

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 14th November 2023
At Raynsford House, 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Simon Jones, Chairman Cllr Edmund James, Vice-Chairman
Cllr Brenda Jenks Cllr Ian Appleton
Cllr Neil Jagger Cllr Katie Spruels
Cllr Katie Marshall Cllr Paul Heath

ATTENDING:

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Simon Jones, 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** – no public present.
2. **APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence:** J. Winchester (Illness)
3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interest & nature of interest to be declared.** None.
4. **REPORTS FROM WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

Cllr. A. Addison, Cllr. Adam Brown, Cllr K. Cooper

- From the first November 2023 voters will be able to apply online to vote by post. Both online & paper applications will now also require ID verification, in the form of the voters National Insurance Number. Postal vote holders will have to reapply for a Postal vote every 3 years. The earliest date for this is 2026.
- WNC has bought the old bus station site in St. James to develop starter homes.
- Remembrance Sunday 12/11/23. A service of Remembrance held in All Saints Church Northampton attended by the Lord Lieutenant, WNC Chairman & the Mayor of Northampton.

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 amendments:

P204 Typing error - Brackets missing.

P205 Lighting section – missing t in Milton Malsor.

6. **MATTERS FOR REPORT – New matters & those arising from the previous Minutes:**

Highways:

- VAS signs – Paul Heath and Ian Appleton met with Steve Barber on 12/11/23 to discuss the sighting of the three signs.
- Signs must be sited within the 30 mph zones.
- Powered signs are a better option due to the theft of many solar powered signs throughout the district away from habitation.
- Cost: Post @ £100.00, £500.00 to connect to power, £200.00 per metre for trenching cables.
- Helen Howard to be contacted by SB regarding road marking.

Lighting

- Lamp between Stockwell & Lower Road still out. Clerk to contact E. ON to re-report this out of order lamp & to query the rota for checking lights.
- Query to Npower regarding the PC tariff for lighting charging.

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues

- Memorial bench – query regarding a new or refurbished bench for the Fitchett family.
- Quote received from R. Fletcher for tree works after consultation with J. Winchester.
 - a) Reduce shrubs @ £150.00.
 - b) Remove dead tree branches @ £30.00.
- Tree in a High Street Garden is overhanging the wall – Clerk to write to householders requesting the tree be cut back.
- To note, the stream is running brown again due to the heavy rain.

Village Park

- Quote from Greenbarnes accepted for the new park sign. Sign now up.
- No parking sign done.
- Goal posts still to be fixed.

Face Book

- Site problems now resolved.

Newsletter

- Katie Spruels has taken on the editorship and is doing an incredibly good job.

Dog Warden No report this month.

Footpaths Warden – No report this month.

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

1. Sutcliffe Play – chasing payment – reply sent showing the cheque information & date it was sent to the company. Reply received, - payment now received. Accepted.
2. L. Forskitt – offer of help with the Malzor Lane planter. Help accepted, Chairman to make contact.
3. Concerns regarding missing cemetery information – now found.

Sent to

1. WNC Fix My Street – Broken & damaged gate. Reply received – WNC site visit made by highways stating no safety concerns were found but will continue to monitor the site.

8. FINANCE.

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| Bank Balances | Current A/C | £200.00 |
| | Savings A/C | £53,383.10 |
| Money Received: | 2nd half of annual precept | £16,250.00 |
| | September interest | £49.50 |
| | October interest | £73.12 |

Audit:

- Information to be added to the website.

Finance Information:

- CIL information – funding to be forwarded shortly. – if any.
- PC bank details & Clerk's address requested.
- Insurance policy received.

Accounts to be paid:

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

| Cheque No. | Payee | Information | Amount | VAT | Total |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2662 | HMRC | Clerk's PAYE | 76.60 | | 76.60 |
| 2663 | Hawk Pest Control | Rabbit Problem x 3 | 90.00 | | 90.00 |
| 2664 | E. ON | Photocells PL7 & 15 | 46.94 | 9.38 | 56.32 |
| 2665 | A. Addison (Clerk) | Salary & Expenses | 306.74 | 99.17 | 405.91 |
| 2666 | Cut Crew Ltd | Mowing | 548.72 | 109.74 | 658.46 |
| 2667 | Npower Comm Gas | Lighting Supply | 436.19 | 21.81 | 458.00 |
| 2668 | Greenbarnes Ltd | New Park sign | 775.50 | 155.10 | 930.60 |
| 2669 | S. Jones | Remembrance Day costs | 20.00 | | 20.00 |

9. PLANNING

| Application | Location | Proposal | Comments |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 2023/7557/FUL | Anchor Cottage, 15 Green Street | Veranda to side elevation | PC: No objections |
| | Land West of Holy Cross Church | Tree works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pollard of 7 Lime Trees ● Raise canopy of 1 Oak Tree | PC: No objections |
| WNS/2023/0242/106DV | Land West of 1 Rectory Lane | Deed of Variation to vary the S106 Legal Agreement. | WNC is unable to agree to this variation as policy LH5 is positioned under the geographic area of the former SNC. Therefore, work cannot progress on this matter. |
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Planning information:

- Correspondence received from a resident querying the status of the Paddock application. Reply sent, no news at present.
- Proposed development at the Old Blisworth STW for an inert waste recycling facility has been withdrawn. WNC will be taking no further action on this application.

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- Projects for funding:
 - a) Footpaths
 - b) War Memorial – CIL monies to be considered. Clerk to contact Les Finn, stone mason.
 - c) Play area infill with wetpour.
 - d) Park tidy – up.

10. **OTHER PARISH MATTERS** – Councillor’s Reports & any action to be taken.

- Dog bin by the village hall – to consider a new & larger bin. Clerk to obtain costs.
- Clerk to consult with J. Winchester regarding future cost of grass mowing.
- N. Jagger to obtain quotes from Ford & McHugh for new lamps.
- Memorial bench for Stockwell - new bench to be purchased.
- Village Hall – PC discussed the correspondence from the Village Hall Management team. Chairman to draft a letter.
- VAS signs:
 - a) A solar sign for Rectory Lane before P. Haddon’s along with additional road markings.
 - b) Collingtree Road – sign by the park on power.
 - c) S50 to be obtained.
 - d) Clerk to follow up with Steve Barber.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.30 pm.

11. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** **Tuesday, 12th December 2023, 7.30 pm**

Signed: **Dated:**