

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 9th July 2024
At Raynsford House, 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Simon Jones, Chairman Cllr Edmund James, Vice-Chairman
Cllr Neil Jagger Cllr Katie Spruels
Cllr Paul Heath

ATTENDING: 3 members of the public

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

- Mr Lord from Clayson Country Homes & Mr Andy Johnson attended regarding a potential new development in Rectory Lane.
- Mr Johnson & his family wish to come back to the village to live.
- The property to be self-build as there is a family connection.
- Land owned by Clayson Country Homes, has previous planning consent. It is considered an exception site, outside the village envelope & in the Conservation area but is adjoining the village confines.
- The proposed new plans show a smaller building.
- It is understood the WNC conservation officer is not in favour of dormer windows on the front elevation.
- The Parish Council will wait for an application before making any comments.

2. APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence

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

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

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

- The rebuilt Northampton market square will be opened on the 20th September 2024.
- WNC draft tenancy agreement out for consultation.

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 amendments corrected.

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

Parish Council Vacancy

- Due to the resignation of Cllr Appleton, there is now a vacancy for a new member.
- Clerk has informed WNC.

Highways

- 71 Green Street – skip on the footpath. Clerk to ask highways regarding removal.

Lighting

- PL15 Stockwell Road. Light has been attended & cannot be repaired due to no availability of parts for the obsolete lantern.
Cost of replacement – to remove existing lantern to tip & supply & install new Holophane S-line 18w LED lantern for the sum of £310.00 + VAT.
- PL5 18/19 Chestnut Close reported light on all day.

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues

- Lower Road planter will be maintained by Tina & Kevin in future.
- **Churchyard**
 - a) PC cemetery is gradually being cleared of overgrowth by J. Winchester, K. Spruels & small team. More work needs undertaking & request for further help is made.
 - b) PC is concerned about the state of some of the headstones that are now in a dangerous leaning state. It is up to the families to make sure that their family graves are well looked after, and headstones are in a safe condition.
 - c) There are three graves / headstones that need urgent attention. The Council would be grateful if members of the following families would kindly contact the Clerk.
 - (i) Lilian & Samuel Mackaness – Clerk to enquire if there is a family called Mackaness in Brafield.
 - (ii) Walter & Gertrude Figgins
 - (iii) S. Curtis
 - d) PC to formulate a set of rules for the cemetery.

Village Park

- 2024 ROSPA play equipment inspection report. PC to undertake work on recommendations. To note, there are no High Risk items reported.
- Picnic bench & table needs to be repaired. Clerk to contact the family who donated the item.
- The tunnel: Rotten timber needs replacing. N. Jagger has been in touch with Raybell who will repair the tunnel @ £3,000. This was agreed, N. Jager to contact Raybell.
- Rubber pellets for under the play equipment & the cost of Play bark. N. Jagger to make enquiries.

Website & Facebook – No problems to report

Newsletter

- Next edition – September / October.

Dog Warden – All good at the moment.

Footpaths Warden – J. Winchester

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

1. Colin Neal – concern regarding non-payment of invoice. Clerk responded stating payment had been made. Payment has now been received.

8. FINANCE.

Bank Balances	Current A/C	£200.00
	Savings A/C	£56,810.16
Money Received:	Interest	£70.91

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2727	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	84.33		84.33
2728	Npower Com. Gas	Lighting supply	366.63	18.33	384.96
2729	R. Fletcher	Village maintenance	230.00		230.00
2730	Cut Crew ltd	Village mowing x 2 inv.	795.00	159.00	954.00
2731	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	337.34	77.55	414.87
2732	Hawk Pest Control	Rabbits	30.00		30.00
2733	E. ON	Photocell, Barn Lane	23.47	4.69	28.16
August Payments					
2734	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	84.33		84.33
2735	Janet Winchester	Village planters	28.95		28.95
2736	E. ON	Lighting maintenance	273.00	54.60	327.60
2737	Cut Crew Ltd	Mowing	615.00	123.00	738.00
2738	Playsafety Ltd	ROSPA annual inspect.	78.00	87.60	165.60
2739	Hawk Pest Control	Park rabbits	30.00		30.00
2740	Blenley Garden Centre	Churchyard Maintenance	250.00		250.00
2741	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	337.34	55.00	392.34
2742	Mrs A. Ledington	Plot reimbursement	60.00		60.00

- **To note:**

- a) Request made to sanction payment of 2 invoices to WNC – granted by members.
 - (i) WNC, rent for village park @ £10.00.
 - (ii) WNC, payment for PC Churchyard green bin @ £58.00
 - (iii) Paid by cheque 2726 @ £68.00.

To Note:

- WNC approval has been granted to the renovation works at Hobb End Cottage.
- WNC approval has been granted to fit an electric charging socket to The Manse, 65 Green St.
- Tree works at The Greyhound Public House – crown lift sycamore trees in conservation area. Matter dealt with by WNC Ralph Branson.

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- Clerk to make further enquiries regarding the request for funding from the Community Fund.
- The bund profile ending in October.
- Collingtree Road work ending by October.

9. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor's & Clerk's Reports

- Clerk's contract of employment – review underway.
- Review of risk assessment needed.
- Review of fixed asset register to be undertaken.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.19 pm.

10. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, 10th September 2024, 7.30 pm**

Signed:

Dated

11. **PLANNING**

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
2024/2619/DCOR	Plot 5 Northampton Gateway	Development Consent Order – warehousing	No objections
2024/3193/FUL	Land west of 1 Rectory Lane	Erection of single self-build dwelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter received from plot owner.
2024/2255/FUL	32 High Street	Proposed extension	<p>PC observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal brings the structure too close to neighbouring property which is subject to an application. • Incorporating 6 bedrooms in the new design without any increase in off road parking space will cause severe problems for the narrow High Street. • The frontage of the proposal is not in keeping with the street scene. • The site is in the conservation area. • listed & significant building
2024/2557/FUL	Autumn Rise 34 High Street	Extension	<p>MMPC has the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a considerable overall increase size which will impact on neighbouring properties with the potential loss of privacy. • The site is in the conservation area. • 4 bedrooms will bring about additional car parking & no indication of any additional off street parking.