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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT Summer 2021

Welcome everyone to what is hopefully the last Chairman's Report where we are all still in a lock-down albeit partially. Life is returning to some level of normality and there is hope on the horizon for the remainder of 2021.

Following our local Parish Elections in May this year and the news that Janet Winchester was stepping down as Chairman after this election cycle; I put my name forward for Chairman and was delighted to be elected and subsequently appointed as Chairman. As you will have read, Janet has been Chairman for the last 11 years and on behalf of our Parish I thank her for her stewardship and dedication to the role. I was very happy that Janet agreed to be Vice-Chair to offer me much needed support for my acclimatisation.

The Parish Council elections also saw the introduction of two new Councillors in Mr Ed James and Mr Paul Heath who I welcome and congratulate on being elected to the Parish Council. Ed and Paul have agreed to manage the Finance and Planning Portfolio's respectively and are already adding value to our work.

For those that don't know me, I've been a resident of Milton Malsor with my Wife, Jacqui, and two boys Oliver and Harvey for almost 6 years. Jacqui and I met at University in Northampton and although we've lived elsewhere, we returned in 2002 where we lived in Wootton until 2015. With our two boys coming along we wanted to be part of a community that we struggled to find where we were. We knew of Milton but never thought we would be lucky enough to be able to move here. When the opportunity arose, we jumped at the chance and on our wedding anniversary in 2015 we moved in. We've been delighted at the warm welcome and support we've received over the years and we both strive to support Milton where we can.

It was shortly after we moved that we learned of the first of the proposed Rail Freight terminals and it was this that made me aware of the Parish Council and the work that it did to serve our community. As there was a seat free, and because

we moved to be part of a community, I took the opportunity to join the ranks and play my part in the upkeep of the village.

It would be great to hear from you if you have any ideas that you think could add value to Milton or if you see anything that needs attention. You can attend our monthly meetings or if you would prefer, you can ask any one of your Parish Councillors to bring your ideas or concerns to the fore. Though we meet once a month work continues via email or in certain circumstances by ZOOM where we can discuss what we can do to help.

Planning Applications:

1. Lower Road proposed development: It appears to the Parish Council that there may be some confusion between the application to build 65 new homes on Lower Road and the Northampton development as reported by the Northampton Chronicle find here:

<https://www.northamptonchron.co.uk/news/politics/council/plans-unveiled-to-build-60-distinctive-and-high-quality-new-homes-in-northamptonshire-village-3260150>

These are separate matters with different developers and the above application is proposed on the other side of the M1 in the East Hunsbury area and not, from a Parish perspective, Milton Malsor as reported. Therefore, your Parish Council has not made any submissions on that application.

For clarification the Lower Road application was rejected at first instance and has now gone to Appeal where a Public Enquiry will be held on 29 June 2021 booked for 4 days. Paul Heath will along with your Ward member will be attending the online Public Hearing. Those residents who originally supported or rejected the proposal should have already been notified. For everyone else the information can be found at:

<https://snc.planning-register.co.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=106784> with the reference S/2020/0599/MAO.

2. Orchard Field: the original application and subsequent Appeal was rejected by the Planning Inspectorate though we understand that a further

appeal by the Developers has been lodged. We do not have any further information at this time.

3. Northampton Gateway Logistics Park: work will be continuing for some time along with changes to Junction 15 including the Smart motorway 'upgrade'. Your Parish Council attends, along with MPs and other interested parties, the quarterly online meetings held by SEGRO. The footpaths KX13 and KX17 remain closed.

Village Park

At our last check, the play equipment is in good working order and we hope will be enjoyed over the summer period. We've been trying to order new rubber pellets to go under the tyre swing for some time as the ground is a little bare in that area but please contact us if you notice anything that requires attention.

Following a kind donation from Jill Hope and her family we are awaiting a new bench to be installed in the park in the near future. The bench on Rectory Lane will receive a plaque in memory of Jill's Husband Shaun and daughter Rose who sadly passed away last year.

The Compass Pub

Whilst it appears some work has been undertaken there has been no word from the owner or planning applications made that your Parish Council has been made aware of.

Medicine Collection Contacts

Nicola James – 07989 307670; Jacqui Jones – 07728 027507 and Katie Marshall – 07792 842358

As a reminder this volunteer service is offered to assist those who are physically unable to travel to collect their prescriptions.

Simon Jones
Chairman

Milton Malsor & Collingtree WI



Our membership now stands at 29 and over the last few months we have enjoyed talks, arranged by the committee, that have taken place over Zoom.

These have included Hypnosis & Hypnotherapy, The Royal Collection, Finding Gold and Madame Tussauds.

A craft evening was also held over Zoom, it was a great success and something we could never have imagined we would ever do! Covid has inspired the WI spirit.

We have also held impromptu get-togethers on the village green and also in a garden.

A few members who have not been able to join us on Zoom or outside had an Easter gift delivered to them.

As restrictions ease we hope we will be able to meet indoors with health and safety Covid measures in place. The WI is a warm and welcoming group, please contact Brenda (858866) or any committee member if you would like more information.



www.ourwatch.org.uk

Once on the website, enter your postcode and then select “**Milton Malsor Village S57**” As a member you will have access to various online



toolkits, crime prevention, discounts and offers. This can include 10% discount on your Co-op Home Insurance.

News from the FOMS



Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be able to hold our annual Summer Fete again this year. This is one of our biggest fundraisers, and this will be the second year we have been unable to hold it.



However, we will still be holding our annual summer raffle, which will take place on 12th July 2021. We have some lovely prizes:

*Greyhound Voucher,
Afternoon tea for two or Grazing Platter for two from Cibo,
A Climbing Honeysuckle from Flowercraft,
3hr hire of the Village Hall (for a childs party)
Prosecco*

50p per ticket or £2.50 a book - If you would like some tickets please contact [the.foms@milton.northants.sch.uk](mailto:foms@milton.northants.sch.uk) or call / text 07971 839621

We are fundraising for the schools outside area. Unfortunately, during lockdown 1, the caravan which the children were using as a learning space, at the bottom of the field, was broken into and ruined. This has now been removed from the school site, but we are now looking to replace it with an open sided shelter for all the children to use. We are also looking to revamp the lower part of the school field, to use as a "Forest school".

MILTON MALSOR FLAG



We may soon be in good company; A government official must have seen our flag fluttering in the wind, as it is soon to be policy to regularly fly the Union Jack on all government buildings.

Since the installation of the village hall flagpole, (generously donated by a member of the village some years ago), hardly a day has passed without the Milton Malsor flag being flown. Incidentally, the name Malsor originates from the family name of Malsoures, once landowners in this area and close followers of William The Conqueror of 1066.

On various state occasions as most of us know, the village hall also flies for example, the flags of the Cross of St George, the patron Saint of England on April 23rd, the Union Jack to celebrate the Queen's Birthday and in June, the Trooping of the Colour. Later in the year on November 11th the Union Jack flies again on Remembrance Day being a tribute to mark the end of the 1914-1918 Great War and to remind us of those wounded or who lost their lives up to this present day.



Unfortunately, the benefits of living in this country are not always apparent and to fly the flag may seem rather insignificant to some but very reassuring to others. Each occasion endorses a moment of our history or tradition which allows us time to reflect and to learn from our mistakes as well as the opportunity to build on the good of our past.



Gayton Solar Farm-Proposed Development

As we go to press it has come to the Parish Council's notice that a company, Anesco Ltd is proposing to develop a solar installation on two separate parcels of land at "Milton Road South Northamptonshire NN7 3ER" all as outlined in red on the companies site plan below. The proposal will be approximately 70 hectares in size.

It seems that Anesco have rejected West Northamptonshire Council's (WNC) requirement for an environmental statement to accompany their planning application and have asked the Secretary of State to intervene and determine whether an environmental statement is needed. As a consequence it appears that local people cannot make any comments to WNC regarding the environmental issues as it has been taken out of their hands by the Secretary of State.

(In the image below, the red lines indicate the locations and extent of the proposed solar farms, yellow lines the road routes the contractor intends using to access the sites for construction and maintenance). Gayton Village can be seen left centre.



Residents are urged to write to our MP Chris Heaton Harris (email; Chris.heatonharris.mp@parliament.uk) to ask him to intervene over the lack of an environmental impact examination and that Anesco be compelled to abide by the planning process.

Further details from the developer can be found on their website at <https://anesco.co.uk/gayton-solar-farm/>

**Milton Past and Present.... High Street below in the 1950's:
Stockwell Farmhouse to the right.**



**Below..... Stockwell Farmhouse today with its glorious display of
climbing roses.**





Parish Election – Brian Sumpton

A Parish election was necessary due to the fact that there were 8 serving Councillors and 10 applicants to fill 9 Parish Council places, sadly Councillor Brian Sumpton was not re-elected.

Brian had been on the Parish Council since 2005, in his time as a Councillor he served as Chairman for two years and he has worked hard for the village. Brian was one of the team led by Neil Jagger that applied, successfully, for funding to upgrade our village park through the 'Play Builder' Government initiative.

Brian was also active in planting and maintaining the Park trees and any necessary replacements. He has offered to continue in this role. Along with Neil Jagger he installed wire fencing around the park to deter the rabbits. Brian also helped greatly with past planning issues and was our key representative with the 'Stop Rail Central Action Group' fighting to stop the Ashfield Land planning application to build a Rail Freight Terminal on land between Milton Malsor and Blisworth.

The time and expertise Brian gave to this task was endless. Brian was also our lead in financial planning and the Parish Council now has a sound bank balance to carry it forward. The Parish Council wish to say a big thank you to Brian for all his hard work and dedication to the village and its well being.

Village Groups

(Please Check with contacts in each Group for any 2021 changes)

Art Group: Wednesday, Village Hall, 1.30-3.30pm in term time. The group is self help, with regular visiting artist demos and workshops. Contact Marion 859109 or Anne Manson 858326 (eMail: stuart.manson@btopenworld.com)

Beavers: Wednesday, Village Hall, 5.30- 6.30pm in term time (age 6-8). Contact Mike Ladd 705910 (eMail: m.ladd187@btinternet.com)

Brownies: Monday, Village Hall 6.00-7.30pm in term time (age 7-10½) Contact Christine Ladd (Brown Owl) 705910 (eMail: christine.ladd@btinternet.com)

Cubs: Wednesday, Village Hall, 6.30-7.45pm in term time (age 8-10½) Contact Mike Ladd 705910 (eMail: .ladd187@btinternet.com)

Film Club – see www.miltonmalsor.info or telephone John Brice 01604 858418 for further details

Historical Society: Telephone John Brice 01604 858418

Milton FC: Has one adult team. For membership and club hire details contact Len Mackintosh 01604 858145

Milton Parochial Primary School: Mrs Rebecca Osborne - Executive Head Teacher 858816 eMail: office@milton.northants.sch.uk

Scouts Wednesday, Village Hall, 7.45-9.15pm in term time. Contact Mike Ladd 705910 (eMail: m.ladd187@btinternet.com)

Short Mat Bowls Village Hall Telephone Pauline Mellors 01604 858588

WI: Contact Brenda Jenks 01604 858866

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Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/MiltonMalsorVillage

(If you're not already a member, ask to join)

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