

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllr Edmund James Cllr Paul Heath
Cllr Brenda Jenks Cllr Janet Winchester
Cllr Neil Jagger Cllr Katie Spruels
Cllr Jerry Forskitt

ATTENDING: 1 x Parishioner

1. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN:**

- Due to the immediate resignation of Simon Jones, the Chairman, the following nomination was submitted for the post:
Cllr Ed James, proposed by Cllr Brenda Jenks & seconded by Cllr Janet Winchester.
- The post of Vice Chairman - Cllr Janet Winchester, proposed by Cllr Ed James & seconded by Cllr Brenda. Jenks.

2. **QUESTION TIME - for the public** No questions raised

3. **APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence**

Cllr Barry. Cook (personal)

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

5. **REPORTS FROM WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

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

- WNC are offering staff voluntary redundancy packages
- South Midlands Authorities launch a new Business Board.

6. **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 errors corrected:

- P.252 – typing error on point 4
- P 253 – point 4 should read Winchester
- P 254 – Clerk’s salary to be added to finance box.
Salary @ £337.34
Exp. @ £54.79
Total @ £392.13
392.13
- P254 – interest figures to be corrected:
September @ £65.52
October @ £77.33

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

Highways – P. Heath

- Request for finger post at junction of Collingtree Road & Barn Lane. Clerk to contact H. Howard
- Query regarding the finger post on High Street.

Lighting – J. Forskitt

- Out of order streetlights reported by a resident & sent to E. ON

15 Stockwell Road

41 Lower Road

48 & 49 Collingtree Road opposite the football club.

Light in Green Street opposite the school gates reported out.

- Contacts for E. ON & Npower to be sent to JF
- Request for copy of E. ON maintenance contract
- Request for a copy of the Npower contact.

Village Maintenance / Environmental Issues

- Cut Crew – quotes received for mowing in 2025/2026:
 - a) Verges, park & greens @ £255.00+ VAT x 20 cuts = £5,100.00
 - b) Churchyard, Church owned @ £54.25 x 16 + VAT = £868.00
 - c) Churchyard MMPC owned, @ £43.00 x 16 + VAT = 688.00
- To note, Cut Crew are still using their old address Request made for new details.
- 2 cheques to Cut Crew to be stopped & reissued at December PC meeting.
- Email to be sent to Mr Fromant regarding overgrowth in the Leas field by resident gardens
- Village grass will need cutting once more before the end of the season. JW to contact Cut Crew

Village Park

- Raybell has completed the refurbishment of the tunnel.
- Members concerned regarding the outer blockwork which could harm the children using the equipment. NJ to discuss with Raybell and to make it safe.
- Raybell agreed to top up the soil now and again in the Spring.
- Suggested budget for the park in 2025/26 @ £2,350.00.
- The seesaw needs repairing once again. PH to order the necessary spare parts. Invoice to be sent to the Parish office.
- BC to look at clearing the brambles.

Churchyard

- JW & KS to clear fallen leaves.
- Gravestones -notices have been placed on damaged & leaning headstones asking relatives to make the necessary repairs.

Website – No concerns at present.

Facebook - Adverse comments will be blocked in future

Newsletter

- Next edition due for printing & delivery
- PC winter report compiled by Cllr B. Jenks

Dog Warden & Footpath Warden – B. Cook

- New warden portfolio to be offered to Cllr Barry Cook. Clerk has written to him.

8. CORRESPONDENCE – Received & Sent

Received from

1. Hugo Fox - .gov.uk information – need Cllr to take responsibility for updating.
2. HMRC – querying if the PC is paying the Clerk the National Minimum Wage.
3. The Shield Group – dog refuse service. Bins can be emptied @ £2.50 per bin & litter bins @ £3.00 per bin.
4. Cut Crew – New equipment bought – a side arm flail for hedge cutting
5. Email received – 2 tyres & car body parts on Towcester Road verge. Clerk has asked WNC to remove.

Sent to

1. Letter sent to a Stockwell resident asking him not to park on the green.

9. FINANCE:

Bank Balances	Current A/C	£200.00
	Savings A/C	£65,453.60
Money Received:	Interest	£65.52

Audit Matters:

- Report to be added to the Minute book as a separate sheet & forwarded to all members.

2025/2026 Precept

- Return /request form received from WNC to be returned no later than 15th January 2025.
- Tax base information received.
- Budget figures to be finalised at December PC meeting

To Note:

Cut Crew Invoices 2174 paid by cheque 2763 & invoice 2193 paid by cheque 2764 have not been received by Cut Crew. They were sent to the address on the invoices. It is now understood that Cut Crew have changed their address & not informed the PC.

Cheques to be stopped at the bank & reissued at the December PC meeting.

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2767	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	84.33		84.33
2768	Npower	Lighting supply	442.21	22.11	464.32
2769	G. Gallagher	Annual insurance cover	2026.71		2026.71
2770	Sutcliffe Play Ltd	Play equipment spare parts	189.29	37.86	227.15
2771	Campion School	Newsletter printing	117.00		117.00
2772	Hawk Pest Control	Park rabbits	30.00		30.00
2773	Mrs A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	337.34	54.79	392.13
2774	Boobs & Brass	Donation – Remembrance	40.00		40.00

10. PLANNING

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
2024/4467/FUL	Milton House	Detached single garage	MMPC does not oppose the application Would ask that the stonework matches as closely as possible that of the host building
2024/4552/FUL	34 High Street	Alterations & extensions	MMPC objects to the application on the following grounds The extension remains a disproportionate scale to its neighbours & the narrow street setting,

			Is in the conservation area & opposite a grade 11 listed building. Loss of privacy. No additional off street parking.
2024/3193/FUL	Land West of 1 Rectory Lane	Amended plans & design	No objections

Harworth Group Application

- Concerns raised by the Group’s intentions to submit a planning application for 1.6 million sq. ft of warehousing on land opposite the rail freight terminal at J15 of the M1.
- It is understood that the land was originally earmarked as green space.
- WNC have ‘lost’ all previous written information regarding this site. The PC is asking for an explanation.
- Surrounding Parish Councils are also deeply concerned about the proposals.
- MMPC attended a meeting of Blisworth PC where the matter was discussed. Blisworth PC will be writing to WNC planning with their concerns.
- PH to draft a letter to be sent to WNC.

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- VAS funding – claim forms received.
- Copy of the liaison group meeting received
- An update on what is happening at the site this Autumn received.

11. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor’s Reports

- JF has agreed to be ‘lead’ for the flower planted.
- Mowing contract – price for 2 Year contract to be obtained.
- War Memorial repairs – Clerk to contact S. Jones for information.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.45pm

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

Signed: **Dated:**