



Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee for New Milton Town Council, held on Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall.

Councillors:

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

In attendance: Cllr A O’Sullivan

Officer: Theresa Elliott – Assistant Town Clerk

There were 9 members of the public in attendance.

Application No. 24/10966 – Two people spoke in favour.

Application No. 24/11000 – Two people spoke in favour.

Application No. 24/10875 – One person spoke against.

Graham Jackson representing New Milton Residents Association, requested an update on the affordable housing site behind Willow Court (ex-Milton Barns).

He also referred to a newspaper article from last week that stated New Forest District Council had bought 42 affordable homes from a developer, but the site was confidential. He questioned members on whether they knew the site and if this was a regular occurrence.

146. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Moores and Murrow had tendered their apologies.

147. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

148. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman asked Cllr S Davies, as Portfolio Holder of Housing at the District Council, if he had any further information.

Cllr Davies stated the site is being kept confidential and would be divulged when able. However, he stated that the matter was not in this area. It was understood that the practice was routine.

149. MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED**:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2024, be agreed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

150. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting clerk advised that the action point from previous meeting had been completed.

151. LIST OF APPLICATIONS

The list of applications for the period ending 20 and 27 November 2024 were considered (see attached list).

152. LIST OF DECISIONS

The list of decisions for periods ending 20 and 27 November 2024 were noted (see attached list).

153. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

No further update available.

154. NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Chairman referred to the summary report Appendix 2 previously circulated. Members noted the item and its recommendation that there were no specific comments required in response.

155. GRANT OF PREMISES LICENCE

The meeting clerk advised that the application is for Double H Nurseries in Gore Road (ref LICPR/24/06343). The licence requested online sales only, with premises not open to the public.

156. CORRESPONDENCE

a) New Forest District Council Planning Committee

Application 24/10510 – 50 Becton Lane proposed access – this application will be decided by their committee on Wednesday 11 December.

Cllr Maynard will attend.

b) Improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and vulnerable users

As previously discussed, Transition Lymington had provided a list of suggestions for improvements recently placed on the Hampshire County Council dedicated survey 'Barriers to walking and cycling' referred to at 7 November's meeting.

The Chairman requested all members receive their document with the minutes.

c) Hampshire County Council Proposed Traffic Order for Barton on Sea

Members were aware of the publicly available information and deadline of 13 December.

In comparison to the previous consultation from February 2024, there were less sections of road proposed for the pay and display element but these had been shifted into other restrictions. The 'No overnight caravans' element was kept in the order, and 'Limited Waiting' was now for 2 hours and no return within 2 hours, between the hours of 10am and 6pm. Previously it had been just one hour limited waiting between 9am and 7pm.

There was a newly proposed Season Ticket, which cost £194 per month, £438 for 3 months or £1168 for an annual one.

Cllrs Maynard and O'Sullivan had both submitted statements to the press, as opposed to the order. Cllr Maynard had written to County Councillors Carpenter and Kendal and conducted a straw poll at the clifftop. The key issues were

- Overly restrictive when the overnight caravans had been the only issue raised by concerned residents, therefore hugely disproportionate;
- The County Council are pursuing their goal of 'modernising' the on-street parking 'facility' without full consideration of impacts to visitors and residents;
- Concern about the visual blight that the infrastructure will create in this special place;
- The restriction of free access to the iconic landscape, particularly harmful to those struggling financially and potentially mentally due to their situation, and therefore considered abhorrent;
- Particularly damaging for those with reduced mobility, reliant on their car to view the seascape, as part of general wellbeing, considered similarly abhorrent;
- Impact to local businesses including staff ability to park;
- Removal of casual visits to the sea or neighbouring businesses.

Members wished to send a strong objection to the County Council that this proposal is totally unacceptable, as above.

The Chairman went out of session at 7.40pm and had a brief conversation with Mr Jackson, who was due to give his thoughts to their Association later that evening. He was also concerned about the additional street furniture and the fact that the Walking for Health group meet at the clifftop regularly.

Chairman went back into session at 7.42pm.

RECOMMENDATION – This item will be endorsed at Finance and General Purposes Committee under agenda item 15 Referred Matters, as per Town Clerk.

157. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on **Thursday 19 December 2024** at 6.30pm in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman _____ Date _____

Minute	Task	By whom	By when
156a	Register Cllr Maynards attendance	Meeting clerk	06/12/24
156a	Provide papers for speech writing	Meeting clerk	06/12/24
156b	Provide Transition Lymington document	Meeting clerk	06/12/24

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 20 and 27 November 2024 – Minute 151.

Application No: **24/10875** Ward: Barton & Becton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr M Weir
 Site: 9 Heathwood Avenue

Proposal: AMENDED PLANS - Extensions and alterations.

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: **24/10921** Ward: Barton & Becton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Serenity Care Homes Ltd
 Site: Tower House, Christchurch Road

Proposal: Change of use from Use Class C3 (dwellinghouse) to Use Class C2 (residential institution)

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated)

Application No: **24/10959** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Ms R Lambert
 Site: 16 Highlands Road

Proposal: Extension to first floor and new front garden wall with gate.

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: **24/10962** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mrs A Howells
 Site: 11 Furze Croft

Proposal: Removal of existing conservatory and replacement with rear extension; front infill extension; fenestration alterations.

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: **24/10966** Ward: Barton & Becton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr & Mrs Lindsey-Colley
 Site: 4 Mitchell Close

Proposal: Front dormer and raised roof ridge to facilitate creation of first floor; fenestration alterations.

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: **24/10970** Ward: Ashley North Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr R North
 Site: Rose Cottage, Brockhills Lane

Proposal: Remove existing garage/workshop and construct a new garage and storage/workshop.

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: **24/10990** Ward: Barton & Becton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr C Hitchens
 Site: Flat 1, 28 Barton Court Avenue

Proposal: Attached garage; rear extension; outbuilding; demolition of existing garage

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: **24/11000** Ward: Barton & Becton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr I Reeves
 Site: Hazelwood, Barton Common Road

Proposal: Proposed single-storey link & conservatory/garden room extension, between the existing house and garage annexe

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: **24/11006** Ward: Ashley South Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Ms A Pepworth
Site: 22 Willowdene Close

Proposal: Two-storey side extension; new parking bay.

NMTC Comment: OBJECT (Non-Delegated)

(1) There are concerns about pedestrian safety as there will be need to reverse and turn close to/over the footpath route.

(2) Negative character impact due to the loss of the spatial gap.

Application Number: **24/0552**

Ward Name: Bashley

Location: Harris House, 2 Harris Way

Description Oak 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.
