

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 12th September 2023
At Raynsford House.

PRESENT:

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

ATTENDING: No public attendees

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 attendees & no written requests

2. **APOLOGIES for absence to include reasons for absence:** N. Jagger (Personal)

3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Interest & nature of interest to be declared.

4. **REPORTS FROM WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

Cllr. A. Addison, (Lead member for Milton Malsor), Cllr. Adam Brown, Cllr K. Cooper

- Concerns regarding the Children's Trust overspend.
- WNC found out 'late in the day' that Hunsbury Meadows SEND school would not be completed in time for the start of the new term.
- Two new dedicated SEND officers have been appointed.
- Highways Concerns – Urban & rural roads are in a poor state. WNC Corporate Plan 2021 – 2025 priority 3 states improvements will be undertaken. £400k is being invested in new technology to improve efficiency & quality. Waiting times for work to be undertaken has not yet improved.
- Antisocial behaviour in Northampton is being addressed.

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:

- Hedge to be cut back at 23 Stockwell Road
- Spring on children's rocker to be repainted.

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

Highways

- Concern at the poor state of the village roads and the way in which they are repaired with one truck, three men & only one doing the repair.
- Overgrown hedge at 16 Towcester Road. Clerk to write to the householder.
- Overgrown Elder tree at 1 Stockwell Road. Clerk to contact Grand Union Housing.

Lighting – queries raised:

- Can the PC become metered?
- How is the lighting priced?
- Ask NCALC regarding a ‘joint contract’.

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues

- Query the need for the bus shelter to be repainted.
- Public seats need attention – Clerk to make ‘handyman’ enquiries.
- Bulging stone wall in the High Street has been poorly repaired – concern for public safety should it collapse again.
- Flower Planters – on going maintenance support weak. Item for help to be put onto face book.
- Tree on the Green needs cutting back – J. Winchester to ask R. Fletcher to cut back.

Grass Mowing

- Confirmation regarding a two weekly cut.

Village Park

- Some members are unhappy with the rubber pellets and would prefer bark to be used under the play equipment in future. Bark is considered kinder to the environment.
- 5ft Goal posts – concern regarding condition. It was agreed to remove the post & replace with new. K. Spruels to contact someone to remove them & price two new posts.

Website

Newsletter

- New editor – Katie Spruels.

Dog Warden

- Pleased to note residents are collecting other people’s dog waste found on footpaths.

Footpaths Warden

- To note, the Leys field has been ploughed and trenches have been dug around the field.

Remembrance Sunday

- Clerk to ask for road closures from WNC regulations.
- Clerk to order road closed notices from highways.
- Clerk to speak to bugler.
- S. Jones to arrange for someone to read the names of the fallen.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – Received & Sent

Received from

1. M. Barnard – query regarding breach of planning at Milton House. Clerk has acknowledged correspondence & recommended Ms Barnard contacts WNC planning department – email address forwarded.
2. Information Commissioner – receipt for payment.
3. Npower – Increase in electricity charges. As from 1st September cost per kWh will rise from 33.80p to 50.188p an increase of 16.388p per kWh.
4. P. East – footpath closures enquiry. Correspondence sent to members.
5. D. Barratt – out of order streetlight in Stockwell Road – has been out of order for 2 months. Clerk has reported matter to E. ON.
6. Milton Tots – Request for help. Matter discussed & waiting for further information.

Sent to

1. WNC – fly tipping along Collingtree Road – photo sent.
2. H. Howard – query when the 30 mph sign will be moved along Collingtree Road – Reply received – this has gone through all departments & is ready to be installed.

8. FINANCE.

Bank Balances

Current A/C

£200.00

Savings A/C

£45,106.19

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
August	Invoices agreed for payment in August				
2633	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	76.60		76.60
2634	Cheque cancelled	Incorrect amount	0.00		0.00
2635	C. Neal	Website fees & donation	278.78		278.78
2636	Nationwide Bark	Rubber pellets, play area	533.32	106.66	639.98
2637	Cheque cancelled	Incorrect amount	0.00		0.00
2638	Npower Comm. Gas	Lighting supply	259.89	12.99	272.88
2639	Information Commiss.	Data Protection	40.00		40.00
2640	Cut Crew	Grass mowing	548.72	109.74	658.46
2641	Hawk Pest Control	Rabbits in the park	30.00		30.00
2642	Cut Crew	Weed control	145.00	29.00	174.00
2643	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	306.74	51.65	358.39
September	Invoices for payment				
2644	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	76.60		76.60
2645	Npower Comm. Gas	Lighting supply	25.47	12.77	268.24
2646	Barbara Osborne	Payroll services	69.00		69.00
2647	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	306.74	59.47	36621
2648	Cut Crew	Grass mowing	548.72	109.74	658.46
2649	B. Jenks	Newsletter hamper	23.00		23.00

PC Insurance Quote for 2023/2024

- Quote from Gallagher received @ £1989.36 & forwarded to all members.
- Recommendation & agreement to take the three year option.

2024/2025 Budget

- Advice from NCALC – PCs should start thinking about their budgets now & is recommending a 10% increase.

9. PLANNING – No new applications this month.

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- S106 funding available suggestions for spend:
 - a) VAS signs x 2 on Collingtree Road to help with safety by the village park.
 - b) Refurbishment of the War Memorial
 - c) Infilling around the slide with wet pour to match the swings – safety issue.
 - d) Infilling between the climbing frame & rotator – safety issue.
 - e) Resurfacing selective footpaths

NB: Vote to be taken.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor's Reports

- Query if the visiting Police Beat Bus was used by anyone or was it a waste of time visiting the village. It was noted that some villagers did use the service.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 10.10 pm.

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, 10th October 2023, 7.30 pm**

Signed: **Dated:**