

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 12th March 2024
At Raynsford House.

PRESENT: Cllr Simon Jones, Chairman Cllr Edmund James, Vice-Chairman
Cllr Brenda Jenks Cllr Janet Winchester
Cllr Neil Jagger Cllr Katie Spruels
Cllr Ian Appleton

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.** None present.

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

K. Marshall (personal), P. Heath (personal)

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

- 2024/2025 budget has been agreed by the WNC members.
- Children's services have an overspend.
- West Northants & North Northants Councils have to come to an agreement regarding the debt left by the former Northants County Council.

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:

P.219 – e) Blind to replace bind.

P. 222 – planning Land East of not pf.

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

The Compass Pub.

- Found to be a cannabis factory.
- Clerk has written to the owner.
- Equipment now being cleared.
- Tenants arrested.

Highways

- Road surfaces in general are in a poor state of repair.
- Potholes found in Lower Road & Collingtree Road – to be reported.

Lighting

- Collingtree Road lights out: PL 48 & PL 49. Clerk to report them to E.ON.

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues

- First cut of the village grass has been undertaken.
- Cut Crew quote for the Church mowing accepted. Clerk to contact Cut Crew.
- Clerk to contact other applicants.
- Installation of new dog bin - work completed by G. Bass.
- Village planters are looking good & tidy.

Village Park

- Pruning work to start shortly.
- New goal posts – extra treatment for bottom of the posts.
- There is a good show of daffodils this year.

Website

- Working well.
- Police notice posted.

Newsletter

- Another good edition, thanks to Katie Spruels.

Dog Warden

- Less dog fouling at present.

Footpaths Warden – J. Winchester

- Weather has made walking some of the footpaths difficult.

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

1. WNC finance – free portrait of HM The King. The Parish Council does not have a permanent ‘home’ to put a picture up.
2. Clear Insurance – Tips for dealing with winter weather.
3. A. Bottrill – Thank to the PC regarding the informative planning session at the February meeting. Request to confirm that KM has declared an interest in the application. To note, KM has declared an interest in the application & correspondence relating to the application is not forwarded to KM. Clerk to respond.
4. Elan City – Solar Radar speed signs – twin pack offer.
5. Npower ‘going digital’ information.
6. Marcus Young – increase in costs from 1/4/24 to £3.50 per bin + VAT. Agreed to accept.

Sent to

1. WNC Development Management – S106 Northampton Gateway RFI community fund request. Application sent on 10th January 2024.
2. WNC Kerry Palmer – request for a S50 application form – Received.
3. WNC, Alan Burns – query regarding grass mowing grants.
4. Church Wardens – Grass mowing & Church wall. E. James to speak to J. Treharne.
5. WNC planning case office – query regarding application WNS/2023/0022/FUL.
6. Les Finn – Request to make a site visit to assess the War Memorial. No response at time of meeting – Clerk to write again.
7. H. Howard – Request for 20 mph advisory speed signs. Reply received – will contact highways regarding availability.

8. FINANCE.

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| Bank Balances | Current A/C | £200.00 |
| | Savings A/C (29/2/24) | £44,195.20 |
| Money Received: | Bank interest at 29/2/24 | £53.16 |

Accounts to be paid:

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

| Cheque No. | Payee | Information | Amount | VAT | Total |
|------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2692 | HMRC | Clerk's PAYE | 76.60 | | 76.60 |
| 2693 | Cut Crew Ltd | Mowing | 615.00 | 123.00 | 738.00 |
| 2694 | Npower | Lighting supply – Feb a/c | 477.59 | 23.88 | 501.47 |
| 2695 | Barbara Osborne | Payroll services x 3 month | 69.00 | | 69.00 |
| 2696 | Glasdon UK Ltd | New dog waste bin | 237.50 | 47.50 | 285.00 |
| 2697 | A. Addison (Clerk) | Salary & Expenses | 306.74 | 48.71 | 355.45 |
| 2698 | Paul Winchester | Dog bin installation | 20.80 | | 20.80 |
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9. PLANNING

| Application | Location | Proposal | Comments |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| 2024/0038/FUL 2024/0039/LBC | Milton Cottage, Rectory Lane | Remodelling of existing conservatory & replacement of windows | PC comments: No objections |
| 2024/0722/FUL | The Barn, Towcester Road | proposed Hovel extension to side of barn. | PC comments No objections |
| WNN/2021/0537 | Former Milton Ham Farm | Outline planning for 230 dwellings | PC comments: |
| WNS/2023/0022/FUL | Land East of Towcester Road | Erection of 6 dwellings, Classes C3 with associated access & landscape. Amended Details: Changes to fenestration on dwellings & site plan to incorporate new tree positions, revised parking for plots C, D & E | PC Comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional time requested to respond. |

To Note:

- Information regarding Settlement Confines (sent to all members)
- Concern at short time given to respond to planning applications. Clerk has written to WNC.

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- Second half of the S106 grant is due in September.
- Suggested spending – more antique lights, agreed. N. Jagger to complete forms & forward to Clerk for completions.

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor’s & Clerk’s Reports

- PC Insurance cover 2024/2025 – to consider changing insurers once present cover ends.
- Churches are now able to apply for grants from PCs for repairs & improvements.
- Clerk requests a review of her employment contract. To send an NCALC proforma to E. James & B. Jenks.
- Clerk to write to:
 - a) Mr Bottrill
 - b) WNC ref. S106 SEGRO funding – N. Jagger to complete forms for antique street lighting & forward to the Clerk.
 - c) Change of bank mandate – Clerk to contact NatWest.

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

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, 9th April 2024, 7.15 pm.**

Please note:

There will be two meetings on the 9th April 2024

1. **The Annual Parish Meeting – immediately followed by**
2. **The April Parish Council meeting**

Signed: **Dated:**