

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 10th October 2023
At Raynsford House.

PRESENT: Mr Edmund James, Vice-Chairman Mrs Katie Spruels
Mr Ian Appleton Mr Paul Heath

ATTENDING:

IN THE CHAIR: In the absence of Mr Simon Jones, The Chairman, Mr Edmund James the Vice 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

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

N. Jagger (personal), B. Jenks (personal), J. Winchester (Personal), S. Jones (personal)

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

- Full Council meeting discusses concerns regarding poor air quality in West Northants which is affecting the health of residents.
- Climate change emergency discussed.
- WNC Cabinet reports - The need for solar panels on warehouse roofs
- Annual Report & Summary of Performance 2022/23.
- Update to Political balance & Committee Places discussed.

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 typing errors amended.

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

Highways

- Clerk has contacted S. Barber regarding a licence to erect two new VAS signs now that the 30 mph limit sign has been moved on Collingtree Road.
- New round pole needed.
- Missing footpaths – matter concluded.

Lighting

- Parish lighting cannot be metered. Impossible to install a meter on each individual lamppost.
- Milton Malsor has 56 lights.
- Maintenance charges:
 - a) 43 x 35w SOX @ £5.50 = £236.50
 - b) 3 x 55w SOX @ £5.50 = £16.50
 - c) 10 x LED @ £2.00 = £20.00
- Lighting consumption :
 - a) 768.87kwh @ 0.50.187p. = £385.84 (Npower charge @ 0.50.188p)
 - b) Copy of the September lighting invoice given to each member present.
- Light out of order at the top of Lower Road where it merges with High Street. Clerk to report.
- Ornate light by the village shop has been damaged. Repair needed.
- Out of order lights reported – PL40, PL15, PL7.

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues – No report this month.

Village Park

- Goal post removal – post to be removed shortly.
- Hand grips on wall replaced.
- Litter found around the bins.

Website – No issues

Newsletter – will go out early December.

Dog Warden – no report this month

Footpaths Warden – No report this month.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – Received & Sent

Received from

1. D. Brogden, Historical Society – Website maintenance contract end on 31st January 2024.
Fresh funding required. P. Heath to discuss IT expert the best way to preserve the data. Clerk to write to D. Brogden.
2. Air Ambulance – support request. Not granted.

Sent to

1. Steven Barber – request for a licence to erect 2 VAS signs.
2. Elan City – price update for VAS signs.
3. D. Winterbottom, WNC – query regarding applying for the SEGRO funding. To note, D. Winterbottom has retired & his place has been taken over by Mike Osman. Clerk to contact MO.
4. Helen Howard – request for road closure signs – Reply received – can collect from the Towcester depot for the Remembrance weekend.
5. Danny Moody, WNC planning briefing update online. 30th November, 10.00 am to 11.00 am.
P. Heath & I. Appleton to attend.
6. Richard Fletcher – request to cut back the tree on The Green.

8. FINANCE.

Bank Balances

Current A/C

£200.00

Savings A/C

£43666.16

Audit Matters:

- Due to the Clerk's illness & hospital stay, there were problems with completing the annual external audit. The PKF Littlejohn report will be posted on the PC website along with a completion notice.

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2650	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	76.60		76.60
2651	Cut Crew Ltd	Grass mowing	548.72	109.74	658.46
2652	Sutcliffe Play	Repair items	68.46		68.46
2653	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External audit fees	250.00	50.00	300.00
2654	Gallagher	Insurance premium 2023/24	1989.36		1989.36
2655	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	306.74	78.30	385.04
2656	Npower Comm. Gas	Lighting supply	385.84	19.29	405.13
2657	Richard Fletcher	Pound Church Mem. shelters	330.00		330.00

9. PLANNING

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
Applications Approved			
WNS/2022/2404/LB C Also: NC/2022/2403/FUL	71 Green Street	LB consent for subdivision of 1 st floor hallway. Other internal alterations	WNC approval
WNS/2023/0422/LB C	The Grange, 6 Collingtree Road	Convert 1 st floor loft space into a bedroom	WNC approval

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- Resident has asked for ornate lighting to be considered throughout the village with funding from the SEGRO grant.
- PC to consider replacing the village entrance signs with more ornate ones.
- Alterations to plot sizes – plot 4 is larger & the adjacent plot appears to be smaller.
- J15A road works with 2 lanes into one is causing traffic problems.
- Suggestion that the Blisworth A43 turn is to be closed.
- The bypass is partly open.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor's Reports**Remembrance Sunday – 12th November 2023**

- Wreath – K. Spruels
- Becky Ludlow, Bugler has confirmed she will play the Last Post.
- Road closure signs agreed with Highways to be collected from the Towcester Depot
- Road closures have been applied for, High Street, Green Street & Collingtree Road. A risk Assessment has been sent to WNC Regulations. Highways has agreed to the application.
- S. Jones has confirmed the names of two parishioners who will read the names of the fallen and verse 4 of the Ode to the fallen. Gary D. & Steve H. to lay wreaths.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.00 pm.

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, 14th November 2023, 7.30 pm**

Signed: **Dated:**