

A meeting of Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council was held on Wednesday 18 April 2012 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Collett, Rawlins, Rose, Haine, Bickley, Marsden, Hart and Naish.
4 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: None

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Councillor Rose declared an interest in any matters relating to OCC.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21 March 2012 were amended to read:
(page 2) "They will have to take enforcement action against them" and not they will have to take force against them.
(page 4) "Cllr Haine reported that the new houses at Greenlands Court are now being allocated and 5 have local connections" and not 2 as given in minutes.
The minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC:

Mr Trotman reported that the notice board at 1 High Street is in a bad state of repair. The Parish Council will arrange for it to be removed. It would be nice to have it replaced and Mr & Mrs Naish are happy for it to be placed on their property.

Milton Volunteers have moved the wendy house on the Green to inside the play equipment. Mr Trotman still has a set of anchor bolts available for use. The gates to the play area need attention. Chairman will speak with Mr Harriss to see if he can help. One of the gates is in a poor state of repair and has not worn well. This may still be covered by warranty.

Jubilee Celebrations – everything is on track and committee has a meeting next week. Approximately £6000 has been raised for the event. Committee has requested help from the Council to assist with marshalling the event.

Cllr Haine reported and updated position regarding The Quart Pot. The fencing requires planning application which would likely be refused. Vendor has been given 28 days notice and failing that enforcement action will be taken. Vendor does not seem to be in a hurry to sell.

The sheltered housing behind Shipton Road will not start until the access road has been completed at Shipton Road. Construction traffic should not use Green Lane.

OCC Highways plan to change the "SLOW" road markings at Upper Milton.

MATTERS ARISING:

Cllr Rawlins reported that he has strimmed the footpath by the bus shelter of weeds.

He has also contacted Thames Water regarding the manhole cover at The Square.

Discussion took place regarding the two entrance gates onto the Green. Mr Barnes does not like the gravel as it interferes with the grass cutting. This needs to be removed. More paving is required and there needs to be a slope from the road at the entrance by the Co-Op. Cllr Marsden will speak with Mr Dore to give a quote for the work to be carried out.

Litter is being thrown over into the back garden of the Quart Pot. The Parish Council will be trespassing if they were to take action themselves. This is an Environmental Health issue as rats have been seen. Cllr Haine will address this issue.

Cllr Naish has taken delivery of the poop bags.

The new street lights at Greenlands Court are very bright. The bright white lights are cheaper to run. Cllr Rose reported that the road has not been adopted and is retained as private road by Cottsway. Cllr Haine agreed to follow this matter up with them.

The Council considered the draft Rules to Allotment Tenancies and amendments were made (see attached). These will be sent to Mr Naish to present to the Welfare Trust to adopt as a joint document.

Mr Taylor has quoted £650 per lime tree at the churchyard to pollard and remove debris. The Clerk will obtain 2 more quotes for pollarding and removing completely.

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 9 May 2012 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The Agenda will be the same format as previous years and representatives from the community will be invited to attend.

Cllr Rose gave his apologies as he will be attending Lyneham Parish Meeting.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

There were no planning applications to be considered.

WODC has granted:

- 12/0245 Pinetrees, Frog lane. Insertion of first floor gable end window.
- 12/0321 Malt House, Shipton Road. Alterations and erection of rear extensions (to allow increase to roof height of kitchen extension and blocking up of barn window.
- 12/0322 Malt House, Frog Lane. Internal and external alterations to include erection of rear extensions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of thanks received from The Lady Reade Foundation for donation of £200 given by the Council.

Milton-u-Wychwood Village Hall Committee advice increase in letting charges with effect from 1 April 2012. Hire of hall for Parish Council meeting will increase from £25 to £27 per month.

The Council agreed to renew membership to Oxfordshire Rural Community Council at £30 for the coming year.

The Council agreed to renew subscription of 2 copies of the Local Council Review at £31.

OCC will be operating a new Dial-a-Ride bus scheme for disabled and mobility-impaired people from 2 April 2012.

The Council were not in favour of a donation to St John Ambulance or Yellow Submarine at this time.

The Clerk has various circulars.

ACCOUNTS: The following payments were agreed:

E Parsons	- salary	228.80	M Ricketts	148.20
	- expenses	12.50	Puddle Pet Care	289.80
Alfred Groves & Sons		7.04	M-u-W Village Hall	300.00
NALC-review		31.00	ORCC-membership	30.00
			TOTAL	£1047.34

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Grass cutting contractors generally come to the village on a Friday. Mrs Ricketts will be asked if she could pick up litter from the green on a Thursday in preparation for the grass cutting.

Vehicles seem to be parking on the village green permanently. Cllr Haine is aware of this and reported that the vehicles belong to Corner Cottage, Church Road. The vehicles are out of the way by parking on the green.

Vehicles are parking on the grass on the village green, particularly the Boys Football Club. Cllr Haine will pass this on to the people concerned.

OCC bus services are being reviewed which include the Stagecoach 233 and RH 8 service. It was agreed to send letter of support for these services.

Cllr Naish reported that this was his last meeting and thanked the Council and wished the new Council good luck.

Election takes place on Thursday 3 May and the count will take place in the village hall in the evening.

Thanks were passed to both Cllr Naish and Cllr Hart who are standing down from the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 16 May 2012