters from members. See action points below.

- Minute 188g – 20 is Plenty Campaign – discussion and resolution was made at Town Council on 14 February 2022. Residents had been updated prior to Town Council meeting.
- Minute 198f – Verge damage by SGN in Grove Road – Damage was reported online and resolved in 2 days. Resident informed.
- Minute 198g – Enforcement at 33 Albert Road – case number assigned is EN/22/0035. Update will be available from New Forest District Council in due course.

205. LIST OF APPLICATIONS

The list of applications for the period ending 2 and 9 February 2022 were considered (see attached list).

At 6.44pm the Deputy Chair Cllr Reid took the Chair, owing to Cllr Clarke's declaration of interest above.

At 6.48pm Cllr Clarke took the Chair once again.

206. LIST OF DECISIONS

The list of decisions for periods ending 2 and 9 February 2022 were noted (see attached list).

207. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman stated that the Option to Buy draft paperwork for the land at Gore Road intended for a youth and family centre, is expected next week. An outline planning application can be made once this is in place. He also mentioned that there had been a meeting with New Milton Residents Association the previous day when an update of various projects was given.

208. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Air Raid Shelter, Avenue Road

The Listed Buildings Working Party have aspired to create a more pleasing surrounds to this piece of land, part of the wider area managed by PHP Group limited and tenanted by the surgery, pharmacy and McColl's. A site visit took place Tuesday 8 February where it was identified that no formal agreement had yet been made for the Town Council to remove overgrown vegetation and fly-tip, and contractors plus New Milton Residents Association to lay above ground flower borders and fit an information board onto the building. There is already agreement from the utility company that uses the building/site.

The issue of ongoing maintenance needed to be resolved as it was important for all parties to understand the potential Town Council obligation. The Chairman stated that we will miss the Spring planting as it had not been possible to clear the site of overgrown vegetation, and cannot be until autumn due to the bird nesting season. However, it was important to get it right rather than rush ahead.

It was then RECOMMENDED

That a formal licence be drafted by PHP giving rights of access and maintenance, for a period no greater than 10 years.

The recommendation will be discussed at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

b) Old Cottage, Meadow Way

Application 21/11525 for a replacement dwelling was withdrawn on 22 December as it has been found that the existing building is a non-designated heritage asset, which has implications for the application process.

Officers at the Town Council were alerted to tree felling and a fire on/near the site on the morning of Monday 7 February, via social media and a number of enquiries from members and the public. The meeting clerk stated that callers had been asked to call the fire brigade and New Forest District Council, as they have legal remit over fire and smoke nuisance respectively, not the Town Council.

Our Estates Manager attended to ascertain if Town Council land was involved, there had been a small amount of chipping onto our land but that was ceased immediately. Fire Brigade and Environmental Health officers from New Forest District Council also attended, as the burning had caused concern for residents. The tree felling was contained to the privately owned site, no trees were covered by a TPO. The tree protection information within the application was irrelevant, as the application had been withdrawn.

Our Estates Manager further visited site on Tuesday 8 February to find that the owners contracted tree surgeon had pruned several branches and boughs from trees overhanging from Town Council land, which they are at liberty to do from their side so long as the trees are not taken back further than the boundary line and not left in a dangerous state. Photographs have been taken of the trees in question and an inspection by New Forest District Council tree team is expected soon. If any works are required to the trees in question, the owner of the property will be contacted.

Members were shown a picture of one of the trees and were concerned about its state. The meeting clerk was asked to report the incident, see action points below.

It was then RECOMMENDED

That the council consider legal action for the damage caused.

The issue will be added to the agenda for next Amenities meeting.

c) Operation Resilience

Carriageway resurfacing works will be taking place in Milford Road, between junctions of Downton Lane and Barton Common Road, in April for approximately 5 nights. The work will be carried out at night to minimise disruption, and residents and businesses will be informed by letter from Hampshire County Council. Boards will be in place approximately two weeks before start of works.

Gainsborough Avenue will be having micro asphalt maintenance works in the coming weeks, with information boards placed at the site once a date has been programmed.

209. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 3 March 2022 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall.

Members of the public should notify of attendance by emailing info@newmiltontowncouncil.gov.uk no later than 24 hours before the meeting begins.

There being no further business to discuss, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.41pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Minute	Task	By whom	By when
188f	Request online meeting be set up	Meeting clerk	03/03/2022
188f	Ask all councillors if have traffic issues to raise	Meeting clerk	03/03/2022
188g	Locations for campaign to be raised with HCC via meeting subject of 188f	Meeting clerk	17/03/2022
208a	Refer to Amenities	Meeting clerk	18/02/2022
208b	Report to police as criminal damage	Meeting clerk	18/02/2022
208b	Report works to professional body	Meeting clerk	03/03/2022
208b	Refer to Amenities	Meeting clerk	18/02/2022
208b	Does a non-designated heritage asset require permission to demolish?	Meeting clerk	18/02/2022

Distribution:

Town Councillors;
 District Councillors J L Cleary and C V Ward;
 County Councillors F Carpenter, M Kendal and K Mans;
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List of Applications for the period ending 2 and 9 March 2022 – minute 205.

Application No: **2111590** Ward: Fernhill Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hunt
 Site: rear of 26 Manor Road

Proposal: New dwelling to rear of existing house.

NMTC Comment: OBJECT (Non-Delegated)

Rear sited dwelling is out of character and would set a precedent, contrary to Local Distinctiveness Study page 50 ‘Gardens’

There are no biodiversity enhancements suggested, contrary to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 Design Quality.

The preliminary Bat Roost Appraisal is not relevant to the development, as it has not considered the rear outbuilding for demolition (page 3).

Application No: **2200022** Ward: Bashley Authority: National Park
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Dibden
 Site: Denleigh, St Johns Road

Proposal: Replacement conservatory.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated)

Application No: **2210019** Ward: Becton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr M Logsdon
 Site: 26 Chestnut Avenue

Proposal: New access; dropped kerb.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to Highways Officer approval.

Application No: **2210069** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Burrige
 Site: Pine Trees, 30 Lymington Road

Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension; replacement of existing windows and rendering of complete property.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity new gain.

Application No: **2210083** Ward: Fernhill Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr S McMahon
 Site: Stubble House, 61 Ashley Common Road
 Proposal: Side extension

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity new gain.

Application No: **2210094** Ward: Fernhill Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr P and Mrs E Bollard
 Site: 4 Grasmere Gardens

Proposal: Convert garage to habitable room; extend over garage; single storey extension.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to Ecologist comments plus adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity new gain.

Application No: **2210099** Ward: Barton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr R Honey
 Site: 22 Seafeld Close

Proposal: Convert garage to habitable space; first floor extension.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to adherence to Neighbourhood Plan policy NM4 (Design Quality) on the need to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create biodiversity new gain.

Application No: **2210108** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Savills UK Limited
 Site: Land at Stannington Close, Spencer Road

Proposal: Creation of pedestrian link and associated development.

NMTC Comment: No comment.

Application No: 22/0053 Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
 Location: Beau Court, 35 Spencer Road
 Description: Oak x 1 – reduce, Sycamore x 1 – reduce.

NMTC Comment: Pruning, where agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer, is acceptable provided the long-term health and amenity value of the tree is maintained and where reasonably required to maintain the owner's amenity.