

## NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

### MINUTES OF THE NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 AUGUST 2025 AT 10.00 AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LYMINGTON TOWN HALL, AVENUE ROAD, LYMINGTON SO41 9ZG

#### **Present:**

##### *Members*

David Bence (Chair)	
Victoria Mander (Deputy Chair)	
John Adams	Caroline Rackham
Richard Clewer	Joe Reilly
Zoe Clewer	Ann Sevier
Mary Davies	Brice Stratford
David Harrison	Derek Tipp
Mel Kendal	Steve Trow
Keith Mans	Malcolm Wade

##### *Officers*

Alison Barnes	Chief Executive
Nigel Stone	Head of Resources (Chief Finance Officer)
Gareth Hale	Solicitor & Monitoring Officer
Paul Walton	Head of Environment & Rural Economy
Jim Mitchell	Access and Learning Manager
David Stone	Corporate Services Manager

#### **174. Apologies for Absence**

174.1 Apologies for absence was received from Barry Dunning and Gordon Bailey

#### **175. Declarations of Interest**

175.1 There were no declarations of absence on this occasion.

#### **176. Chair's Announcements**

176.1 There were no announcements on this occasion.

#### **177. Minutes**

177.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2025 were approved as a true record.

**Resolved,** that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2025 be approved as a true record.

*Voting: Non-voting against*

**178. Date of next meeting**

178.1 Thursday 16 October 2025 at 10.00am – Council Chamber, Lymington Town Hall, Lymington.

**PART II ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ON THE GROUNDS THAT EXEMPTED INFORMATION MAY BE DISCLOSED**

**Resolved that the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during this item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 and Paragraph 5, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, namely the need to avoid disclosing sensitive information relating to the Authority's financial and business affairs.**

*Voting: Unanimous*

**179 Capital Investment Appraisal 2025/26 (August) (AM 720/25)**

179.1 This item was considered in Part 2 of the meeting and therefore was minuted as such.

The meeting closed at 12:20pm.

Signed: ..... Date: ..... (Chair)