

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 8th December 2020
The meeting was held Virtually

PRESENT: Mrs Janet Winchester, Chairman
Mr Tom McManus Mrs Brenda Jenks
Mr Neil Jagger Mrs Katie Spruels
Mr Simon Jones Mr Brian Sumpton
Ms Katie Marshall

Meeting Host: Simon Jones
Meeting Chairman: Janet Winchester

ATTENDING: No attendees

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs Janet Winchester, 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.** A 15 minutes time slot has been allocated for this item to enable parishioners to raise matters with the Council. **No attendees**
2. **APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence)** SNC Cllr K. Cooper (meeting)
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interest & nature of interest to be declared - None**
4. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & WARDENS:**

NCC Cllr. Adam Brown: No report received

SNC Cllr. A. Addison, Cllr K. Cooper

Cllr Karen Cooper

- Covid 19 & Crime Survey – Neighbourhood Watch are working with University College, London to understand how Covid 19 has impacted on people's routing & online activities, crime & their perception of it. Residents are urged to undertake the survey to help understand how the pandemic has affected things to date, and to understand how it might do so in the future. The survey takes 15 minutes at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9LGPHDL
- Severe Weather Emergency Protocols (SWEP) have been implemented on Friday 4th December for 3 nights due to the temperature forecast of zero or below degrees. Emergency procedures will be triggered to protect people sleeping rough.
- Attended the Parish Forum meeting when a presentation on the up and coming Census was given.

Cllr Addison

- Lapland comes to Silverstone – a light show from the 10th December to 3rd January & a showing of the film The Snowman. Tickets from www.laplandsilverstone.co.uk/
- SNC Review newsletter is being delivered.
- The official publication of the Ofsted report on Northamptonshire's Children's Services was published on the 4th December. It reported that the service which is now a Children's Trust had made improvements and that no children were unsafe.
- The West Northants Shadow Authority forward plan has been published and can be found at <https://cmis.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cmis5live/WestNorthamptonshireShadowAuthority.aspx>.
- Attended the Parish Forum .

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 typing errors to be amended:

- P123 – missing L on Katie Marshall's name.
- P 125 – missing comma.

6. MATTERS FOR REPORT – arising from the Minutes:

Casual Vacancy:

- Due to the Local Elections regulations for Parish & Town Councils, it was agreed not to appoint a 9th Councillor due to the 6 months ruling.
- The entire Council would be subject to re-election on the 6th May 2021.
- Letter sent to applicants.

Highways

- Tree root pushing up the footpath surface in Stockwell Way / Church Close. Clerk to report to Highways.
- Collingtree Road surface – road has subsided further & is now a danger to traffic. Clerk to report to the Highways.
- Missing kerb stones – Clerk to report to Highways.

Lighting – Fault report

- PL15 outside 16/18 Stockwell Road.

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues

- Village sign – post has been stripped of varnish by J. Barr.
- Village planters – a new volunteer to look after the Lower Road planter.
- Brass plaques by trees on the Memorial Green in need of cleaning or replacing.
 - a) Cost of replacement £140.88 for 2 new plaques.
 - b) Chairman to see if they can be cleaned.
- Christmas tree with lights now on Green.
- Children's snake now on the village hall wall. H. MAIR to look after it.

Village Park

- Rabbit problem – Clerk has been in touch with Hawk Pest Control who have offered a rolling eradication programme over the year.
- It was agreed to accept Hawk's proposals.
- Play equipment – swing frame & wetpour to be replaced by Wicksteed. (Chairman to report) Rubber bark has been ordered.
- Plastic goal posts – made with a cross bar which cannot be removed. Unavailable at present
- K. Spruels to make enquiries with the football club.
- Chairman to ask Allseasons to trim back brambles in the park.

Remembrance Sunday – 8th November

- Reduced Service went well with wreath laying, naming of fallen & prayers.
- Thanks go to G. Bass for help with the road signs.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – Received & Sent

Received from

All matters have been dealt with within the minutes.

Sent to

1. Glasdon – order for new dog waste bin for Rectory Lane. Will be delivered to Allseasons who will install the bin.

8. FINANCE:

Bank Balances	Current A/C	£200.00	
	Savings A/C	£44,347.33	<u>£44,547.33</u>
Funds held in the savings a/c	a) Village Park Account	£15,133.93	
	b) Rail Freight Account	£4,885.00	
	c) Reserve Fund	£8,000.00	
	d) Future Parish Elections	£1,500.00	<u>£29,518.93</u>
Money Received:	Interest, 30/10/2020	£0.36	
	NCC Mowing contribution	£586.04	

Accounts to be paid

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2362	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	66.60		66.60
2363	B. Jenks	Remembrance Day help	5.99		5.99
2364	Barbara Osborne	Payroll Services- 3 months	66.00		66.00
2365	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	266.73	45.60	312.33
2366	Campion School	Printing Newsletter	123.40		123.40
2367	J. Barr	Work on village sign	156.00		156.00
2368	S. Jones	Zoom PC meetings	43.17		43.17
2369	Allseasons	Work on the Park tunnel	879.97	176.00	1055.97

2021/2022 Budget & Precept Setting

- The budget finance group has considered the draft budget which has been forwarded to all PC Members who have been invited to consider the suggestions.
- Agreed there is no need to add a further £1,500.00 to the ring-fenced election expenses.
- The budget finance group has suggested a precept to meet the needs of the Parish for the 2021/2022 financial year of £28,000.00. This was agreed unanimously.

9. PLANNING

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
	No New Applications Received		

SEGRO J15 SRFT – No new information to date.

To Note:

- Tritax Symmetry have submitted a scoping report to Grant Shapps, the Secretary of State, for the Hinkley National Rail Freight Interchange.
- Possible DCO submission in September 2021.
- Public Examination could start in early 2022.
- Possible impact on South Northants – increased traffic on the M1.

KX 13 footpath – very muddy & impassable. Clerk to contact Rights of Way.

NBC Planning

- It is understood that a potential planning application for 50 dwellings on a small site opposite the crematorium is being submitted to Northampton Borough Council.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- **Website**
- **Face Book**
 - a) Poor comments have been posted on the face book page.
- **Neighbourhood Watch** – Action Fraud, 6 actions to improve cyber security.
 1. Use a strong & separate password for your email.
 2. Create strong passwords using 3 random words eg: RedPantsTree4.
 3. Save your password in your browser.
 4. Turn on two-factor authentication (2FA).
 5. Update your devices.
 6. Back up your data.
- Village NHW now has 8 members.
- Noted: Catalytic converters are being stolen.
- Christmas lights have been taken from outside a house in Gayton Road.
- **Affordable Housing**
 - a) Clerk to ask SNC if a housing needs survey needs to be undertaken before contacting developers / housing associations regarding a small development in the village.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.04 pm.

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 12th January 2020, 7.30 pm

The meeting will be held virtually

Signed:

Date:

