

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 14th December 2021.
The meeting was held at Raynsford House, 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Mr Simon Jones, Chairman
Mr Tom McManus Mrs Katie Spruels
Mr Neil Jagger Mr Edmund James
Ms Katie Marshall Mr Paul Heath

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 if it did not disturb the smooth running of the meeting.

1. **QUESTION TIME - for the public** – No attendees

2. **APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence)**

J. Winchester (personal), B. Jenks (personal)

3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Interest & nature of interest to be declared. None

4. **REPORTS FROM WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL** Cllrs Addison, Cooper & Brown

Cllr. A. Addison, Lead member for Milton Malsor, Kislingbury & Pattishall. WNC Chairman

- WNC has produced its draft budget for 2022/2023 which will go out for public consultation.
- Chairman's report:
 - a) Attended the annual Carol Service at All Saints Church & gave a reading of a Christmas poem.
 - b) Attended a pre-Christmas meeting at the Tove Refuse Depot to thank the refuse collectors for their hard work during the year, enjoying a bacon butty with the men.
 - c) Attended the Mayor of Northampton's Gala dinner, held in the newly refurbished Museum.

Cllr K. Cooper, Lead member for Blisworth, The Heyfords & Gayton

- a) Attended the annual Carol Service at All Saints Church & gave a reading from St. Luke.
- b) As a member of the SNC area planning committee has attended all meetings giving support to the Bugbrooke Ward.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

These had been previously circulated and were duly proposed seconded and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

6. **MATTERS FOR REPORT – arising from the Minutes:**

Highways – Several potholes have been filled.

Lighting

- E. ON PL23 Green Street unable to repair due to age & extremely poor condition. Replacement quote:
 - a) To remove existing lantern and supply & install new holophane S-line 18w LED lantern @ £280.00 + VAT – Quote agreed

- Up lighting on the Green – matter dealt with on 14/12/21

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues

- Christmas Tree – lights to be connected to electricity for 2022.
- Ivy in the jitty – has been trimmed back
- Rubbish outside the village shop – Clerk has been to see the shop attendant who stated the rubbish would be cleared that day. Shop owner to be asked to obtain a big bin for the shop rubbish & not to leave it on the footpath.
- Broken stile on Rectory Lane.
 - a) Clerk has written to Rights of Way & ‘Street Doctor.’
- Tree in Stockwell Road appears to be rotten – Clerk to ask Allseasons to look at it.
- Query who mows the grass in Stockwell Road & surrounding area – Clerk to ask Allseasons

Village Park

- Repairs to play equipment – Climbing frame ‘wheel grips’ need replacing N. Jagger to order in the spring.
- No parking sign at the park entrance. New one needed. 16” wide x 12” high. Clerk to seek quotes.
- Weeds under the play equipment – have been cleared.
- Rabbit cull is working well.

Poor’s Trust

- Clerk has written to the vicar asking him to attend a PC meeting in the New Year regarding his role as a Trustee.
- Chairman has replied to Alison Skillen, a former Trustee regarding the position of the Trust at the present moment.
- Correspondence received from B. Sumpton, a former Trustee. There are differences of opinion regarding the Trust. The Chairman will respond.
- PC to advertise for new Trustees. A job description to be put onto the website & notice board. Chairman to draft.

Website – PC has enquired the cost of establishing an additional page on the site for the History Society information. Page costs depend on volume of work to be undertaken.

Footpaths Warden – Michael Tite has been appointed the new path warden.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – Received & Sent

Received from

1. WNC, Wellbeing – Supporting your local community
2. Grand Union Housing – dead trees in Stockwell Road. These do not belong to GUH. PC to deal with the felling.

Sent to

1. Sheila Gilder, WNC – Query regarding the annual grass mowing contribution
2. Anglian Water – Query regarding the sewer pipe in High Street & rats. Clerk to contact again
3. SNC/WNC – Pest Services – query regarding rats in High Street. Clerk to contact again
4. E. ON – Advice regarding the repair to PL17. Light now repaired.

8. FINANCE.

Bank Balances	Current A/C	£200.00
	Savings A/C	£36,337.01
Funds held in the savings a/c	a) Park Account	£4,709.62
	b) Rail Freight Account	£4,885.00
	c) Reserve Fund	£10,500.00
	d) Future Parish Elections	£1,500.00

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2462	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	68.20		68.20
2463	S. Jones	Zoom meetings costs	43.17		43.17
2464	Hawk Pest control	Park monthly rabbit cull	30.00		30.00
2465	E. ON	Lighting supply	231.43	11.57	243.00
2466	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	273.34	43.39	316.73
2467	Campion School	Newsletter printing	117.00		117.00
2468	E. ON	New light High St. / Stockwell	705.00	141.00	846.00

To Note:

- Auditors suggest the PC should consider using online banking.
- Agreement for Clerk to contact NatWest Bank.

9. PLANNING

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
WNS/2021/1989/FUL	Land South of Collingtree Road, East of the West Coast Main Line	Erection of rial infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocatable equipment building • Power Supply point buildings with associated access, fencing & engineering works. 	PC has concerns P. Heath to collate & forward to Clerk

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- RFT money – suggestions to improve the village amenities. Item for the January agenda.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor's Reports

- War Memorial in need of attention – Clerk to contact a stone mason.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.35 pm

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, 11th January 2022, 7.30 pm

Signed: **Dated:**