

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 12th January 2021.
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

Meeting Host: Mr Simon Jones
Meeting Chairman: Mrs Janet Winchester

Minutes: Mrs Brenda Jenks

ATTENDING: Mr Edmund James

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.

QUESTION TIME - for the public

Mr Edmund James – Re Planning Application No 15, Lower Road
A resident in a neighbouring property in Chestnut Close
Concern that this is a tandem development proposal creating border issues that impinge on residential amenity. The rear garden of No15 is smaller than illustrated. The property proposed is large.

1. **APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence)** A. Addison (Clerk) Illness.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interest & nature of interest to be declared.**
3. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS & WARDENS:**

NCC Cllr. Adam Brown:

- Covid situation serious in Northants, NGH is currently under extreme pressure.
- May elections, a delay now seems inevitable. All Councillors will be in post until the elections take place.
- The new Unitary Council needs stability and will be in place 1st April 2021.
- 1st draft budget will be out for consultation by 2nd Feb 21, there are 3 main areas of contention: Council Tax reduction scheme for vulnerable people, a single scheme must be in place. There is a shortfall in the Borough's % input, the impact on south Northants could be a significant minimum increase of 26%.
- Council Tax harmonisation – an 8 year window possible.
- Council Tax rise – the Govt will allow an increase up to 4.99%, which would raise £10 million for the new Council. The increase on a Band D property + £70 p.a.
- Govt support for Councils is not known, the spending review is pending.
- It is hoped to maintain stability for staff. Services will still be run from the Towcester and Daventry offices. Planning decisions will still be made by SNC.
- Savings will be achieved by a reduction in top Officers and Councillor numbers will reduce by a third.

SNC Cllr. A. Addison, Cllr K. Cooper**Cllr Cooper:**

- Attended a ‘Starship’, robot delivery presentation.
 - a) This instant robot service has been delivering goods in the Milton Keynes area for some time.
 - b) It has a 4 miles radius.
 - c) Service now in Northampton’s urban areas and Wootton.
 - d) Service will be extended to Grange Park.
 - e) ‘Starship’ is run in conjunction with the Co-op.
 - f) It does not carry cigarettes, does carry alcohol.
- Coronavirus
 - a) SNC area is now in tier 4.
 - b) Non-essential shops are closed.
 - c) Hairdressers, beauty salons, pubs, & restaurants are closed.
 - d) You can only meet one person in an outdoor situation.
 - e) The message is stay at home where possible, wash hands, wear a face covering, & keep a safe distance.

Cllr Addison:

- Attended a West Northants Shadow Members briefing on the 2021/2022 draft budget.
 - a) A balanced budget will be presented.
 - b) There will be no reduction in services.
 - c) Draft budget requirement of £307.4 million
 - d) Band D property draft costs increase of 1.99% + 3% for Adult Social Care.
 - e) New Homes Bonus funding will go into the general fund.
 - f) Harmonising the Council Tax rates could take up to 5 to 7 years.
 - g) Council Tax Reduction Scheme must be harmonised in the first year of the Unitary Authority. Therefore, the minimum payment will be 26.5% of the tax.

4. 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:

- P127 – Item 4 – Residents are urged.
- P128 – Village Maintenance – Heather Mair (not Mayer).
- P128 – Remembrance – G Bass.
- P129 – Funds in savings – comma missing.

5. MATTERS FOR REPORT – arising from the Minutes:**Highways**

- Clerk has contacted NCC regarding missing kerb stones.

Lighting – Fault report**Village Maintenance / Environment Issues**

- Compass Public House
 - a) Notice received that renovation work is to be undertaken.
Letter received from Mr Shah, the owner, with a list of items for the PC to consider.
- Concern regarding statement made by previous tenants, Mr & Mrs Nolan, that the PC would favourably consider the following:
 - a) The barn to be converted into offices.
 - b) Conversion of the storage barn unit into an independent residential unit.
 - c) PC were prepared to consider granting permission for offices to be built on the rear garden.
(to note, the Parish Council does not ‘grant permission’ that is the prerogative of SNC)

- With the above in mind, Mr Shah would like the PC to consider the following:
 - a) The derelict barn to be converted into offices.
 - b) The storage unit & rear garden to erect a new residential unit with a garage & garden. This would generate income to let out the Compass at an affordable rent.

To Note:

The Parish Council has never been in discussion with Mr & Mrs Nolan either verbally or in writing. The Council cannot consider any development unless there is a formal Planning Application.

Village Park

- Rabbits – Hawk Pest Control visited the park twice over the Christmas period.
- To date 13 rabbits have been culled.
- Rubber pellets are still on order, will be chased up when the situation improves.
- The Chairman has been assured the split goal post will shortly be filled with resin type filler.
- Play Tunnel, one post by the step is loose, Chairman to follow up.
- Bushes still waiting to be trimmed.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE – Received & Sent**

Received from

1. NCC Highways, S. Gilder – Urban Highways mowing contract – Paperwork completed & returned.
2. NCALC - Police Liaison Representative (PLR) – Parish Councils are invited to appoint a PLR on an annual basis. Role:
 - Establish contact with members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.
 - Attend annual meeting of Police Liaison Representatives.
 - Promote awareness of 101 & Crime Stoppers.
 - Understand the role & impact on Councils of the Crime & Disorderly Act.
 - Monitoring crime statistics & report to the Council any significant trends.
 - Where there is a Council sponsored PCSO, communicate as appropriate.
 - Act as the point of contact between the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator & the Council & help promote the Neighbourhood Watch.
 - Receive news & information from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team & disseminate it in the Council's area where appropriate.
 - Liaise with other groups in the area regarding safety, fire prevention & emergency planning & bring items of interest to the attention of the Council.
 - Liaise & engage with the Northamptonshire Independent Advisory Group (IAG).
 - It is envisaged the role will require between 5 & 10 hours per month.

The Council decided that this was considered more applicable to larger communities, there were no volunteers.

3. Mr M. Tite, Questions / health & safety issues regarding the culvert wall at the bottom of 1 Green Street. Correspondence copies have been sent to all PC members.
 - Grill to culvert entrance dangerous as would not stop a child or pet from going down the culvert – query where does it terminate?
 - The grill to the culvert under Lower Road is out of date & needs upgrading.
 - Anglian Water has made a site visit & advised this water course does not come under their jurisdiction – they maintain it is the responsibility of NCC Highways.
 - Street Doctor contacted – reply from a Caroline – the land in question behind 1 Green Street & 2 Stockwell Way, is reported as ‘publicly maintained highway’.
 - Clerk to contact H. Howard, NCC Highway liaison officer.
 - The Clerk has been informed that the grill at the culvert entrance is to be replaced.

- It is understood that Western Power bought the land the substation stands on from SNC.
- The Clerk has kept Mr Tite fully informed and has been informed the land in question is now owned by Grand Union Housing Association. Mr Tite has been informed.
- The PC is concern that the lack of maintenance on the wall of the brook could endanger other properties.

Sent to

1. SNC, William Anstey, Jo Barrett, Jackie Brooks – Affordable housing & need for a Housing Needs Survey.
2. Marcus Young – information regarding site of new dog waste bin to empty.
3. Rights of Way, Katie Angel – concern regarding the state of public footpath KX13.
 - a) ‘phone call received from K. Angel to report the following:
 - b) Removed radio mast disturbed underground spring which caused heavy flooding & deep mud.
 - c) Contractors have now cleared the path & putting down stone & gravel to help with drainage.
 - d) Path now useable.
 - e) Regarding a legal order to move a footpath.
 - (i) As it was the Secretary of State who gave permission for the area to become part of a rail freight terminal, anything legal no longer comes under the remit of the Local Authority,
 - (ii) Developers simply tell NCC Definitive Map Team what they intend to do, & then go ahead & do it.
4. SNC – Mandy Lumb, Conservation Officer – query resurfacing a driveway in a conservation area & by a listed building. – **Reply received:** Applicant will have to apply.
5. SNC, E. Attwood, Request for litter bin outside the park to be repaired.
6. Came & Co, PC Insurance Brokers – Questions regarding payment for the destroyed public seat in Rectory Lane. Acknowledgement received. Clerk to speak to the insurance claims department. It was agreed that a letter should be sent direct to the Insurance Co on this matter, the delay by the Brokers is unacceptable. * Clerk to write.

FINANCE:

Bank Balances	Current A/C	£200.00
	Savings A/C	£39,745.66
Funds held in the savings a/c	a) 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
Money Received:	Bank interest	£0.35

Precept 2021/2022

- Precept request for £28,000.00 has been sent to SNC.

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2371	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	66.60		66.60
2372	Glasdon UK Ltd	New dog bin	340.02	68.00	408.02
2373	E. ON	Lighting maintenance	174.32	34.86	209.18
2374	E. ON	Replace photocell	23.47	4.69	28.16
2375	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	264.22	40.65	304.87
2376	Allseasons	Assemble & install dog bin	90.00	18.00	108.00
2377	R. Fletcher	Cleaning bus shelters	160.00		160.00
2378	E. ON	Lighting supply	208.07	10.40	218.47

To Note: Work to be undertaken.

- Review of Standing Orders.
- PC policies to be checked & updated.
- Finance group to meet via Zoom prior to end of financial year (31/3/21). **Noted**

7. **PLANNING**

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
S/2020/2284/DCOR	NGRFI M1 J15	Requirement 10 provision of landscaping - For information only	No comment needed
S/2020/2281/TPO	1 Chestnut Close	Fell 1 x Horse Chestnut tree	PC no objections
S/2020/2280/FUL	17 Rectory Lane	Variation of condition 2 of plans S/2020/1425/FUL, detached garage to alter door	PC no objections
S/2020/2325/FUL	Orchard House, 10 High Street	New gates on driveway	PC No objections
S/2020/2315/FUL	Ashmore, 15 Lower Road	Detached house & garage. Demolition of existing garage	PC Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly objects to the application. • The site is in a rural location, & in a conservation village • It is an over development of the site. • Access is an issue, driveway not wide enough. • Size of property is an issue

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- Northampton Gateway SRF Interchange update received 18/12/2020.
 - a) January 2021 start on site.
 - b) From Winter 2021 plots available for buildings
 - c) Autumn 2022 First buildings occupied, rail terminal & J15 improvements complete.
 - d) Late 2023 Infrastructure complete including Road bypass.
 - e) Further information about the scheme can be found on website – www.slp-rig.com.

Segro Meeting 12th January 2021 – attended by Mr Simon Jone

Complaints that the footpath from Collingtree to Barn Lane, Milton Malsor has been closed were raised by the Chairman of Collingtree PC. The diversion now in place increases a 15 – 20 min walk to 90 mins! The company advise that this closure is due to safety reasons and will stand unless an alternative route can be found.

Traffic arrangements for essential earthworks will take place over the next 3 – 6 months.

Rat infestation has been dealt with.

Areas affected by flooding with polluted water, an analysis of the pollution is awaited.

Drive resurfacing - Home Farm, Malzor Lane

Ms Katie Marshall's enquiries re appropriate resurfacing for a listed building driveway have not been successful.

The matter will now be part of a future planning application.

8. OTHER PARISH MATTERS

- **Newsletter** – An A4 sheet will be produced for Spring, insufficient material available for the usual quarterly edition.
- **Website** – nothing to report.
- **Dog Warden** – new dog bin in situ at the Leys field, Rectory Lane.
- **Motor Cross** – no meetings currently.
- **Future Chairman** – A reminder that Janet Winchester will be stepping down from the role in May. Simon Jones will consider taking on the post.
- **Parish Vacancy** – in view of the possible delay in the May elections, it was agreed to advertise the vacant position.
- **Towcester Road drains** – complaints that excess surface water is feeding into the garden of Wychwood House and neighbouring properties.
- **Police Liaison Representative** – agreed to continue with the Parish Office.
- **Tree roots** – in the pavement outside Stone Gables, High St, are a hazard. * Clerk to report to Street Doctor.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.40pm

9. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, 9th February 2021 7.30 pm
The meeting will be held virtually.

Signed: Dated: