

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **Annual General Meeting** of the Parish Council held on Tuesday, 14th May 2024
7.30 pm at Raynsford House

PRESENT: Cllr. Simon Jones Cllr. Janet Winchester Cllr. Neil Jagger
Cllr. Brenda Jenks Cllr. Katie Spruels Cllr. Edmund James
Cllr. Paul Heath

ATTENDING: 1 prospective Parishioner

● ELECTION OF OFFICERS & WORKING GROUPS:

Chairman: **Cllr Simon Jones**
Proposed by: Cllr Janet Winchester
Seconded by: Cllr Brenda Jenks

Vice-Chairman: Cllr Edmund James
Proposed by: Cllr Katie Spruels
Seconded by: Cllr Neil Jagger

- The Chairman & Vice-Chairman signed the Acceptance of Office paperwork.

- **APOLOGIES** for absence
Cllr K. Marshall – apologies accepted for the following 3 months, agreed by PC.
Cllr I. Appleton – absent.

- **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** declaration & nature of interest to be declared. None

● QUESTION TIME – for the public:

- a) Query regarding future news about Rail Central. The Chairman explained that the proposed plans had fallen by the wayside due to the success of the Segro application at J15 of the M1 which was near completion.

- **MINUTES** of previous meeting to be agreed & signed.
These had been previously circulated & were duly proposed, seconded & signed by the Chairman as a correct record with amendments noted in the minutes book.

- **MATTERS FOR REPORT** – Portfolio holders reports, new & arising from the previous Minutes.
- **Highways & Lighting** – S. Jones
 - a) Potholes to be reported in Lower Road and under the railway bridge (previous repairs poor)
 - b) To note, Collingtree Road surface is in a poor state of repair.
 - c) PL15 to be reported out.
 - d) PL37, High Street – E. ON reported two cracks in the concrete column which should be replaced with a new steel column & LED lamp @ £1455.00 + VAT.

- (i) 2 PC members felt this should be investigated further. N. Jagger agreed to undertake an inspection the following day & found no damage.
 - (ii) Two further inspections were made & the reported cracks in the concrete column were seen.
 - (iii) It was agreed by 5 Council members that the E. ON quote should be accepted. The Clerk duly informed E. ON.
 - (iv) Further discussion took place after the meeting via email resulting in the Clerk being asked to rescind the order to E.ON.
 - (v) The Clerk informed the Council of the 6 month rule whereby a matter that had been properly resolved, could not be revisited for six months without just cause and a written agreement signed by a minimum of three P. Councillors stating why they feel the matter should be revisited.
 - (vi) The Clerk sent an email to Rachel Casey of E. ON asking for the order to be put on hold.
 - (vii) N. Jagger, J. Winchester, B. Jenks asked for the matter to be discussed at the June PC meeting siting the design of a new lamp post had not been fully discussed as N. Jagger had earlier promoted erecting a heritage lamp post, stating the increased cost could be funded by the SEGRO S106 money.
- **Grass Mowing** – J. Winchester
 - a) Contractors to include the mowing of the Churchyard every two weeks.
 - b) J. Winchester & K. Spruels are working hard in the PC cemetery removing ivy from trees & walls.
 - **Churchyard & Cemetery** – J. Winchester, K. Spruels, the Clerk.
 - a) Request for green bin sticker for Churchyard bin – applied for & paid by J. Winchester Now received & placed on the bin.
 - b) Cemetery plan & work needing to be done – J. Winchester, K. Spruels & the Clerk made a site visit to the cemetery to assess the problems.
 - c) J. Winchester has asked for a quote to trim back trees.
 - d) There is the possibility for an additional 8 grave spaces.
 - e) An area has been identified where ashes could be interred.
 - f) There are a number of plots without headstones – these need attention.
 - g) There are a number of leaning and unsafe headstones that need attention.
 - **Village Park** – N. Jagger
 - a) RoSPA safety inspection to take place in June.
 - b) New goal posts have been installed. The old area has been put behind the new posts.
 - c) J. Barr has repainted all the equipment that needed refurbishing.
 - d) P. Heath is undertaking maintenance.
 - **Village maintenance & environment issues** – N. Jagger, I. Appleton
 - a) VAS signs for Collingtree Road & Rectory Lane. Signs need to be ordered.
 - b) Clerk to complete Highways Order forms.
 - c) Green Street drains. Report received from a resident regarding overflowing drains in Green Street. Clerk has asked WNC to clear all village drains of rubbish in order excess surface water to drain from the highway.
 - d) The stream running behind Green Street & Stockwell Road is causing concern. It was agreed that residents are riparian owners of the stream and should make sure the water is allowed to flow freely. An article about the stream will be put into the next edition of the newsletter.
 - e) Concern raised regarding a very large Silver Birch tree in the garden of 6 Stockwell Road by the stream. Clerk to contact the householder asking for the tree to be trimmed back or felled as it could be a hazard.

- **Website & Face Book** – K. Spruels, C. Neal (Web Editor)
 - a) Web editor back from holiday.
 - b) All posts have been updated.
- **Newsletter** – K. Spruels (Editor), J. Winchester, B. Jenks
 - a) Next edition in June to be distributed in July.
- **Dog & Footpath Warden** -J. Winchester
 - a) Concerned to note there are some irresponsible dog owners who are misusing footpaths & are walking across field crops.

● **CORRESPONDENCE** – received & sent.

Sent:

1. Gill Franklin, Church Warden – Church grass mowing invoice. Reply received – waiting for the PCC cheque book to be returned from the Diocese.
2. John Barr. Quote for work accepted.

Received:

1. E. ON - PL37 High Street. Lamp attended & working but the concrete column has started to crack & needs replacing @ £1455.00 + VAT. See item under Highways & Lighting.
2. E. Mair – fly tipping by football club – reported to WNC & now removed.
3. Will Headley – request for an allotment. Clerk has replied.

● **PLANNING** – Paul Heath - Plans received & Determined:

Application	Location	Proposal	P.C Comment
2024/2089/FUL 2024/1826/LBC	The Manse, 65 Green Street	To fit an electric vehicle charger socket (to rear of building)	No objection
2024/2255/FUL	Candida, 32 High Street	Remove conservatory, propose 2 storey & single storey side & rear extensions. Partial removal of front wall & lowering of ground level to create extended driveway area. Propose rear garden steps due to level differences.	PC has concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How many off street parking places should be allocated for a six bed roomed house? ● High Street at this point has no room to park vehicles on the road.
2024/2138/MAO	Northampton South Western Expansion	Up to 361 market & affordable homes & associated infrastructure. Outline, all matters reserved	P. Heath to draft a response mainly on highway grounds.

To Note:

- Cllr P. Heath attended a Local Plan display in Wootton.
 - a) Material was complicated with unclear information.
 - b) The Plan may include some ‘green wedges’ which will separate some residential areas from others & restrict development sprawl.
 - c) Milon Malsor should be a lucky beneficiary of such an area which extends from the M1 to Lower Road & partially surrounds the village and Barn Lane.

- d) Noted that developments in several surrounding area will overload existing roads with no clear remedy.
- e) PC has until 2nd June 2024 to respond. PH willing to draft a response.

- **SEGRO**

- a) Most work on the present site is almost completed.
- b) Plot 7 has been modified & is 10% smaller.
- c) 5 applications in January and 2 applications in May have been made for the spending of the Section 106 monies.

- **FINANCE** – E. James, B. Jenks, The Clerk (RFO)

- Bank Balances

Current Account	£200.00
Reserve Account	£56,007.52 (30/4/24)

- Monies received

1 st half of annual precept	£17,000.00
Interest	£56.46

- Audit matters:

- a) Internal NCALC auditor Claire Tilly, External auditors Littlejohn
- b) Internal audit date to be agreed
- c) Annual Return to BDO by end of June.

- To Note:

1. Quote received from AJ Mills Master Masons Ltd. To carry out restoration work on the War Memorial:
2. To make indent repairs, die coping section 620.00 + VAT
3. Restore the plinth 920.00 + VAT
4. To repair obelisk & cross section - no action needed 0.00
5. Stone cleaning 2250.00 + VAT
6. Memorial paving 855.00 + VAT
7. Scaffolding 190.00 + VAT

Total cost: **£4835.00 + VAT £967.00 = £5802.00**

Invoices: It was proposed seconded and resolved that the following invoices be paid:

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2708	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	84.33		84.33
2709	Hawk Control	Park rabbits	30.00		30.00
2710	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	337.34	87.18	424.52
2711	R.C. Mackintosh	New & erect football posts	122.00		122.00
2712	Cut Crew Ltd	Mowing	615.00	123.00	738.00
2713	Npower	April Lighting supply	441.16	22.06	463.22
2714	NCALC	Share of training costs	21.00	4.20	25.20

The following items were agreed and adopted for the ensuing year:

- Adoption of Mrs Ann Addison as the Responsible Financial Officer.
- Adoption of Cllrs E. James & B. Jenks for financial monitoring.

To agree the following:

- Set up a working group to review all policies, Standing Orders & the new financial regulations. Report for the June 2024 PC meeting.

REPORT FROM WEST NORTHANTS COUNCIL

- WNC annual meeting on Thursday 16th May 2024.
- 8 former Councillors to become the first WNC Aldermen.
- A new Chairman, Cllr Jo Guilford, & Deputy Chairman, Cllr Alison Eastwood to be sworn in for the 2024/2025 Council year.
- A new Leader, Cllr Adam Brown & Deputy Leader, Cllr Matt Golby to be sworn in.

11. OTHER PARISH MATTERS raised by Councillors & the Clerk.

- Review of the Clerk’s contract of employment – to be undertaken by E. James & B. Jenks.
- Query who is dropping banana skins on the footpath at the junction of Green Street & Collingtree Road. The PC is concerned due to a possible pedestrian accident & littering the footpath.
- Footpath along Towcester Road needs attention – Clerk to contact Highways.
- Clerk to order a man size soldier silhouette.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.34 pm

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 7.30pm, Tuesday, 11th June 2024

Signed: **Dated:**