



Minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee for New Milton Town Council, held on Thursday 16th January 2025 at 6.30pm at the Town Hall.

<u>Councillors:</u>	Chairman	p	S J Clarke
	p	S P Davies	
	p	W B Davies	p
		R Maynard	p
	p	B Murrow	R A Reid
	p	B M Scott-Johns	

Officer: Theresa Elliott – Assistant Town Clerk

There were 4 members of the public in attendance.

Mr Angus had provided a photographic medley of challenges for mobility scooters and other wheeled aids in the town and gave a further summary of the issues faced. The Chairman thanked him for providing the information, noting that the positioning of lamp standards was controlled by regulation and barriers across footways positioned were to limit anti-social behaviour. He made the point that it was often difficult to strike the balance for everyone’s needs.

Caroline Drew representing New Milton Residents Association asked if there was an update on the KFC unit yet. She also stated some members were concerned about the on-street parking situation along Church Lane if application 24/11090 (City Plumbing site) gets the go ahead.

Bob Lord asked if there was any detail for minute 166c regarding the latest version of the National Planning Policy Framework. He stated that paragraph 187 of the N.P.P.F. was particularly helpful for wildlife should the Town Council embrace it, assisting New Forest District Council to recognise its importance when making decisions. He requested that the Neighbourhood Plan draft is reviewed with this in mind.

168. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Maynard and Reid had tendered their apologies.

169. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

170. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr W Davies asked if the issues raised in Mr Angus document could be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan discussion.

The Chairman and several members mentioned that there had only been speculation regarding potential use of the KFC unit to date.

The Chairman advised Mr Lord that New Forest District Council area was expected to provide 1501 dwellings per annum, and they had made a case to government for reduction due to extenuating circumstances.

171. MINUTES

It was then **RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2024, be agreed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Minutes were duly signed.

172. MATTERS ARISING

The meeting clerk advised all action points from the last meeting had been completed.

173. LIST OF APPLICATIONS

The list of applications for the period ending 18 and 25 December 2024, 1 and 8 January 2025 were considered (see attached list).

174. LIST OF DECISIONS

The list of decisions for periods ending 18 and 25 December 2024, 1 and 8 January 2025 were noted (see attached list). This includes the applications delegated to ward member and officer owing to the cancelled 2 January meeting.

175. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman advised that a meeting had recently taken place with the Town Development Manager, representatives of O'Neill Homer and AECOM regarding the housing needs assessment. It would be a desktop study with datasets from the census, personalised for this area. He had strongly stated that there needs to be a housing mix for all generations, as New Milton was short of 1- and 2-bedroom properties, with an aging population and no housing for potential carers.

The Neighbourhood Plan consultation starts on Monday 10 March with the resultant report expecting to be published in April, with only one opportunity to adjust text as necessary.

176. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Partial Update – Independent Examination

The hearings will open at Elizabeth II Court, Winchester at 10am on Tuesday 4 February 2025. The section specific to New Milton will be held during the second week, the afternoon of Wednesday 12 February.

b) Bashley Gas main replacement works - update

The Mayor Cllr Reid had a progress meeting with SGN earlier in the week, with the following points made

- The work is on schedule with excavations well under way
- Phase 1 pipe work (cattle grid to Marlpit Lane) was on schedule to be replaced on 16th January
- A change of signage was to be considered at the Rising Sun, to emphasise Tiptoe Road was not a suitable diversion
- Additional signage to be considered at St Johns Road and Wooton Rough to stop use as a short cut.

The Chairman stated that Loaders Garage had seen a significant decrease in business from day one of the works, and he was aware the post office and other businesses were similarly affected. Unfortunately, the works were necessary with no ideal time to complete them.

Cllr W Davies asked if the question posed regarding vulnerability of the local network had yet been responded to. (*Post meeting note – no update has been provided to date*).

c) Planning Appeal Decisions

The following notifications were received –

Application 24/10475 – 18 Highlands Road – Use of annexe as one-bedroom dwelling house. The appeal was *DISMISSED*.

Application 23/11034 – 19 South Avenue – Demolition of existing building and erection of 2 dwellings. The appeal was *DISMISSED*.

d) Planning Enforcement Complaint

A new case had been opened at New Forest District Council following the recent arrival of a storage container in the front garden of 2 Beechwood Avenue, logged as case number EN25/0013. An investigation will now take place. This follows an investigation last year, with the container having been removed by mid November 2024.

177. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on **Thursday 30 January 2025** at 6.30pm in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman_____Date_____

Minute	Task	By whom	By when
pp	Obstacle photographs to Town Development Manager for discussion	Meeting clerk	17/01/2025
pp	Query on NPPF para 187d inclusion to Neighbourhood Plan to Town Development Manager	Meeting clerk	17/01/2025
176b	Contact SGN to remind of need for information	Meeting clerk	17/01/2025

Distribution:

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

List of Applications for the period 18 and 25 December 2024, 1 and 8 January 2025 – Minute 173.

Application No: **24/00689** Ward: Bashley Authority: National Park
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Knowles
Site: Willys Well, Bashley Common Road

Proposal: Two storey rear extension.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to being within the auspices of Policy DP36 (Extensions to dwellings), SP16 (The historic and built environment) and in line with Conservation Officer comments.

Application No: **24/00690** Ward: Bashley Authority: National Park
Applicant: Mr & Mrs Knowles
Site: Willys Well, Bashley Common Road

Proposal: Two storey rear extension (Listed Build app)

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to being within the auspices of Policy DP36 (Extensions to dwellings), SP16 (The historic and built environment) and in line with Conservation Officer comments.

Application No: **24/01414** Ward: Bashley Authority: National Park
Applicant: Mr B Vass
Site: Underwood, Bashley Common Road

Proposal: Two storey side extension; window & door alterations.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to being in line with policy DP36 (Extensions to dwellings) and 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: **24/10963** Ward: Ashley North Authority: NFDC
Applicant: Mr & Mrs R Newman
Site: 5 Gorsefield Road

Proposal: Single-storey rear extension.

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

Application No: **24/11090** Ward: Milton Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Hoburne Development Company Ltd
 Site: Land off Manor Farm Close

Proposal: Erection of 9 dwellings units, including bin and cycle stores, new accesses, parking, and extension of the residential curtilage of existing residential property; demolition of existing commercial buildings.

NMTC Comment: ACCEPTABLE (Delegated) subject to receipt of adequate reports on ecology, flooding and highway requirements and adherence to National Planning Policy Framework 2024, para 187d regarding native species and supportive networks for wildlife.

Recorded vote - Cllr Hawkins ABSTAINED.

Application No: **24/11106** Ward: Ballard Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mrs H Phillips
 Site: 11 Avenue Road

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 of application 24/10653 to allow changes to position and size of approved extension 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.

Application No: **24/11113** Ward: Ashley South Authority: NFDC
 Applicant: Mr S Maple
 Site: 12 High Ridge Crescent

Proposal: Front and 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 net gain.
