

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 11th April 2023
At Raynsford House immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting

PRESENT:

Mr Simon Jones, Chairman	Mr Edmund James, Vice-Chairman
Mrs Brenda Jenks	Mrs Janet Winchester
Mr Neil Jagger	Mrs Katie Spruels
Ms Katie Marshall	Mr Paul Heath
Mr Ian Appleton	

ATTENDING: A. Treharne, (Poor's Trustee), 3 Parishioners.

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**

Village Hall – Mrs Tite & Mr Parker

- The village hall is a charity with 5 Trustees.
- Two Parish Councillors are Custodian Trustees (B. Jenks & S. Jones)
- Recently obtained Government Covid funding.
- It uses ACRE for 'outside help' with legal & upkeep information.
- There is a booking Clerk & a cleaner.
- Need for new committee members to help support & run the hall.
- Concerned to note that there are few clubs & societies being run in the village.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Tite & Mr Parker for attending stating that the Parish Council would give their concerns much thought.

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, Cllr. Adam Brown, Cllr K. Cooper

- Poor report received regarding the planning department at WNC.
- Preparations underway for the coronation with a 'Big Lunch' day at Delapre Abbey with live music entertainment.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

These had been previously circulated and were duly proposed seconded and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

Highways

- Concrete driveway / highway in Malzor Lane - considered to be part of the driveway.

- 20 mph limit in Green Street – Reasons for the request to be forwarded to the ‘Speed Limit Review Team.’
 - a) Partly a single track road
 - b) Site of village primary school
 - c) Site of a nursing home for the elderly.
 - d) Several thatched roofed cottages whose roofs overhang the narrow road making it a hazard for high sided vehicles.

Lighting

- Correspondence received from E. ON regarding future maintenance & non-LED lamps.
 - a) Only hold a small number of SOX lamps which cannot be replaced.
 - b) Quotes can be obtained for LED replacements. Prices range from:
 - (i) Column & lantern £1280.00
 - (ii) LED lanterns £260 to £625
 - (iii) Night photocells £22.00
 - c) Maintenance of non-LED lamps is £22.00 per light per annum. The amount is divided by 4 and charged quarterly.
 - d) Maintenance of LED lamps is £8.00 per light per annum.
 - e) Electrical testing – it is required under B57671 for all street lighting to be electronically tested every 6 years. The cost per light is £27.00.
 - f) Will be amending the present maintenance agreement with effect from 1st April 2023.
- PC members to ascertain the number of concrete posts left in the village.
- PC members to ascertain how many SOX lamps are left in the village.
- Suggestion that S106 SEGRO fund to be used to update the street lighting throughout the village.

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues

- ‘Back-Wash’ from the sewers in Orchard Close. It was recommended a call to a drain company in the first instance who would make contact with Anglian Water.

Grass Cutting

- Complaints received regarding the quality & sites being cut.
- J. Winchester, PC Member responsible for the mowing contract, has been in touch with the new contractor & met on site.
- All areas covered by the contract are being cut.

Village Park

- Tunnel – post has been repaired.
- Park signs – N. Jagger to contact Greenbarnes.
- No Parking sign – Clerk to contact Stocksigns again.

Website – No report

Face Book – Tree complaints received.

Newsletter – Next edition out at the end of May. June delivery.

Dog Warden – Fewer problems being reported.

Footpaths Warden – All ok.

6. CORRESPONDENCE – Received & Sent

Received from

1. H. Howard – The Speed Limit Review Panel has considered the PC request to lower the speed limit on the Towcester Road to 30 mph and has declined to lower the limit.
2. Cllr A. Addison – Copy of correspondence sent to WNC Highways (forwarded to all PC Members) as a result of yet another accident on the Towcester Road, requesting the Highways ‘speed limit review team’ to reconsider lowering the speed limit from 40 mph to 30 mph.
3. WNC Highways – have agreed to lower the speed limit along the Collingtree Road in Milton Malsor to 30 mph.

4. Elan City – solar VAS signs. Prices range from £2,250.00 to £3,500.00.
5. J. Young & S. Darby – request for information regarding the Paddock application. The Clerk has acknowledged the correspondence.
6. Marcus Young – Thanks for the PC custom & news that prices will not be increased in 2023/2024.

Sent to

- Hawk Pest Control – increase in rabbit population – query number being culled.

7. FINANCE:

Bank Balances

Current A/C	£200.00
Savings A/C	£33,942.97
Interest received	£30.48

NB: * The annual WNC grass mowing contribution @ £586.04 has been delayed due to WNC not informing all Parish Councils that there has been a change in the application address. NCALC has supplied a contact name & the Clerk has now reapplied for the contribution.

Audit Matters:

- End of year audit procedure
 - a) Audit by NCALC auditor
 - b) To Parish Council for agreement
 - c) Public rights to be published before the 1st July & for 30 days.
 - d) To external auditor PKF Littlejohn
 - e) Publish conclusion of audit before 1st October.

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2602	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	70.80		70.80
2603	R. S. Williams	Litter bin & tree work	50.00		50.00
2604	R. Fletcher	Church, Memorial, Shelter	260.00		260.00
2605	NCALC	Annual fees	660.56	53.20	713.76
2606	Cut Crew	Mowing charges	548.72	109.74	658.46
2607	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	306.67	44.63	351.13
2608	E. ON	Lighting maintenance	174.32	34.86	209.18
2609	Npower	Lighting for March	225.10	45.02	270.12

8. PLANNING

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
WNS/2023/0422/LB C	The Grange, Collingtree Road	Conversion of 1 st floor loft/storage space into a guest bathroom, removal of ground floor internal partition wall to create games room. Removal of late 20 th century porch.	No comments

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- Application for non-material change to the order granting development consent has been approved by the Department of Transport.
- Report received on liaison group meeting on 4/4/2023.

9. **OTHER PARISH MATTERS** – Councillor's Reports

- TPO's in Chestnut Close.
 - a) Clerk has contacted the WNC tree officer who states residents who wish to have a TPO put onto trees within their property may do so by contacting WNC arboriculture officer Ralph Branson.
- Dropped kerb in Lower Road. Report from N. Jagger – driveway & dropped kerb looking better.
- Fly tipping on Towcester Road before M1 bridge – reported to WNC.

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

10. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** **Tuesday, 9th May 2023, 7.30 pm**
 To note, the May meeting is the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Signed: **Dated:**