

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 13th February 2024
At Raynsford House.

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

ATTENDING: 7 members of the 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.

The Clerk thanked Cllr K. Spruels for taking the January minutes due to her absence.

1. **QUESTION TIME - for the public.**

- Members of the public were concerned regarding a new application for the development of the paddock land had been put onto the WNC website. Concerns raised included:
 - a) Density of the application
 - b) Impact on the conservation area
 - c) Scale & size of the 4/5 bedroom proposed houses which would tower over surrounding properties.
 - d) Foul drainage – concern regarding the old drainage system along Malzor Lane would not be able to cope with additional sewage.
 - e) Refuse HGVs would not be able to access & egress the site & therefore have to park on the busy Towcester Road to collect/empty refuse wheeled bins. As the site entrance is in between two blind bends, Malzor Lane, Rectory Lane & Gayton Road (a staggered crossroad) all exiting onto the Towcester Road it is considered to be a dangerous exercise.
 - f) Residents are concerned that they have received no communications about the application from WNC planning department.
- To note, the Parish Council has not received a copy of the updated application in order to make comments.
- The Chairman thanked everyone for attending stating their comments had been minuted by the Clerk.

2. **APOLOGIES for absence - to include reasons for absence:**

N. Jagger (personal), K. Marshall (personal), I. Appleton (work)

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

- Hunsbury & Shelfleys by-election – New LibDem Cllr.
- WNC Budget to be set at a full council meeting on 22nd February 2024.

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:

P216 Highways – missing H

P218 Limited plots in the cemetery, not no plots.

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

Highways

- Towcester Road footpath is now clear of debris.
- Clerk to contact H. Howard regarding:
 - a) 20mph advisory signs.
 - b) ‘Children at Play warning signs for Stockwell Road Green – many village children play on this area which is surrounded by the estate road and vehicles not heeding to the speed limit.

Lighting

- All working at present.

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues

- VAS / SID signs – no report this month
- Clerk to apply for a S50 highways licence.

Village Park – N. Jagger

- Goal posts to be obtained.
- 6” @ £22

Village Hall – S. Jones

- Chairman has drafted a reply to the village hall committee which has been agreed by members and will forward it onto the committee.

Churchyard & PC Burial ~Ground

- Queries regarding the Burial ground:
 - a) Is the PC burial ground consecrated – YES.
 - b) Whose responsibility is it to find more grave spaces – The PCC & the Peterborough Diocese.
 - c) To note, although parishioners have a right to be buried in the village Churchyard, if this becomes a closed Churchyard due to no available space, then parishioners would have to find an alternative plot elsewhere.
- Churchyard mowing quotes received. 3 contractors written to, two responded positively.
 - a) Quote 1
PC burial ground @ £50 per cut
Churchyard @ £120.00 per cut
 - b) Quote 2
PC burial ground x 8 cuts @ £50 per cut, x 16 cuts @ £50 per cut.
Churchyard x 8 cuts @£60 per cut, x 16 cuts @ £40 per cut.
 - c) As the PC has already finalised its budget & applied for its precept, a contribution towards any decision would be needed. Clerk to send quotes to Sue Bell, the Church Warden to enquire if the PCC would like to join the PC regarding future mowing.
 - d) Part of the Churchyard wall has collapsed into the Orchard Field. Clerk to inform S. Bell.
- Review of hall documents & response to village hall committee. Chairman to respond.

Website – K. Spruels & C. Neal.

Village History Information – P. Heath

- C. Neal is unable to put the Society information onto the website.
- P. Heath reported that all the information is presently stored securely.

Newsletter – K. Spruels

- Another good edition.

Dog Warden – J. Winchester

- There is a need for a new dog bin. Clerk to order a Retriever 35 from Glasdon to be sent to Lower Road.

Footpaths Warden – J. Winchester

- No problems apart from the wet weather.

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

1. Cllr K. Cooper – request from Blisworth Litter Group – query if MMPC have a litter group & would the PC join the Blisworth group in litter picking between the two villages. No volunteers – Clerk has responded to Cllr Cooper
2. Police – Urgent appeal for information to identify a woman after a body was found in the River Nene, Kislingbury.
3. RBL – thanks for the £50.00 poppy appeal donation.
4. Mrs S. Marshall – burial arrangements of her mother's ashes. Clerk has replied to the request for information.
5. Received from a parishioner requesting Poor's Trust Christmas fund. Correspondence forwarded on to the Poor's Trustees. Reply received.
6. Alan Burns, WNC – S136 mowing grants to be administered by Kier – Clerks should receive information by the end of February.
7. J. Winchester – fallen tree on Green – Clerk to ask R. Fletcher to fell & clear. Job Done.
8. E. Mair – Fly tipping along Gayton Road – has been reported & cleared. WNC unable to discover who might have tipped it.

Sent to

1. Danny Moody – request for clarification regarding a P. Cllrs position with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. Information received.
2. Information request regarding 20 mph advisory signs. Is there a need for any in Milton Malsor. Clerk to order some.
3. Mr McConchie – PC request for wall rubble to be cleared from the footpath & ivy to be cut back from overhanging the path.

8. FINANCE.**Bank Balances**

Current A/C
Savings A/C

£200.00
£47,267.77

Money Received:**Bank Interest****£64.48****Audit Matters:**

- 2023/24 Internal NCALC auditor assigned: Caroline Holgate.

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2685	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	76.60		76.60
2686	Barbara Osborne	Payroll Services	69.00		69.00
2687	E. ON	PL40 lantern	280.00	56.00	336.00
2688	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salar & Expenses	306.74	48.69	355.43
2689	Hawk Pest Control	Park rabbits	30.00		30.00
2690	Marcus Young	Emptying dog waste bins	1664.00	332.80	1996.80
2691	Npower Comm. Gas	Lighting supply	555.75	111.15	666.90

9. **PLANNING**

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
2024/0772/FUL	The Barn, Towcester Road	Proposed Hovel extension to side of barn	PC Comments
WNS/2023/0022/FUL	Land East of Towcester Road	Amendments to application: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 dwellings • Footpath on Towcester Road • Change of access site 	The amended application has not been sent to the PC for comment. The amendments are posted on the WNC website.

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- Application 2023/7794/MAF, Plot 4 Northampton Gateway to construct a storage & distribution building (B8 use)
- There was a Strategic Planning Committee site visit this morning to view the proposals.
- Ward Member, Cllr Addison was unable to attend due to a previously arranged Ward meeting but had enquired if a PC member could attend in her place.
- Unfortunately, not as the Site Visit rules state Ward Members & planning committee members are permitted to attend by invitation to site visits on private land, but not members of the public or Parish Councils.
- The application will be discussed at the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, 20th February 2024.

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

- A strong smell of cannabis by the Compass pub has been reported and the police have attended the area. No action was taken. It is understood the closed pub has no one registered as living on the premises.
- A report has been received that there may be someone living in the pub.

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

11. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** **Tuesday, 12th March 2024, 7.30 pm.**

Signed: **Dated:**