



Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee for New Milton Town Council, held on Thursday 26 September 2024 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall.

Councillors:

Chairman	p	S J Clarke
p B Murrow	p	S P Davies
p W B Davies	p	D E Hawkins
p P M Moores		R A Reid
p B M Scott-Johns		

In attendance: D N Tungate

Officer: Theresa Elliott, Assistant Town Clerk;
Chiara Rabbito, Town Development Manager.

There were 3 members of public present.

Public Participation

Presentation

The Chairman welcomed Simon Quincey from sustainable travel group ‘Transition Lymington’ and David Orme from Christchurch Bicycle Club, who is assisting the process.

Mr Quincey referred to Annexe Revision A provided to members. The New Forest Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) has Hampshire County Council acting as lead, to prepare a bid for Department of Transport funding for infrastructure improvements to cycling and walking routes.

A compliant and ultimately successful bid would see cycle route start points on direct roads. There was concern that for this area, it implies use of A and B class plus very busy C class routes between towns. It was thought these routes would create expensive infrastructure changes in relation to numbers of cyclists. Transition Lymington are proposing use where possible, of quieter suburban routes and lanes that are cheaper to maintain, with traffic volume and speed lower.

The Annexe outlined detail of each proposed route, accompanied by a plan which was also shown on the screen.

The proposed routes linked up with those that cross the towns boundaries to other LCWIP routes. The offer for Barton on Sea was considered poor and revised on the Annexe.

Mr Orme added that the aim of the proposals was to make routes safer for all to use. The current LCWIP routes included ‘leisure’ routes, some of which were not appropriate nor clear within the

consultation. He stated that their meetings with Sustrans and Active Travel England (government department for national cycle policy and funding) had been useful. Their assessment is using guidance only for cities, so they will find the process useful in implementing guidance for more semi-rural backdrops, which will benefit other areas.

The Town Development Manager stated that the project was a really good opportunity to get New Milton promoted. Mr Orme highlighted that Lymington, Brockenhurst and Burley all benefit from cycle tourism.

Cllr Hawkins asked who would be paying for the improvements, with the response of Department of Transport, following successful bid via LCWIP (Hampshire County Council). Mr Orme added that there were very encouraging signs from Active Travel England so far.

Cllr Hawkins asked for clarity on the use of a coastal route, and whether it would impact on cliff erosion. It was confirmed that no proposed route by Transition Lymington would, but the LCWIP potentially would.

Mr Orme added that the level of interventions would be different per route. These will range from simple signposting, speed alterations, up to potential rerouting along major routes. It all depended on the nature of each route, and County Council assessment of each.

The Chairman thanked the gentlemen for their presentation. There was no further public participation.

94. APOLOGIES

Cllr R A Reid had tendered his apologies.

95. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

96. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman suggested the proposals were very worthwhile.

Proposed by Cllr S Davies and seconded by Cllr W Davies,

***It was then RECOMMENDED
that the proposal from the Annexe be agreed as below,***

'We request Hampshire County Council consider routes 3, 4, 5a, 10 and 11 (as referenced in the table) in the context of the current public consultation, as it looks at route options as may be necessary within the LCWIP process.

The routes have not been audited by the Town Council as is the responsibility of the County Council as Highway Authority. Similarly, it is a matter for the County Council to identify the full scope of interventions required to minimise risks and hazards for cyclists (in particular) using these routes.

There is only one known major intervention on these routes being route 5a, subject to Hampshire County Council transport survey data, new crossing point to A337 at Downton.'

This to be communicated separately to Hampshire County Council as soon as possible, and via the LCWIP consultation, by deadline of 3 November 2024.

RECORDED VOTE – Cllr Hawkins AGAINST.

Cllr Tungate stated that he was much heartened by the project. As a keen cyclist (past commuter and current leisure cyclist) he had many examples of questionable motorist behaviour which was unprovoked. Any effort, which should include education, is to be commended.

The Annexe (revision A) is made available on our website, within the Planning Committee documents.

The issue will be raised under Correspondence at the full Town Council meeting on 30 September 2024. A draft report on the current consultation will be seen at Amenities Committee on 15 October 2024. The deadline for responses is 3 November 2024.

97. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2024 be agreed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

98. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting clerk gave updates on the following long-term action points

- Minute 257 (meeting 28/05/22) – Replacement footbridge over rail line - The previous County Council officer had retired, and replacement officer had familiarised himself with the case. He is working with Network Rail on potential possession dates, and the steel fabrication company regarding foundations required. Once known, the timescale will be worked into a draft contract and communicated.
- Minute 62d – Unsafe safe Cricket View – The District Council officer states contact is maintained with the site owner and matters are progressing, albeit slowly.
- Application 21/11179 – Strategic Site 10 Brockhills Lane – No update from planning officer however online page states 54 trenches dug, confirming conclusion of Historic environment desk-based assessment that the site has past human activity limited to agricultural and pastoral from post-medieval period only. No further investigation required.
- Application 22/10418 – Strategic Site 11 Gore Road – Application was granted at District Council committee 10 July 2024, subject to Section 106 agreement.

Cllr Hawkins cast doubt on the footbridge project, as it had been an issue for many years and not progressed far at all, despite Town Council efforts.

99. LIST OF APPLICATIONS

The list of applications for the period ending 11 and 18 September 2024 were considered (see attached list).

100. LIST OF DECISIONS

The list of decisions for periods ending 11 and 18 September 2024 were noted (see attached list).

101. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman summarised the notes from meetings held on 28 March and 3 September 2024, with copies made available at the meeting.

(Post meeting note – copies available on website with other Planning Committee documents).

Cllr S Davies questioned brownfield sites within 3 September notes, which included a site opposite the Wheatsheaf Inn. The Chairman advised this was the shopping parade and car park, noting retail provision would be included with residential in revised policy offer. He also noted Osborne Road car park inclusion, which the Chairman advised had been provisionally supported at the District Council. Again, this would include residential and car park offer. Crossmead Avenue car park was already considered a town centre 'opportunity site.'

The Chairman then advised of a meeting earlier that day. AECOM, assisting with the technical support, would be making a site visit with consultants on 29 October. This was for design code mapping and master planning. The trip was grant funded.

102. LOCAL LIST WORKING PARTY

The Chairman presented notes from the most recent meeting, held on 5 September. The associated documents showed images of the designed signage intended for St Mary Magdalene Churchyard. These had been agreed to and now formed part of the ongoing Faculty application. The Chairman stated he had received positive feedback about the project and thanked the meeting clerk and Nick Saunders for their efforts.

The Local List had been paired down to 20 sites, on advice from New Forest District Council following difficulties sustained in the Neighbourhood Plan process for Ringwood. This list was agreed to and put aside for now, as will not come to fruition until District Council officers take it forward in 1-2 years' time. The working group will now be focussed on the Area of Special Character, which runs the same timescale as the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr W Davies asked for clarity over the situation at the Rectory. The Chairman advised it is not listed (previous attempt had failed) but is still in the existing Old Milton Conservation Area, which offered a level of protection. The same is the case for trees in the defined area. The officer highlighted that neither status safeguards a building from demolition but changes the level of justification required and any extension/rebuild must adhere to design code.

103. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Housing Development at Moore Close

Amiri, contractors for the New Forest District Council site, had advised residents of the road that highway works will be in place from 30 September for 4 weeks. Two new entrances would be made under the highway agreement for the development. Maps had been provided to residents as those sections of road would need to be left clear for works to be undertaken.

Cllr S Davies commented that doors on one of the units were already being converted to electric opening to aid a disabled new resident taking one of the units, and stated the build is of exceptional standard. He also highlighted that the shared ownership units, 5 in total, can be applied for from 9am on Wednesday 2 October, for those that have registered. Please see link <https://newforest.gov.uk/sharedownership>

b) Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Submission

Hampshire County Council had advised that a small number of issues had not been submitted to the independent examination within Annexe 2 of the Consultation Statement back in July. They had created an Errata document with the Inspector agreeing this course of action.

The Errata document is available with other documents at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update>. It can also be viewed in hard copy at

- Hampshire County Council, E11 Court, Winchester
- New Forest National Park Authority, Lymington Town Hall
- Other local authority venues to the east of the District Council boundary.

104. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Tuesday 8 October 2024 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.43pm.

Chairman _____ Date _____

Minute	Action	By whom	By when
96	Annexe to Town Council	Meeting clerk	27/09/2024
96	Town Council resolution to HCC	Meeting clerk	01/10/2024
96	Consultation draft report to Amenities meeting	Meeting clerk	15/10/2024

Distribution:

Town Councillors;
 District Councillors J L Cleary and C V Ward;
 County Councillors F Carpenter, M Kendal and K Mans;
 Police; Press.

List of Applications for the period 11 and 18 September 2024 – Minute 99.

Application No: **24/00972** Ward: Bashley Authority: National Park

Applicant: Joe Adams - Wootton Heath Estate

Site: Land to the northeast of Pennywell Gardens

Proposal: Application to remove condition 4 of planning permission 24/00082FULL stable block with area of hardstanding.

NMTC Comment: Leave to professional appraisal.

Application No: **24/10729** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Essalmi

Site: 9 Fir Avenue

Proposal: Single-storey rear and side extension to include roof mounted solar panels

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 net gain.

Application No: **24/10757** Ward: Ballard Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Mrs A Fynn

Site: 2 Greenacre

Proposal: Proposed rear extension; roof alterations and extension with new dormers

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 net gain.

Application No: **24/10765** Ward: Barton & Becton Authority: NFDC

Applicant: Mrs Baxendale

Site: Crow House, 3 First Marine Avenue

Proposal: Single-storey glass room to rear elevation

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 net gain.

Application No: **24/10781** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr D Hutchins
 Site: 37 Milton Grove

Proposal: Erect fence and gates to boundary with Hale Gardens (Retrospective)

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 net gain.

RECORDED VOTE – Cllr Hawkins AGAINST.

Application No: **24/10789** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mrs S Lintag
 Site: 22a Old Milton Road

Proposal: Erection of garden pergola (retrospective).

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 net gain.

RECORDED VOTE – Cllr Hawkins AGAINST.

Application Number: **24/0245**

Ward Name: Ballard
 Location: Cornerways, 34 Avenue Road
 Description Silver Birch - fell.

NMTC Comment: NMTC object to the felling of any tree unless it is dead, dying or dangerous, no longer of amenity value, or otherwise agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer for exceptional reasons.

Application Number: **24/0391**

Ward Name: Milton
 Location: 13 Whitefield Road
 Description Horse Chestnut 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.

Application Number: **24/0393**

Ward Name: Ballard

Location: 3 Pond Close

Description Oak - 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.

Application Number: **24/0394**

Ward Name: Bashley

Location: Harris House, 2 Harris Way

Description Oak x 1 - fell.

NMTC Comment: NMTC object to the felling of any tree unless it is dead, dying or dangerous, no longer of amenity value, or otherwise agreed with the relevant authority's Tree Officer for exceptional reasons.

Application Number: **24/0397**

Ward Name: Barton & Becton

Location: Robin Green, Barton Common Road

Description Oak x 2 - 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.
