

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 10th September 2024, 7.30 pm
At Raynsford House.

PRESENT: Cllr Simon Jones, Chairman Cllr Edmund James, Vice-Chairman
Cllr Brenda Jenks Cllr Janet Winchester
Cllr Neil Jagger Cllr Paul Heath
Cllr Jerry Forskitt

ATTENDING: Mr Barry Cook

IN THE CHAIR: Mr Simon Jones, The Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular, giving a warm welcome to the new Parish Councillor, Jerry Forskitt. The Chairman reminded Councillors & Parishioners that meetings can now be recorded as long as it did not disturb the smooth running of the meeting.

To Note: The minutes were taken by P. Cllr Mrs B. Jenks due to the absence of the Clerk at the start of the meeting.

1. **QUESTION TIME - for the public** – Mr Cook explained he was interested in the running of the Council.
2. **APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence** – Katie Spruels, Personal, The Clerk arrived late due to a previous WNC planning meeting.
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

- A reminder to all residents in West Northants to complete their annual canvas paperwork. It is a legal requirement to enable WNC to maintain a current & precise electoral register. Being on the register is essential for adults to be able to exercise their right to vote in elections & referendums. It also plays a crucial role in jury service selection.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

These had been previously circulated and were duly proposed seconded and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

Council vacancies:

- There is one remaining vacancy.
 - a) An application has been received for consideration.

Highways – advisory speed limit signs are on order.

Lighting

Concern that the light at the top of High Street has been replaced by Eon when the order had been cancelled. The Clerk is in correspondence with the company. The site had been chosen for an antique style light to match others in the High Street.

A badly damaged light in Milton Court was mentioned and is non repairable. It was agreed to move the replacement light which had been replaced by Eon and install it in Milton Court, as the post is silver it would be suitable. Assuming the High Street light can be moved then an antique style lantern can be installed in the High Street as planned, Funding for this is in the application for SEGRO funds.

A suggestion that a private contractor could be employed to do this was felt possible.

To be actioned.

Light PL 15 in Stockwell Road needs replacing urgently. It seems likely that the replacement High Street light should have been installed in Stockwell Road. **Clerk to raise with Eon.**

Light opposite Willow Cottage at junction of Stockwell Road, the timer is faulty as the light is sometimes on in the daytime. No number on the post. **Clerk to report.**

Village Maintenance / Environmental Issues

High Street Property, overhanging ivy on the wall. Residents have previously been asked to remove this, no action to date. Clerk to write again, Council to take further action if this isn't dealt with.

Conifer trees on Towcester road, overhanging the pavement and obstructing the view of oncoming traffic. Letters will be sent to relevant residents.

Overgrown hedge, near the Greyhound on Towcester Road residents to be asked to cut it back.

Hedges alongside the pavement on Towcester Road by farmland. The farmer will be contacted to ask him to cut back the vegetation as pedestrians are stepping onto the road to avoid the overgrown hedging.

Rectory lane residents with gardens backing onto the Leys field – tenant farmer to be asked to remove greenery.

Churchyard grounds maintenance and sundry work including gutter cleaning in the village. A quote to be requested.

All relevant details are with the Clerk to progress.

Overgrown trees and vegetation adjacent to the footpath on Collingtree Road, residents to be asked to attend to them, however, some properties belong to Grand Union Housing. **Clerk to enquire.**

War Memorial, a new quote to be obtained for re-installing the names of the fallen along with cleaning and minor repairs. **Chairman to action.**

Grass mowing, satisfactory so far.

Churchyard – a second green bin is needed. This will be covered in the new budget.

Gravestones – no news following publicity on graves which require attention. It may be necessary for the Council to take action to make them safe. A suggestion that notices could be placed on the graves with leaning headstones, was agreed.

The Parish Council burial ground has no further space, there is space in the Church yard.

Village Park

Repairs to the tunnel were agreed, **N Jagger to process.**

Eco rubber pellets, 5 cubic metres are needed. In abeyance for 2025.

Wet Pour for various items of equipment, funding from SEGRO.

Nature Walk has fallen trees, R Faulkner will deal with this.

Climbing frame bar/handles will be monitored.

Picnic table has been restored.

Website – in good order.

Facebook - monitored by the Chairman and K Spruels

Newsletter

- Next edition - in preparation for distribution beginning of October.

Dog Warden - nothing to report

Footpaths Warden – nothing has been reported

7. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Received & Sent

Received from

1. S.E. Solicitors – notification of a legacy gift of £2,000.00 from the late Anita Tasker. Cheque received & banked. *The money will be ringfenced.*
2. Cut Crew – query regarding 2 invoices. One resolved. Further information requested ref. inv. 2044. Reply received, on Jury duty until 16th Sept.
3. J. Winchester – electricity substation gate is open. Clerk sent an email to the National Grid who will send an engineer out pdq.
4. Report found on facebook regarding a broken stile. No report received by the PC.
To note: it is the responsibility of the **Local authority** to maintain the surface of public footpaths. It is the duty of the **landowner** to ensure they are safe to use. **Landowners** should clear paths of overgrown vegetation or fallen trees including those from neighbouring properties & promptly repair **broken stiles, gates or fences.**
5. WNC – Query regarding ownership of the village park. Clerk responded stating the land was rented from WNC as a playground & park for the village. The Clerk asked for information regarding the future of Fogg Cottages – these are to be refurbished.
6. Burial plot 90 – request received to relinquish the plot. £60 to be reimbursed.
7. S. Walters – Concern at speed of traffic on main road through the village. Has witnessed another near miss accident at the Rectory Lane junction between a cyclist & a speeding car. Would like the PC to request a 30 mph limit. The Clerk responded stating the PC has asked for the 40 mph limit to be lowered but its request was turned down by the highways & police.

Sent to

1. WNC – S106 application forms for antique lamps & VAS signs. Acknowledgement received.
2. K. Marshall – Query regarding attending future PC meetings. Reply received: Will be standing down from the Council with immediate effect (August 2024)
3. Fix my Street – blocked drain High Street/Lower Road/Stockwell reported & investigation found defect.
4. WNC – Fogg Cottages – open door of boarded up house found open. Request for WNC to visit the site & repair door on safety grounds.
5. Community Speed Watch Team – PC fully supports the scheme
6. WNC – Notice of PC councillor resignations.
7. WNC – email sent to CEO, Leader, Deputy Leader & Chairman regarding the appalling time it takes to get hold of anyone from WNC by phone. Reply received: Apology & informed that new technology has been installed & has '**some anomalies**' & some services are given priority such as children's safeguarding & adult social care. WNC accepts that its needs to perfect the '**deployment**' & '**functionality**' queue counter & waiting times system.
8. Mr Tom Fromant – PC concern regarding ploughing too close to trees in the Leas Field. Reply received: Has spoken to the tractor driver.
9. Village Park Memorial Table – thanks sent to family for making repairs.
10. Sutcliffe Play – spare parts ordered.
11. V. Hartley – queries regarding family connection in Brafield – Reply received – no family found in Brafield.
12. J. Forskitt
 - a) information regarding becoming a Parish Councillor.
 - b) Invitation to join the Council.
13. Invoice for £100 sent to Church Warden regarding grass mowing contribution

8. FINANCE:

Bank Balances	Current A/C	£200.00
	Savings A/C	£52,233.40
Money Received:	Interest, May 2024	£70.91
	Interest, June 2024	£62.50
	Interest, July 2024	£70.76
	Estate of Anita Tasker	£2,000.00

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
August	Agreed & paid	During August Recess			
2734	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	84.33		84.33
2735	J. Winchester	Village hall planters	28.95		28.95
2736	E. ON	Lighting Maintenance	273.00	54.60	327.60
2737	Cut Crew Inv	Village grass mowing	615.00	123.00	738.00
2738	ROSPA Playsafety	Playground Inspection	138.00	27.60	165.60
2739	Hawk Pest Control	Park rabbits	30.00		30.00
2740	Cancelled	Incorrect payee	0.00		0.00
2741	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	337.34	55.00	392.34
2742	Mrs A. Ledington	Plot reimbursement	60.00		60.00
September	Invoices to agree & pay				
2743	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	84.33		84.33
2744	Cancelled	Incorrect payee	0.00		0.00
2745	Cut Crew Inv:	Churchyard mowing	180.00	36.00	216.00
2746	Sutcliffe Play	Playground spares	400.39	80.07	480.46
2747	Npower Inv. 2/8/24	Lighting supply	377.21	18.86	396.07
2748	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	337.34	83.18	420.52
2749	Information Comm.	Data Protection	40.00		40.00
2750	Cut Crew Inv:2044	Village mowing	615.00	123.00	738.00
2751	Cut Crew Inv:2138	Village mowing	615.00	123.00	738.00
2752	Hawk Pest Control	Park rabbits	30.00		30.00
2753	Cut Crew Inv:2146	Churchyard Mowing	180.00	36.00	216.00
2754	Npower Inv. 4/9/24	Lighting supply	390.93	19.05	399.98
2755	Barbara Osborne	Payroll Services x 3 months	70.50		70.50
2756	Cancelled	Poor signature	0.00		0.00
2757	Christopher I. Reeves	Church yard Tree work	250.00		250.00

9. **PLANNING**

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
3AQ Tree Application	Land West of Rectory Lane	Removal of 4 x Fraxinus Excelsior (Ash) trees & 1 x Salix Fragilis (Crack Willow)	PC comment:
2024/2557/FUL	34 High Street	Demolition of garage, 2 storey side ext.+ single storey, car port + widening existing access	WNC refusal
2024/2587/DCOR	Management suite RFI Collingtree Road	Amend plans, lighting, landscape, signage	WNC approval
2024/2385/NMA	Plot 7 NGRFI J16, M1	Non-material amendment	WNC approval
2024/3027/TPO	The Greyhound	TPO work on a line of sycamore trees	WNC approval

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- Two applications for S106 lighting funding sent to WNC (acknowledgement received)
 - a) S106 funding for the antique lights has been approved. £14,790.00 to be transferred to the PC bank account.
 - b) Spending declaration form to be signed by the Chairman & the Clerk & returned to WNC.
 - c) *1st Tranche due shortly, 2nd Tranch hopefully by end of September.*

10. **OTHER PARISH MATTERS** – Councillor’s Reports – no further items

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.40 pm

11. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** **Tuesday, 8th October 2024, 7.30 pm**

Signed: **Dated:**