

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 13th September 2022
At Raynsford House

PRESENT: Mr Simon Jones, Chairman Mr Edmund James, Vice-Chairman
Mr Neil Jagger Mrs Katie Spruels
Ms Katie Marshall Mr Paul Heath
Mrs Janet Winchester

ATTENDING: No public attending

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Simon Jones, The Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting reminding Councillors & Parishioners that meetings can now be recorded as long as it did not disturb the smooth running of the meeting.

The Clerk thanked Katie Spruels for taking the July minutes in her absence.

1. QUESTION TIME - for the public - No attendees

2. APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence)

B. Jenks (personal)

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interest & nature of interest to be declared. None

4. REPORTS FROM WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Cllr. A. Addison, Cllr. Adam Brown, Cllr K. Cooper

Cllr. Addison – Milton Malsor Lead Member

Attended a Teams virtual meeting with the Boundary Commission who are proposing a change in the number of West Northants Councillors from 93 to 77

- The Commission's proposals for West Northants are on their website for public consultation.
- Present Ward boundaries are under consideration along with Ward names.
- It is recommended that all Parish Councils read the report & make comments no later than 7th November.
- **Planning** – WNC is still advertising/recruiting planning officers. The backlog of applications is being dealt with.

The Death of HM The Queen – A number of Church Services have been held with the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff & Chairman of WNC laying wreaths in her memory.

Attended a Code of Conduct seminar – this is essential part of continuous planning training & updating on the Local Government Act

- Both Parish & Unitary Councillors should remember they belong to a corporate body. This is especially so for Parish Councillors who should always work as a single unit & not make / take decisions on their own.
- Members who have an interest in an application should declare it & step back from taking any part in the discussion.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

These had been previously circulated and were duly proposed seconded and signed by the Chairman as a true record with the following amendments:

P. 196 – Minutes signed by the Vice-Chairman – Clerk to query whoever is chairing the meeting should be addressed at Chairman.

P. 196 – To confirm the meeting Chairman stated that planning applications will only be discussed once the application has been received.

P. 197 – to note there are 4 Chestnut trees. As these are on private land, the landowner should apply for TPO status.

6. **MATTERS FOR REPORT** – New matters & those arising from the previous Minutes:

Highways

- Water outside the football club. Anglian Water state it is not their problem. Clerk to contact WNC Highways asking them to investigate.
- Sheep out again onto the Towcester Road due to fencing having been pulled back to allow dog walkers to access the right of way. Clerk to contact Craig Griffiths.

Lighting

- All faults reported

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues

- War Memorial – quote for work to be undertaken received. The quote to be added to the S106 RFT list for funding.
- Clerk to contact H. Howard regarding date for Highways engineers to make a site visit to assess cost of safety measures outside the village park.

Village Park

- Clerk has contacted RoSPA regarding annual play equipment inspection.
- Cost is £150 which will include a written report. Agreed
- Increase in rabbit droppings – Clerk to contact Hawk Pest Control for increase in culling.
- Dead ‘memorial tree’ – family have been asked to remove it. A new tree can be planted.
- Request received for a net for the basketball hoop. After discussion it was agreed not to supply one.
- Gate No Parking sign has not been delivered – Clerk to chase

Newsletter

- A difficult edition to produce due to the death of HM The Queen.
- Photos of the Queen’s Jubilee events to be held back until Christmas edition.

Website

- Historical Society items to be held securely on a hard drive for the time being.
- Normal PC items still to be sent to Colin.

Poor’s Trust

- Letters sent to two potential Trustees – meeting with the Clerk & B. Jenks to be arranged.
- Chairman to send Clerk Trustees email addresses.
- Email sent to the Vicar enquiring if there was any news from the Peterborough Diocese. Reply received – away until 19/9/22.
- Bank signatories
 - a) Number of signatories needed
 - b) Book-keeping

Dog Warden

- More dogs in the village now.
- Dog bins are regularly being emptied.

Footpaths Warden

- More stiles have been repaired

Grass Mowing

- J. Winchester has produced a draft site plan showing which areas should be cut.
- Clerk to write to mowing contractors asking for quotes for the annual cuts.
- J. Winchester will meet with each applicant.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – Received & Sent**Received from**

1. Police information – sent to all members

Sent to

1. Danny Moody – request for explanation of NCALC fees – information received.
2. Householder 23 Stockwell Road – request to cutback hedge - Now done.
3. WNC – Fly tipping in Collingtree Road – now removed
4. WNC – Request to inspect gable end wall at 58 Green Street. Reply received – owner informed. The structure is not considered to be in a dangerous state – Members informed.
5. N. Bowman – request for contact details for Mr Halestrap regarding the broken stile. Reply received – apologies for delay & will contact Mr Halestrap.

8. FINANCE.**Bank Balances****Current A/C****£200.00****Savings A/C****£35,324.01**

To Note: Funds are held in reserve for the village park, future elections,

Finance Working Group – meeting took place on 31/8/2022

- PC is on budget
- Concern expressed regarding the hike in fuel bills
- Noted that the village park uses a lot of the PC funds
- Will be budgeting in November for the 2023/24 financial year.
- Internet banking. Hope to start in 2023.

Accounts to be paid:

It was proposed, seconded & resolved to pay the following invoices:

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2542	HMPC	Clerk's PAYE	70.80		70.80
2543	Allseasons	Mowing	975.00	195.00	1170.00
2544	Hawk Pest Control	Rabbit in Park	30.00		30.00
2545	Barbara Osborne	Payroll Services x 3 mths	67.50		67.50
2546	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	283.37	59.97	343.34
2547	Cheque cancelled	Incorrect payee	0.00		0.00
2548	Npower Comm Gas	Lighting supply - August	257.02	12.85	269.87
2549	P. Heath	Sign plaque	62.40		62.40
2550	J. Winchester	Plants	26.00		26.00

9. PLANNING – No new applications this month.

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- Letters of objections to the alterations to the DCO have been sent to Anne-Marie Trevelyan, the Secretary of State for Transport, Andrea Leadsom MP, Chris Heaton Harris Secretary of State for N. Ireland, MP for MMPC, Planning Inspectorate, surrounding Parish Councils.
- Gateway Fund – information received.
- S106 funding – money can only be spent on items that the disruptive RFT work has caused damage to or disrupted the use of.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor's Reports

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.40 pm

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 11th October 2022, Raynsford House.

Signed: **Dated:**