

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 11th March 2025, 7.30 pm
At Raynsford House.

PRESENT: Cllr Edmund James, Chairman Cllr Janet Winchester, Vice Chairman
Cllr Brenda Jenks Cllr Jerry Forskitt
Cllr Katie Spruels

ATTENDING: WNC Cllr Fiona Cole

IN THE CHAIR: Cllr Ed James, 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

- Cllr Fiona Cole introduced herself to the meeting stating she would be a prospective candidate in the forthcoming elections to West Northants Council on the 1st May 2025.
- Cllr Cole explained Milton Malsor would become part of the new Hackleton & Roade Ward.
- Cllr Cole stated she was interested in rural matters and planning issues in rural areas.

2. APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence

B. Cook (work), P. Heath (personal), N. Jagger (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

- WNC budget passed at the full Council meeting with an increase of 4.99%.
- Band D increase per week of £1.71.
- Additional funding to go to Adult Social Care & Children's Services.
- Wantage Park Crematorium plans have moved forward.
- 4,800 secondary School places have been allocated across West Northants with 95.5% (4629) of applications being successful at one of their preferred schools.
- New integrated alcohol & drug service to be rolled out across West Northants.
- Construction underway to deliver a new heritage park linking Northampton to the station.

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 typing errors corrected.

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

Highways – P. Heath

- Collingtree Road is under repair.
- No response from Highways regarding Barn Lane resurfacing.

Lighting – J. Forskitt

- Waiting for a quote from Ford & McHugh regarding the replacement of the concrete column.
- PL26, Rectory Lane is out of order.

Village Maintenance / Environmental Issues

- Lower Road shrubs – to be cutback by G. Mooney @ £50.00 – agreed.
- Brambles in Green Street – Clerk to contact the Immediate Justice Team to seek help.

VAS Signs

- Issue with the solar panel on Rectory Lane. An internal battery issue. No update at present.
- Collingtree VAS sign presently facing the Church.
- It was felt that the Collingtree Road sign needed to be placed closer to the village park & a little higher on the lamppost.
- KS has changed & recharged the batteries. It was agreed that KS should be reimbursed for any costs incurred.
- VAS records show that there were over 6,000 vehicle movements along Collingtree Road in one week.

Grass Mowing

- Churchyard mowing. All invoices now up to date.
- Mowing contact information sent to J. Winchester.

Village Park

- Seesaw wheel received. Repair work being undertaken.
- Renovation of the park tunnel completed – excellent result. Seating to be discussed.
- No response from RoSPA regarding ‘phantom’ inspector. ROSPA to be contacted regarding PC safety concerns.
- The Tunnel – soil needs topping up.

Website – up to date

Newsletter – another good edition printed

Dog Warden & Footpaths Warden – B. Cook

- Notification received – BC will not be seeking re-election at the May elections.
- Clerk to ask BC to give the Park inspection book & footpath map back to J. Winchester or B. Jenks.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – Received & Sent

Received from

1. P. Heath – request for Clerk to contact WNC planning regarding planning website.
2. C. Neal – Concerns regarding moving the website to a .gov .uk domain. Clerk has responded.
3. J. Winchester – copy of letter to mowing contractor regarding a 2 year fixed contract.
4. J. Winchester – copy of letter to T. McHugh regarding moving a lamp post. Quote for work waiting.
5. Age UK – Responder volunteers needed.
6. P. Heath – To note, Barn Lane will be closed for resurfacing.
7. WNC Cllrs - with information regarding the new WNC Ward for Milton Malsor – Hackleton & Roade. The Parish is now in the South Northamptonshire Parliamentary Constituency. MP is Sarah Bool. Ward map printed for all members.
8. NatWest Bank – Credit interest is reducing.
9. Sutcliffe Play -change to old bank details.
10. WNC – Parish Path Warden Scheme
11. N. Jagger – Copy of correspondence from Ford & McHugh regarding new street lighting.
12. Parish On-Line newsletter

Sent to

1. AJ Mills Master Masons – Acceptance of quote 17641996. Parish War Memorial work.
2. E. ON Energy – Change of address confirmation requested. Received.
3. WNC – request for S106 funding from RFT /SEGRO sent to WNC.
4. WNC Planning – PC comments regarding Land East of Towcester Road.
5. NatWest Bank – email sent requesting up to date bank statements.
6. N. Jagger – request for SWARCO details.
7. G. Franklin – Churchyard March mowing invoice sent.
8. WNC Finance – explanation for credit.
9. Police & Crime Commissioner – request information regarding Immediate Justice Scheme
10. J. Slack WNC Estates Manager – More problems with Fogg Cottages. Reply received:
 - a) The Housing Team are working to put the cottages back into use.
 - b) Regular safety inspections measures to be put into place

8. FINANCE:

Bank Balances	Current A/C @ 20/2/25	£200.00
	Savings A/C @ 4/2/25	£78,197.22
Money Received:	Church Wardens	£400.00
	Interest 31/1/25	£67.04
	WNC 1140001224	£24,134.00

Audit Matters:

- Request for office meeting with C. Holgate, NCALC Internal Auditor: Friday 25th April 2025.

To Note:

- HMRC confirms the ‘agent’ listed to deal with the PC’s tax affairs is Barbara Osborne Payroll Services.
- To WNC & NatWest Bank – Request for further details regarding the £24,134.00 credit.
- Clerk salary & hours agreed for the 2025/2026 financial year.

Unity Trust Bank:

- Clerk has arranged a Teams meeting with Sarah Johnson.
- The majority of the PC banking will be online. However, a cheque book & paying in book is to be provided.
- The 4 signatories are A. Addison (RFO), E. James, B. Jenks, J. Forskitt.
- Account tutorials sent to 4 signatories.

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2806	HMRC	Clerk’s PAYE	84.33		84.33
2807	Hawk Pest Control	Monthly rabbit cull	30.00		30.00
2808	Cut Crew inv: 2354	Park work, brambles	670.00	134.00	804.00
2809	E. ON Inv 6018800414	Driver & Photocell	100.00	20.00	120.00
2810	E. ON inv: 6018801780	PL15 replace lantern	310.00	62.00	372.00
2811	E. ON inv: 6018801781	PL49 replace lantern	310.00	62.00	372.00
2812	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	337.34	34.00	371.34
2813	Cut Crew Inv: 2356	Churchyard mowing	54.25	10.85	65.10
2814	Cut Crew Inv: 2382	Village mowing	782.20	156.44	938.64
2815	Barbara Osborne	Payroll Services x 3 months	70.50		70.50
2816	R.C Mackintosh	Work on play tunnel	720.00	0.00	720.00
2817	Campion School	Printing newsletter	145.00	0.00	145.00

9. **PLANNING**

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
2024/4332/LBC	71 Green Street	Interior work, new roof to dining room, thermal improvements	WNC approval
2024/4417/FUL	71 Green Street	As above	WNC approval

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- P. Heath to attend Community Liaison Group meeting on 4th March 2025
- PC questions to be raised:
 - a) Hedge cutting along the Collingtree Road – will be looked at.
 - b) The bund
 - c) Flooding – Rail bridge has a broken culvert causing flooding. Repairs to follow.
 - d) Community Funding – second tranche – due when 1st unit is operational – April 2026.
- Awaiting details on extra mezzanine area on plot 4.

The Haworth Group – J15, M1 Proposed Development

- Update on proposals received & forwarded to all PC members.

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

- **The Immediate Justice Team** – this offers people who have committed low-level crimes an alternative to prosecution. Offenders are referred to the team by Police Officers or PCSOs & are given the opportunity to avoid being charged in court by completing work to improve the community they have harmed.
- To date 650 hours of reparative work has been undertaken including litter picking, graffiti removal, gardening & repairs.
- The Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner will be funding this initiative for the next year.
- It was agreed for the Clerk to contact the team.

Asset Register – List of items has been updated. Costs / values to be added. Copy sent to all members.

Local Elections update – sent to all PC members.

Churchyard headstones

- Leaning headstones – known relatives have been contacted.
- Some headstones to be laid flat on health & safety grounds.
- Chairman to obtain advice from stonemasons regarding the large cross at plot 60.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.35 pm

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, 8th April 2025, 7.00 pm**

There will be two meetings on the 8th April 2025

1. 7.00 pm The Annual Parish Meeting immediately followed by:
2. The April Parish Council Meeting.

Signed:

Dated: