

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 12th December 2023, 7.30 pm.
At Raynsford House.

PRESENT: Cllr Simon Jones, Chairman Cllr Edmund James, Vice-Chairman
Cllr Brenda Jenks Cllr Neil Jagger Cllr Janet Winchester
Cllr Katie Spruels Cllr Paul Heath Cllr Ian Appleton

ATTENDING: No 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 public attended.

2. **APOLOGIES** for absence (to include reasons for absence K. Marshall (ill)

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

- WNC is asking Parish Councils to complete precept request forms by mid January 2024.
- At the recent Full Council Meeting concerns were raised regarding Youth vaping, affordable housing & the maintenance of the green spaces within West Northants.
- The Youth Justice Plan Annual Report of the Northamptonshire Children's Trust were 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 the following amendments:

P208 – typing error on item 5.

£ missing

P211 – Village hall – correspondence from VH committee discussed.

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

Lighting

- N. Jagger proposal to be considered for 3 antique lights.
 - a) Rectory Lane, by the stream
 - b) Barn Lane, at the Church corner
 - c) Green Street, opposite the Victorian cottages.

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues

- VAS signs sites agreed:
 - a) Rectory Lane, a solar device with additional road markings just before Peter Haddon's.
 - b) Collingtree Road, to be connected to the main power supply on lamp post.
 - c) Clerk to liaise with Steve Barber – S50 agreement needed.

Village Maintenance cont :

f) Greenery overhanging Grove House wall is interfering with pedestrians. Clerk to contact householders requesting it is trimmed back.

To note:

- a) The stream is running brown again due to the heavy rainfall.
- b) Corner of Green Street & High Street, road surface is flooded.
- c) R. Fletcher to be contacted regarding estimate Lower Road work.

Village Park

- Goal post removal to be undertaken in January 2024.
- New No Parking in front of the park gates has been installed.
- New village sign has been installed.

Website

- a) PC website no problems.
- b) Historical Society website – PC now able to access the data.

Face Book – Site is continuing to be checked and unacceptable posts deleted.

Newsletter – PC thanks to K. Spruels for another excellent edition.

Dog Warden

- a) Some dog owners are still not collecting up dog waste & using the many village dog bins.
- b) New larger dog bin needed for by the village hall. Clerk to obtain sizes & prices.

Footpaths Warden – No problems to report.

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

1. Community Payback – the Probation Service would like to enquire if the PC has work for offenders to undertake. Clerk instructed to contact the Probation Service with regard to the type of work that can be undertaken.
2. NCALC – Query if the PC website is secure. Website is overseen by P. Cllr K. Spruels & managed by Colin Neal. It is considered to be safe & secure.
3. K. Wharfe – query regarding putting an electric charging point on her home. Clerk has acknowledged & has contacted the WNC conservation officer due to the house being in the conservation area. **Reply received:** matter has been passed on to WNC planning who informed the office they are unable to reply due to being overworked & suggest the PC check the planning website for an answer. The Clerk has asked the householder if she has a garage that could be used. Reply received Yes. PC believe this is the only option due to the property being in the conservation area.
4. Fly tipping reported outside the football club, Collingtree Road. – Clerk has reported it.

Sent to

1. D. Brogden – request for access to the History Society website. Reply received arrangements have been put in place.
2. Mrs Wright – funeral arrangements have been agreed.
3. Cut Crew – acceptance of mowing cost for 2024 season.

8. FINANCE;**Bank Balances**

Current A/C	£200.00
Savings A/C	£50,649.39
Interest	£63.22

Money Received:

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2670	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	76.60		76.60
2671	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	306.74	37.94	344.68
2672	Hawk Pest Control	Rabbits	30.00		30.00
2673	Npower Comm. Gas Ltd	Lighting supply – Nov.	496.76	24.84	521.60
2674	Ian Appleton	Your Parking Sign	39.75	7.95	47.70
2675	Boobs & Brass	Remembrance donation	50.00		50.00
2676	Royal British Legion	Remembrance donation	50.00		50.00

- To note:
 - a) CIL fund @ £2,727.90.
 - b) Fund to be spent on renovating the Grade 2 listed War Memorial. Clerk to contact Les Finn, stone mason.

Budget & Precept for 2024/2025:

- Funding for future PC elections – NCALC recommends a budget item for this as elections are costly. It was agreed that any election could be paid from the contingency funding.
- Budget – discussed and agreed.
- Precept – it was proposed by E. James & seconded by J. Winchester and agreed unanimously to precept WNC for £34,000.00 for the 2024/2025 financial year.
- Clerk to complete paperwork & forward to WNC.

9. **PLANNING** WNC weekly planning list received & distributed.

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
2023/7794/MAF	Plot 4 Northampton Gateway	B8 storage & distribution building with office space.	PC comments No objections

Former Young's Garden Centre

- Concerns raised by the amount of work being undertaken at the site with no planning application update received by the PC. To note, the only applications for work here are WNS/2021/1328/DMD & WNS/2022/1134/MAO.
- WNC planning requested to make a site visit.
- Result of enquiry made by the PC – site agents have allowed Rail Track to use the site to enable them to repair banking.

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- Application forms completed by N. Jagger for S106 funding.
- Clerk to tidy & forward them the WNC.
- Additional quotes needed for play equipment quotes.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor's Reports

- Memorial bench – Mrs Fitchett would be happy for the Stockwell Way bench to be refurbished in memory of her late husband. It was suggested the bench by Raynsford House would be suitable. P. Heath to contact Mrs Fitchett.
- New electoral register received.
- Fly tipping by the football club has been reported to WNC.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.01 pm

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, 9th January 2024, 7.30 pm**

Signed: **Dated:**