

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 12th April 2022

PRESENT: Mr Simon Jones, Chairman Mrs Janet Winchester, Vice-Chairman
Mrs Brenda Jenks Mr Paul Heath
Mr Neil Jagger Mrs Katie Spruels
Ms Katie Marshall Mr Edmund James

ATTENDING: 3 Parishioners

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs Janet Winchester the Vice Chairman opened the meeting due to the brief absence of the Chairman welcoming 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 – Mrs Brenda Jenks took Minute notes for this item due to the Clerk being held up.

- **Ms Holly Darby** – Planning application for a new dwelling next to Milton Hall, Rectory Lane
 - a) Ms Darby was present to discuss her application
 - b) Concerns were raised by the Council as follows:
 - (i) Site entrance too close to the Towcester Road junction
 - (ii) Visual appearance & render not in keeping with adjacent property
 - (iii) Significant trees are not shown on the plan – new drawing required
 - (iv) Access entrance route for construction traffic is not adequate for large vehicles.
 - (v) Retention of original stone needed when entrance is made in wall. Ms Darby assured the Council that the stone would be reused.

To Note: The Clerk arrived

- **Christmas Tree lights** – request to attach to electricity
 - a) Last year the battery operated lights only lasted for 3 days.
 - b) New electrician contacted & will advise on all aspects of the scheme.
 - c) Wiring for the lights will be above ground for the tree lights & to be operated to the green box on the village Green.
 - d) Concerns raised regarding the timer for the uplighters for the village sign & Memorial.
 - e) It was suggested that there should be a separate timer for the lights
 - f) Insurance – it was agreed that the Tree Group would insure the lights & system.
 - g) Jacqui Jones to set out clearly in writing the proposal.
 - h) Clerk would contact Npower once the written proposal had been received and agreed by the Council.

2. APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence) T. McManus (personal)

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interest & nature of interest to be declared.

Katie Marshall – land to the rear of her property & planning at Rectory Lane

To Note: The Chairman arrived

4. REPORTS FROM WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Cllr. A. Addison (lead member for Milton Malsor) Cllr. Adam Brown, Cllr K. Cooper

Cllr Addison:

- WNC is striving for a more sustainable future. Parish Councils are invited to share how they are striving to act more sustainably.
- Warning over unlicensed waste carriers. Concerns raised.
- Farthinghoe recycling & refuse centre has reopened under new management.
- Land at Sixfields. WNC has received a letter from Cillarda Group advising the Council of their intentions to take the land sale decision to a judicial review.
- A new form of discounted housing – First Homes Scheme
- As Chairman of WNC I will be attending a tree planting ceremony by the USA Air Force at RAF Croughton for the Queen's Green Canopy. Cllr Karen Cooper will accompany me.

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 typing errors & account error amended.

6. MATTERS FOR REPORT – arising from the Minutes:

Highways

- Two 'sink holes' to be reported opposite the Greyhound pub & one by the crematorium. Photographs to be sent to the Clerk to be added to the report.

Lighting – No problems reported

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues

- Grass mowing tender. Mowing map & sites to be identified
- Village needs sweeping – Clerk to ask WNC
- Village Planters – query if plants or shrubs are to be planted.
- Sites & Maintenance:
 - a) Lower Road – Katie Skilton
 - b) Church – Julie Baker
 - c) Village Hall x 2 – Janet Winchester
 - d) Malzor Lane – Katie Marshall
 - e) Rectory Lane – K. Marshall to ask if H. Darby would like to take this on.

Village Park

- Annual Inspection. Clerk to contact Wicksteed
- All rubber pellets are slowly perishing. Suggest a rolling repair programme.
- Matting under the see-saw needs attention
- Clerk to make enquiries regarding ownership of the village park. Land currently owned by WNC who charges the Council an annual peppercorn rent.

Website

- Site is being updated
- Clerk to provide some updated material

Newsletter – work in progress

Dog Warden – Less fouling and better use of dog bins.

Footpaths Warden – It is understood that the footpath warden has resigned but no letter of confirmation has been received.

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

1. Police – volunteers on horseback needed to help report rural crime,
2. Mr & Mrs Manson – for PC information, will be severely pruning back the large silver birch tree to the front of their property. Arboricultural advice has been taken. Clerk has acknowledged.
3. N. Jagger – query regarding information from Highways & quotes for work to be undertaken. Clerk has acknowledged.

Sent to

1. K. Spruels – Bugbrooke Ward information for the website.
2. H. Howard – request for a site meeting with engineers at the park. Reply received – Happy to meet but feel it would be prudent to wait until the new highways contract is resolved.
3. D. Winterbottom – request for Segro information regarding S106 funding & clarification of works to be undertaken. Reply received with all information requested.
4. Allseasons – query regarding mowing costs since red diesel has been disallowed.
5. Angela Billing, Clerk to Blisworth PC – support for concerns regarding consultation on proposed development of industrial land West of Northampton Road.
6. John Masters – request for a quote to clean & repaint the park fencing. No reply received by time of April meeting. Mr Mackintosh's quote to be accepted.

8. FINANCE.**Bank Balances****Current A/C****£200.00****Savings A/C****£29,686.60****Funds held in the savings a/c**

- Matter to be discussed

Accounts to be paid:

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

| Cheque No. | Payee | Information | Amount | VAT | Total |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| 2496 | HMRC | Clerk's PAYE | 70.80 | | 70.80 |
| 2497 | Allseasons | Mowing | 440.00 | 88.00 | 528.00 |
| 2498 | Hawk Pest Control | Rabbits & rats | 250.00 | | 250.00 |
| 2499 | Stock signs | Village Park dog sign | 19.78 | | 19.78 |
| 2500 | R. Fletcher | Pound, memorial, shelters | 305.00 | | 305.00 |
| 2501 | Npower x 3 invoices | Street lighting Jan, Feb, M | 1035.44 | 157.20 | 1192.64 |
| 2502 | A. Addison (Clerk) | Salary & Expenses | 283.37 | 52.63 | 336.00 |
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To Note:

- Query on the Sutcliffe Play invoice. VAT element has been sent @ £75.76, cheque No. 2490.
- Invoices checked & cheques signed by B. Jenks & J. Winchester.

9. PLANNING

| Application | Location | Proposal | Comments |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| WNS/2022/0692/FUL | 84 Green Street | Demolition of existing garage & erection of new garage & home office/garden room | PC comments: No objections |
| WNS/2022/0594/FUL | Land at Milton Hall, Rectory Lane | Erect detached dwelling & new vehicular access | PC Comments Please see comments at Public Question Time |

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- Email sent to Denis Winterbottom asking for clarification regarding funding for the S106 monies & clarity on how the funds can be spent. Reply received with list of schedule 5 approved community purposes:
- Carry out physical improvements to the public realm
- Enhance nature conservation interest
- Improve the physical environment of the village within the areas of the parishes.
- Funding:
 - a) First tranche of money has been received which equates to £37,500 per parish council
 - b) The second tranche is due to be paid prior to the occupation of the first warehouse building.
 - c) 5% of the sum paid to be levied by WNC to defray the cost of administering the community fund.
- Points from the community liaison group received from P. Heath.
 - a) Roade bypass to be completed by early 2024
 - b) Tunnel nearly completed
 - c) Operator for Terminal signed up but not named
 - d) Expect 2 trains a day at the start & 6 trains a day after a year
 - e) Each full train = 75 HGVs which means more HGV movements off site
 - f) Several issues ref. design of traffic restrictions at Courteenhall to be reviewed
 - g) Road closures at J15, A45 & Knock Lane during April & May
 - h) Collingtree & Roade have received S106 funds
 - i) Blisworth has struggled with Highways in trying to formulate traffic measures with S106 money.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor’s Reports

- Stile in Rectory Lane – still pending
- Clerk to request TPOs for Chestnut trees in Chestnut Close.
- Suggestion – PC should let all planning applicants know what the PC has objected to about their application.
- J. Winchester to purchase a new lock for the park gate
- R. Fletcher to cut back the bushes at the top of Lower Road.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.20 pm

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: APM & AGM Tuesday, 10th May 2022, 7.15 pm

Signed:

Dated: