

NEW MILLS TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held in The Council Chambers, New Mills Town Hall, New Mills At 7.00pm on Monday 8 July 2024

Councillors Present Steve Davey (Chair), Lyn Bannister, Simon Evans, Katy Pearson, Margaret Ritchie, Liam Stowell, David Aris-Sutton, Matthew Donovan and John Reed.

In Attendance 9 members of the public, Clare Wild (Clerk), Hospitably Lead & Communications Officer

Apologies for Absence

Absent Cllr: Katy Pearson, Michelle Bancroft, Andrew Denton and Beth Eadie presented apologies.

FTC/24/123 Variation of Order of Business

RESOLVED: to move

- Item 15, Mount Pleasant, to the last item on the agenda.
- Item 6c Tree felling approval, to be discussed with Press and Public not present due to financial information.
- Item 10b Requests associated with development plans, to be discussed with Press and Public not present due to financial information.

FTC/24/124 Declaration of Members Interests

Cllr Simon Evans (SE)

- Item 8 Planning. As a member of the Development and Planning Committee of High Peak Borough Council (HPBC). SE would remain in the meeting but have no vote.

Cllr Lyn Bannister (LB)

- Item 15 (revised to Item 16) Mount Pleasant. Had a pecuniary interest and would leave the meeting.

FTC/24/125 Public Speaking

Several members of the public raised their concerns connected with the proposal made by New Mills Junior Football Club (NMJFC) to build welfare facilities at Ollersett Recreational Fields.

The Chair advised the members of public that as the land owner New Mills Town Council (NMTC) had sought public opinion on the proposal, which at this stage, had limited information. Council agreed to include the matters raised in the meeting as part of the consultation. Should NMTC grant approval for the

project detailed plan would need to be submitted to HBPC for planning approval.

Another member of the public raised concern about footpath maintenance in New Mills was informed that this responsibility fell to HPBC. Cllr Simon Evans encouraged the member of public to contact him directly to address this issue.

3 member of the public left the meeting 7.25pm

HPBC Cllr Simon Evan (SE) updated the council and public present of the following matters

- Suggested that NMTC officially writes to new MP for the High Peak, Jon Pearce to forge a working relationship.
- Advised that the government had proposed changes to the National Planning Strategy which were under current consultation,
- Drew attention to proposed double yellow lines that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) wanted to install in the New Mills Area
- No changes had been reported regarding the progress of proposed changes to New Mills Leisure Centre, suggesting that now the general election had taken place the consultation would likely be re-started.
- He had joined DCC Police and Crime Panel
- Had recently been appointed as a Governor at New Mills School.

FTC/24/126 Minutes of the previous meetings

Corrections on the spelling of Cllr Peter Inman and Cllr Matthew Donovan.

RESOLVED: Minutes of New Mills Town Council meeting held on Monday 8 April 2024 had been confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Additional outstanding minutes would be approved at and extra-ordinary meeting.

FTC/24/127 Finance

Accounts for payment

Payments to be approved - 8th July 2024				
Payment	Recipient	N/C	Details	Total
D	BT	5921	Regular Charges 22 May-31 Aug 2024	£ 443.18
D	Deere Financial	5908	Tractor Rental - June 24	£725.92
D	Ecotricity	5903	TH - Elec Acc. 01-27 May 2024	£778.66
D	Ecotricity	5904	LLR- Elec Acc. 01-31 May 2024	£69.76
D	Ecotricity	5905	HC - Elec Acc. 26 Apr -31 May 24	£307.66
D	Ecotricity	5906	Parks - Elec Acc. 26 Apr -31 May 24	£97.54
D	Everflow	5945	Water Inv 01-31 Aug 24	£389.33
D	Opus	5920	LLR Gas 10 May - 09 Jun 2024	£30.49
D	Opus	5936	Opus One off payment	-£50.21
D	Sage	5948	Chargable Period 01-30 June 2024	£109.98

POA	Amazon	5907	Laminating Pouches x 4 (1 x TH + £ x Project 1 D Day) PO- 100106	£38.28
POA	BT - TH	3942	Broadband Charges 01-30 Jun 24	£37.40
POA	Green	5196 - CN	Credit - raised to present invoice	-£171.60
POA	Wild	5922	Conveyor Toaster PO-100116	£325.20
POA	Wild	5927	Test Purchase on HC Card Reader	£20.00
POA	Wild	5928	HC Door Mat PO-100119	£29.94
POA	Wild	5929	HC Stock Equipment PO-100117	£207.15
POA	Wild	5930	Chalkboard Pens PO-100118	£18.89
POA	Wild	5931	HC Stock Purchase PO-100113	£691.30
POA	Wild	5932	Aprons PO-100118	£27.91
POA	Wild	5933	HC Catering Sundries and Equipment	£375.98
B	Amazon	5934	Bunting & Floor Chalks	£34.97
B	Catterall	5926	Fuel Acc. May 2024	£383.00
B	DALC	5935	Internal Audit Fees	£405.00
B	Espo	5916	Cleaning Products & Supplies PO-100112	£131.28
B	Espo	5917	Nitrile Gloves	£13.08
B	Foster	5937	Repair to Walk Benid Mower & Engine Oil	£232.66
B	Foster	5938	Repair to Fly Mower / Fuel Tank & Filter Clean	£302.40
B	Ginge & Co	5902	Ice Cream for HC	£99.00
B	Ginge & Co	5949	Ice Cream for HC PO-100121	£178.20
B	Green	5918	HLP - Toilet Block Electrical Works	£330.00
B	Green	5912	Supply & Fit Flag Pole Base at Parks - Supply new Circuit Breakers HLH	£531.60
B	Halman Nurseries	5909	Summer Plants	£2,597.90
B	Hydro-X	5914	Parks - Legionella Control Jun 2024	£133.20
B	Hydro-X	5915	TH - Legionella Control Jun 2024	£133.20
B	Lewis	5950	Air Filters & Capillary Mat	£19.58
B	Paintmaster	5919	Fence Paint	£22.20
B	Peakbean	5913	Coffee	£28.50
B	Peakbean	5943	Coffee	£28.50
B	Senior	5923	Tanalised Timber & Sand	£102.29
B	Storry	5947	Professional Fees June 2024	£1,063.20
B	Tomlinson	5945	Fountain Stopcock	£18.41
B	Wild	5924	Parking Receipt	£1.45
B	Wild	5925	Mileage for Cash & Carry & Banking	£7.65
B	Wild	5946	Booker Order PO-100123	£121.32
B	World of Power	5910	Chainsaw	£487.86

£11,909.21

RESOLVED: The Council approved payments for the expenditure presented to all members in advance of the meeting.

FTC 24/128 Bank Balances

Bank Balances

Statement date	Account	Balance
30/06/2024	Community Directplus	£8,000.00
30/06/2024	Business Select Instant Access	£154,799.37
30/06/2024	Business Select 14 Day	£28,173.93
30/06/2024	Business Select 14 Day*	£4,466.77
30/06/2024	Unity Trust	£20,131.55
30/06/2024	Petty cash	£150.00

The Council noted the bank balances as at 30 June 2024.

FTC 24/129 Payment Card

RESOLVED: The Town Council agreed that the Clerk could proceed to gain a card, with a £3,000 limit, to enable approved officers to make purchases on behalf of NMTC.

FTC/24/130 Planning

The Chair advised all present that NMTC had limited weight in the decisions made by HPBC. Four options would be provided to members on the applications presented between 4 June 2024 and 3 July 2024: support, object, do not object, or just provide comment.

RESOLVED:

APPLICA TION	PROPOSAL	SITE ADDRESS	APPLICANT	COMMENT
DET/202 4/0020	Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to Dwelling houses (Use Class 3)	152A Albion House Albion Road New Mills SK22 3JP	PropInvest Co	Support
HPK/202 4/0194	Full Planning Application Seeking the construction of 3no. 3-bedroom townhouses following demolition to part of boundary wall to Albion Road	Land adjacent 208 Albion Road New Mills SK22 3JR	Mark Lane Estates	Object -Highway safety concerns at junction of Albion Road and the A6. -No off-road parking provision is proposed at this busy junction. -Loss of biodiversity.
HPK/202 4/0218	Installation of air source heat pump. New outdoor unit, replacement of internal equipment	Bower Cottage Whitle Fold	Mr S Sidebottom	Do not Object

		Whitle Bank Road New Mills SK22 4EF		
HPK/2024/0227	Listed building consent Installation of air source heat pump. New outdoor unit, replacement of internal equipment	Bower Cottage Whitle Fold Whitle Bank Road New Mills SK22 4EF	Mr S Sidebottom	Do not Object
HPK/2024/0231	Two storey rear extension, new parking spaces with access alterations, elevation changes comprising replacement windows and doors with rendered external wall insulation to side and rear elevations, dormer loft conversion and photovoltaic panels to front elevation	Cotherstone High Lea Road New Mills SK22 3DT	P Barnes & S Rahman Hayes & Partners Ltd	Do not Object
HPK/2024/0263	Reinstatement of an end terrace bungalow following a gas explosion	46 Ollersett Ave New Mills SK22 4LE	M Trewatha HPBC	Support

FTC/24/131 Network Rail Update

Chair advised member that the Officers continued to work closely with Network Rail to monitor the project and address any issues raised by the community. Work remains on schedule and the re-installment of the removed playground equipment in other NMTC parks will be the next step.

FTC/24/132 Opening hours at the Town Hall

RESOLVED: The Town Council agreed to reduce the office opening hours in the Town Hall to 9.00am to 3.00pm. This would not affect other service provision or room hires.

FTC/24/133 High Lea Hall (HLH)

Chair introduced Hospitality Lead & Communications Officers, who gave a verbal update since opening on 14 June 2024

- Tea and Toast offer, processes being streamlined
- Visitor numbers range from 18-170 per day with a total of 737 visitors
- Takings are variable and weather dependent

- Early operation has shown that there is a need for two people to be on each shift
- Standalone social media will be developed, in accordance with the social media policy
- A launch party for the end of the month was being planned
- Further events could help 'weatherproof' for the future
- There could be an opportunity to provide refreshments at the Handlebards event in High Lea Park 2 Aug 2024.

Cllrs commented that they had been encouraged by the activity so far.

LB declared a pecuniary interest as director of New Mills Festival CIC, Handlebards event was part of the New Mills Festival, but would remain in the meeting and have no vote.

SD declared a personal interest as a volunteer for the New Mills Festival

Correspondence

FTC/24/134

The Town Council noted the correspondence received during June 2024.

FTC/24/135

Clerk advised that members that the council had been served a notice to make safe a dangerous boundary wall and added that the question of ownership had been on-going for the Council for a several years. Further clarification would be sought and any required actions would be communicated to the Cllrs.

FTC/24/136

Code of Conduct

RESOLVED: The Town Council approved and adopted the presented Code of Conduct that had been adapted from HPBC December 2022 version, as recommended by the internal auditor.

Bio-Diversity

FTC/24/137

RESOLVED: The Town Council approved and adopted the Biodiversity Policy and Action Plan that had been recommended and developed by the Parks, Open Spaces and Events Committee.

FTC/24/138

RESOLVED: The Town Council agreed to develop their website for information and educational purposes for members of the public. Supporting the approved Action Plan.

FTC/24/139

RESOLVED: The Town Council approved the Herbicide and pesticide policy, in principal, including statement that had been recommended and developed by the Parks, Open Spaces and Events Committee. Slight word changes would be implemented post meeting and shared with all Cllrs prior to publication.

FTC/24/140

Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED: The press and public to be excluded from the meeting of the following matters on the grounds that they could involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in The Local Government Act, Schedule 12A, Part 1.

FTC/24/141

Tree Tender Approval

RESOLVED: After reviewing presented quotes, The Town Council agreed to award the contract to SnS Trees, a local business based in New Mills.

High Lea Hall Requests for Development

FTC/24/142

RESOLVED: The Town Council approved a 20 hour allocation for a café assistant per week, in line with the staff structure that had been agreed by the Council earlier in the year.

FTC/24/143

RESOLVED: The Town Council approved an additional budget of £1,500 to allow for developments of events and services as discussed, including marketing, licences, additional staffing, new equipment and/or replacement sundries.

Personnel

FTC/24/144

RESOLVED: The Town Council agreed to end the probation period of the Clerk

FTC/24/145

RESOLVED: The Town Council approved the resources required for the Clerk to gain the Certificate in Local Council Administration.

LB left the meeting 8.57pm

RESOLVED: The Town Council agreed to extend the meeting by 15 minutes.

Mount Pleasant

The Clerk had prepared a report that had been presented to Council that contained key findings, timeline of events and recommendations in relation to this matter.

FTC/24/146

RESOLVED: The Town Council approved to write off legal fees following decisions made by the previous Council members that had not been actioned.

FTC/24/147

RESOLVED: Against the recommendation of the Clerk, the Town Council approved authorisation, to write off legal fees that could have been reclaimable.

RESOLVED: The Town Council agreed to defer the remaining items to the next Full Council Meeting and closed the meeting.

The meeting closed at 21.14 pm

Signed as a true and correct record of the meeting

Chair _____ Date _____

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