

MILTON MALSOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 7.15 pm,

PRESENT: Cllr S. Jones Cllr E. James Cllr P. Heath
Cllr J. Winchester Cllr N. Jagger Cllr K. Spruels

ATTENDING: A. Treharne (Poor's Trust), J. Treharne & Gill Franklin (PCC)
M. Tite (village hall)

IN THE CHAIR: Cllr Simon Jones

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming members of the public, explaining that the Annual Parish Meeting was not a Parish Council meeting but was for parishioners to discuss matters relating to the village. All items raised could then be reported to the Parish Council and other relevant bodies for action to be taken.

1. **APOLOGIES:** B. Jenks (personal), Cllr K. Marshall (personal), T. Mortimer (Poor's Trust)
2. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT** for 2023/2024

The Chairman's annual report was forwarded to all members prior to the meeting and covered the following matters:

- a) SEGRO rail freight terminal - work continues with the PC being represented at the liaison meetings.
- b) Planning – the Council continues to review & comment on all village applications. Information can be found in the monthly PC minutes.
- c) Village Park – monthly checks are made on the play equipment with an annual external RoSPA inspection made.
- d) Speed limits - part of Collingtree Road past the Village Park has been designated a 30 mph zone. A vehicle activated sign is to be installed on this section to help with reducing the speed past the play area. A further VAS sign is due to be placed along Rectory Lane.

3. **REPORT FROM VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS**

- **The Poor's Trust**

- a) Trustees are the resident Rector, Mrs Alison Treharne & Tara Mortimer.
- b) Bank balance to date £1,250.00
- c) Christmas donations of £20.00 each given to 15 residents with 2 still to pay.
- d) Funds come from a piece of village land owned by the Trust which is rented out.

- **Parochial Church Council**

- a) Report presented by Mrs Jane Treharne
- b) New Church Warden has been appointed.
- c) The Church building is now in good order following repairs conducted during 'lock down.'
- d) Funding received from a legacy from a life-long villager.
- e) Coffee mornings help to pay for the upkeep & running expenses.
- f) Thanks go to the Parish Council for helping with the grass cutting & repairs to the stone wall.
- g) Being a Church school, the children attend a service at the end of each term.

- h) The Clergy, the Rector & the Curate visit to give Holy Communion at Holly House. The Clergy also visit residents who are in hospital.
- i) The Monday Club is held on the first Monday of the month for the bereaved.
- j) An events group has been formed.
 - (i) Proms & Prosecco to celebrate 80 years since D Day, on 21st June 2024.
 - (ii) Open Gardens in September.
- k) Messy Church runs alongside the monthly coffee mornings.
- l) The Church has a small congregation and would love to welcome more regular members.
- **Milton Malsor Football Club**
 - a) The lease has been extended by a further year.
 - b) Hoping to obtain a grant to help with the pitch.
 - c) The club & facilities have been updated and looking good.
 - d) A new defibrillator to be considered.
Discussion regarding installing & use of a defibrillator - query if people should be asked if they want to be resuscitated.
- **Milton Malsor Village Hall Association**
 - a) The hall is well used and maintained.
 - b) Users are 50% from the village & 50% from outside.
 - c) The hall policies are compliant with ACRE.
 - d) The hall has become a NO Smoking area.
 - e) The present heating system is under review.
 - f) The caretaker has retired & a new one has been appointed.
 - g) Two long standing committee members, John Brice & David Brogden have retired.

4. **DRAFT ACCOUNTS** – Year Ending 2023/2024

- The draft accounts showing itemised expenditure & income was presented by the Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer. The accounts showed an overall increase in expenditure of £386.08.
- Receipts have increased by £3882.22 mainly due to the increase in the precept requirement and a healthy increase in the bank interest rate,
- A copy of the paperwork has been sent to all PC members.
- The Clerk will be contacting the NCALC Internal Auditor for her to examine the books prior to them being forwarded to PKF Littlejohn, the external auditors.

5. **REPORT FROM WEST NORTHANTS COUNCIL**

- Concerns have been raised regarding the cost of children's services.
- Good news that a new facility for children with disabilities is to be built in Tiffield.
- The Council has produced a balanced budget.
- The planning department is still struggling but there has been an increase in staff.
- Roads & potholes are still a constant concern in spite of new & up to date equipment being bought.
- Activities throughout the year have included:
 - a) A choir Fest
 - b) Inter Schools Debating Competition. Won by The Duston School.
 - c) Remembrance Day Services took place throughout West Northants.

- d) The annual Holocaust Memorial Day Service was held at the Guildhall with several members of the Jewish community giving accounts of lost relatives due to the Holocaust.
 - e) As one of the Bugbrooke Ward members, along with The Chairman of WNC & the Deputy Leader, I attended a Memorial Service in Rothersthorpe in memory of the Wellington bomber crew of 7 New Zealand airmen who lost their lives 80 years ago steering their burning plane away from the village school & Church and saving many villagers lives. The ceremony was well attended with the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, a retired Air Vice Marshall, New Zealand Air Force representatives and members of the airmen's families.
- A reminder – there will be an election for a new Police fire & Crime Commissioner on Thursday 2nd May 2024. PLEASE REMEMBER photograph identification will be needed if you are to visit the polling stations to vote.

6. PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

There was no further discussion.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 7.40 pm.

The meeting was immediately followed by the April Parish Council meeting.

Signed: **Dated:**