

21 JULY 2008

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee held at Appletree Court, Lyndhurst on Monday, 21 July 2008.

- p Cllr L R Puttock (Chairman)
- p Cllr A E J Shotter (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

- p G C Beck
- p W H Dow
- p J A G Hutchins
- Mrs P Jackman
- p Mrs M McLean
- e J Penwarden
- p A W Rice TD

Councillors:

- p W S Rippon-Swaine
- p R F Scrivens
- p Mrs B Smith
- p M S Wade
- p S S Wade
- p Mrs P A Wyeth

Officers Attending:

Ms M Stephens, and for part of the meeting, Mrs L Battersby and Mrs M Sandhu.

Also in Attendance:

G Flexman, Clerk to New Milton Town Council

10. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllrs Beck, Hutchins and Rice in Minute No. 12 and Cllrs M Wade, S Wade and Mrs Wyeth in Minute No. 13.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No issues were raised during the public participation period.

12. NEW MILTON STREET MARKET POSSIBLE EXPANSION (REPORT A).

Cllrs Hutchins and Rice declared personal interests in this item as members of New Milton Town Council. They considered that such interests were prejudicial and left the meeting prior to discussion of the item. Cllr Beck was not present for this item.

Mr G Flexman, Clerk to New Milton Town Council addressed the Committee on the proposal to extend the Market.

New Milton had run a weekly market in Station Road, South since 21 April 2004. However, in 2007 necessary street works meant that the market had to be temporarily relocated to Station Road North. The street works finished in late April and on 30 April 2008 the market relocated back to Station Road South. New Milton Town Council would like the market to be expanded, on a permanent basis, to cover part of the east side of Station Road North as well as Station Road South.

The Town Council had undertaken a survey of all business in Station Road and the survey highlighted that 83% of business wished the market to continue in its temporary location.

Members queried whether the views of residents of New Milton had been considered, and were pleased to hear from Officers that the formal consultation process allowed members of the public to make representation to the Council on its proposal to formally relocate the market.

RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, a notice be published in a local newspaper of the Council's intention to pass the following draft resolution on 15 September 2008:

“That the current designation of the western side of Station Road, New Milton (north of the junction with Old Milton Road and south of the junction with Whitefield Road) as a consent street within the meaning of Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, be revoked;

That the current designation of the eastern side of Station Road, New Milton (north of the junction with Ashley Road and south of the junction with Osborne Road) as a consent street within the meaning of Schedule 4 to the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, be confirmed;

and that these decisions come into force on 16 September 2008”.

13. FLEXIBLE RETIREMENT FOR ALL EMPLOYEES – INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME (REPORT B).

Cllrs M Wade, S Wade and Mrs Wyeth declared personal interests in this item as family members worked for the Authority. They considered that such an interest was prejudicial and left the meeting prior to discussion of the item.

The Committee considered the proposal for a Flexible Retirement Policy following changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) That the Council be recommended that the proposed Flexible Retirement Policy be adopted with effect from 1 August 2008; and**
- (b) That Human Resources produce a Management Advice Note and other related documents to enable the policy to be implemented within the authority.**

14. DATES OF MEETINGS 2009/2010.

RESOLVED:

That Committee meets on the following dates (All Fridays at 9.30am) in 2009/2010:-

12 June 2009
11 September 2009
13 November 2009
15 January 2010
12 March 2010

CHAIRMAN

(GPLC210708)