

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 11th October 2022
At Raynsford House

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

ATTENDING: No public

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.

1. **QUESTION TIME - for the public**, No public
2. **APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence)** None
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interest & nature of interest to be declared.** None
4. **REPORTS FROM WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

Cllr. A. Addison (lead Member for Milton Malsor), Cllr. Adam Brown, Cllr K. Cooper

- Planning department concerns due to lack of staff & backlog of applications
- Will be attending a planning performance interview
- Boundary Commission alterations to West Northants – WNC will be submitting its submission for consideration.

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:

P202 – Fencing not netting has been pulled down

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

Highways

- Sheep on Towcester Road – it is understood that people are leaving gates open when accessing rights of way.
- Leaves along Rectory Lane – Clerk to ask WNC for the road sweeper to visit.

Grass Mowing

- Clerk to obtain quotes from 3 mowing contractors for the 2023 season
 - a) Allseasons
 - b) A Cut Above
 - c) Complete Ground Management
- J. Winchester's mowing map to be included in the quotation document.

Lighting

- All lights to be checked by Councillors & problems to be reported to the Clerk.

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues

- Holly House overhanging hedge – Clerk to write to management
- 11 High Street – overhanging bushes – Clerk to write to the householders.
- Cedar Tree in Rectory Lane & ivy to be cut back. 1 Barn Lane bush to be checked – Allseasons to be contacted.

Village Park

- Cost of maintaining the play equipment. It is understood the costs will rise & adequate budget funding is required
- Allseasons to be contacted to repair the tunnel posts & clear the trail.

Website

- Concern for the health of the editor & family.
- Historical Society matters:
 - a) Consideration to be given to contacting Emily Marshall regarding putting all the HS files onto the Cloud.
 - b) Clerk to ascertain costs involved
 - c) Clerk to ask EM to contact Digital Now to see if all the files can be uploaded onto the Cloud.
 - d) Once information has been received, Clerk to contact David Brogden with the information.

Newsletter

- Present edition has been sent out, mindful of the news of the passing of HM The Queen
- Request received – mention of the oldest resident of the village who has died aged 100.

Face Book

- Now has an admin assistant.

Dog Warden

- Dog owners are still not picking up after their dogs have fouled on the footpaths

Footpaths Warden

- Overgrowth from the Halestrap field is causing problems for residents in Rectory Lane.
- Berry's are aware of the problem – Clerk to send a reminder.

Poor's Trust

- Nothing heard from the vicar since his meeting with J. Winchester & the Clerk.
- Meeting held with the two new Trustees, B. Jenks & the Clerk.
- All paperwork handed over to the Trustees who will deal with all outstanding matters.
- Official 'hand-over' paperwork to be agreed & signed by Trustees & Parish Council.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – Received & Sent

Received from

1. K. Marshall – Concern regarding the number of dead birds found in the village & querying Avian Flu.
 - a) Clerk contacted WNC environmental health – informed the matter was dealt with by Trading Standards who enforce this legislation.
 - b) Trading Standards contacted & advice obtained for members of the public to contact DEFRA on 03459 335577
2. Berry's – Rectory Lane stile – this has now been removed.

Sent to

1. H. Howard – querying when engineers will be able to make a site visit to the village park to assess the safety measures. Reply received stating the new contractors need time to embed into their new contract. MMPC is on the list for a visit.
2. WNC Fly Tipping reported: shopping trolley at junction of Lower Road & Towcester Road & broken wooden seat on the Stockwell Road Green.

8. FINANCE.

Bank Balances

Current A/C	£200.00
Savings A/C	£48,132.94

Money Received:

2 nd ½ annual precept	£14750.00
Interest	£6.44

External Audit Report:

- All information to be put onto the website including Completion of audit notice, along with AGAR sections 1,2 & 3
- With the exception for the matters below, it is the opinion of the Audit the AGAR is in accordance with proper practice & no matters have come to the auditor's attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation has not been met.
- Reference made to incorrect including of staff costs in box 4 of previous years AGAR but notes that in the current year employee expenses were correctly included in box 6
- Internal auditor failed to provide an explanation why response to objective M is not consistent with information provided.

Finance Working Group – meeting needed before the budget setting at November PC meeting

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2551	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	70.80		70.80
2552	Hawk Pest Control	Rabbit infestation	30.00		30.00
2553	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External audit fees	200.00	40.00	240.00
2554	E. ON	Lighting maintenance	174.32	34.86	209.18
2555	Allseasons	Mowing	880.00	176.00	1056.00
2556	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	283.37	54.02	337.39
2557	R. W. Fletcher	Pound, Church, Shelters	250.00		250.00
2558	Npower Commercial Gas	Street Lighting	266.44	13.32	279.76
2559	E. ON	Replace photocell	29.70	5.94	35.64
2560	Gallagher Insurance	Annual 2022/23 insurance	1813.04		1813.04

9. PLANNING

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
WNS/2022/1943/DCOR	NGRFI land west of M1-J15	Noise requirement during operation works 2 (rail terminal)	FOR INFORMATION ONLY
WNS/2022/1941/FUL	12 Church Close	Single storey front extension	No Objection
WNS/2022/1798/FUL	15 Green Street	Single storey rear ext	No Objection
WNS/2022/1887/FUL	Milton Trading Estate, Gayton Road	Construction of commercial storage building (B8) to support established haulage company	Insufficient information received.

SEGRO J15 SRFT

Liaison meeting attended by P. Heath

- Tunnel completed with no change in timetable for connection
- No news on the DCO. Segro appear slightly worried about the non / material decision
- Dust problems -reduced & now limited earthworks all over the site – Oct – March
- Bypass rail bridge beams in place
- Massive amount of stone needed for foundations to be brought in by trucks
- Traffic information on the website.
- Courteenhall Road lights will go at end of October
- Knock Lane closed in November
- Rookery Lane now closed with further closures until Easter
- Courteenhall Road / A508 junction to be improved as requested to hamper U turns
- Plot 7 shed colour grading to be agreed with WNC/SNC
- Maritime rail office is 3 storeys high so needs WNC/SNC approval
- Community fund now seems to be for deprived area projects. Appears the general PR fund is not really related to those near the sites.

Harworth Application – M1 / J15 – Industrial Units

- Group of Parish Councils requesting a meeting with the Haworth Group
- Clerk has contacted Collingtree PC Clerk regarding arrangements.
- Deep concern expressed by all surrounding PCs regarding the amount of traffic this application would bring to the area.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor's & Clerk's Reports

Remembrance Sunday – 13th November 2022

- What arrangements does the PC want to make
 - a) Will there be a Church service at Holy Cross – Clerk to enquire
 - b) Will there be a service at the War Memorial – Clerk to enquire
 - c) Purchase of a wreath – Clerk to purchase
 - d) Members of the public to lay wreaths - to be arranged
 - e) Bugler to play the Last Post – Clerk to arrange
 - f) Road closure notices – Clerk to arrange
 - g) Road Closure signs – Clerk to arrange.
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There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at:

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, 8th November 2022, 7.30 pm**

Signed: **Dated:**