

**Council – 13 April 2026**  
**Questions Under Standing Order 22**

**First Questions**

**Question 1**

**From Cllr Barry Dunning to the Portfolio Holder for Community, Safety and Wellbeing, Cllr Dan Poole**

I was very concerned that Lymington and Pennington Town Council have recklessly chosen to stop paying their annual contribution towards public CCTV provision for the town.

Can the portfolio holder please update on the value of the CCTV service for towns and parishes and advise of the outcome if the towns and parishes refuse to pay their contributions?

**Question 2**

**From Cllr Caroline Rackham to the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Homelessness, Cllr Steve Davies**

What impact will the new tenancy laws have on our Tenants and on NFDC?

**Question 3**

**From Cllr Mark Clark to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Jill Cleary**

What specific financial protections did NFDC seek for Waterside Residents during negotiations, and which if these were rejected or lost as a result of the disagreement with the County Council?

**Question 4**

**From Cllr Philip Dowd to the Leader of the Council, Cllr Jill Cleary**

How will NFDC ensure that assets, reserves and historic investment built up by New Forest Residents are fairly transferred – and not diluted – given the outcome of this divided approach?

## **Question 5**

### **From Cllr David Harrison to the Portfolio Holder for Community, Safety and Wellbeing, Cllr Dan Poole**

Given the growing evidence that lithium-ion batteries in vape products present a significant and sometimes explosive fire risk – particularly where large quantities are stored – what specific measures are New Forest District Council taking to regulate Vape Shops in our town centres, including fire risk assessments, storage controls, and enforcement, against non-compliant or unregistered operators?

## **Question 6**

### **From Cllr Jack Davies to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economy, Cllr Derek Tipp**

I have been supporting a group of local Residents in Lymington and Pennington to test the Lymington River for e-coli. Together, we held Southern Water to account after they initially ignored the test results, leading to the discovery and repair of illegal sewer connections at Brunswick Place and the Community Centre. Given that these illegal connections date back decades, residents are understandably concerned about the potential for further undiscovered issues across Lymington and Pennington.

Can the Portfolio Holder confirm what specific steps are being taken within the Planning Department to ensure that new developments are strictly monitored for compliance, and whether the Officers have received updated training to identify and prevent misconnections that threaten our local environment?

## **Question 7**

### **From Cllr Phil Woods to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Sustainability, Cllr Geoffrey Blunden**

Given the growing concern among residents in Fordingbridge about the visible decline in street cleanliness – including the build – up of debris, weeds on pavements, and a general deterioration in the appearance of public areas – can the Portfolio Holder confirm what the current service

standards are for town centre street cleaning, how frequently Fordingbridge is scheduled for cleaning, and whether these standards are currently being met.

### **Question 8**

#### **From Cllr Alex Wade to the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economy, Cllr Derek Tipp**

It has been now reported publicly that the proposed development by Churchill Homes on the Former Police Station site in Hythe will now be decided by a Planning Inspector, and NFDC Planning Members won't be given an opportunity to debate a site of significant local interest.

What efforts are being made by the Council to ensure this information is accessible to the Public deeply concerned about the plans? And despite the cost and time required, will Officers be intending to engage with the process on behalf of the Residents who raised significant concerns about the proposals?