

Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th April 2015

PRESENT: Cllrs Collett, DCllr Haine, H. Jones, Naish, Rawlins. Parish Clerk: Jenny Miller.
10 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr L.Jones, Cllr Smith, CCllr Rose.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: N/A

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The March minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC

Chairman welcomed public and announced change to advertised Agenda which would be without PC Audit item due to delay in details required for Audit.

Cemetery gates: gates are now being closed more consistently as requested but left-hand gate does not close fully and paintwork is chipped. Clerk to look into this.

Little Stock Brook: Chairman is awaiting 2 further quotes which have been promised. WODC wish to look into details of scheme and are now considering before granting approval. Given approval, Chairman hopes work may start after the Summer subject to agreement with Mr Coombes.

MATTERS ARISING

Overhanging tree in bus shelter alley: Cllr Rawlins confirmed the tree needs to be dealt with. Clerk to contact Kevin Grant to organise removal.

Grass cutting contract: Kevin Grant has been awarded contract once again.

Defibrillator for St Simon and St Jude: has arrived and in storage whilst awaiting permission to fit to the church.

Lorries through village: Hacklings have been contacted with concerns over dangerous driving of delivery lorries through village but no response yet received.

ELECTRONIC BANKING FOR PARISH COUNCIL

As Responsible Financial Officer, Clerk outlined reasons for considering online banking for Parish Council accounts, namely ease and speed of payment to creditors and receipt of payment into PC accounts from debtors. Risks to security were outlined and reference made to NALC Model Financial Regulations to be used as guidelines for ensuring financial matters are handled lawfully and securely. Cllr Rawlins expressed concern about security. Cllr Haine agreed that online banking is quicker and cheaper but feels that safeguarding measures need to be established. PC would like more time to consider with reference to Financial Regulations and bank safeguarding procedures. Clerk to forward any relevant information to PC.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications received:

1) Ref 15/01081/HHD

33 The Sands, MUW

Erection of single storey side extension

No objection

Applications approved:

1) Ref 15/00614/HHD

Fairhaven. Jubilee Lane, MUW

17th March 2014

Detached garage and log store

2) Ref 15/00092/POB

20 Harmans Court, MUW

2nd April 2014

Discharge of planning obligation for planning approval 03/1874/P/FP to allow the over 55s

Applications ongoing:

1) Ref 15/00197/OUT

Land south of High Street, MuW

Decision will be delayed until after 1st June. Sharba Homes have extended time to consider all objections to their proposals.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter seeking permission to erect memorial which complies with cemetery regulations (Jane Woolterton). PC approved.	E.Taylor & Son
Email announcing launch of Community Policing Awards 2015 intended as opportunity to nominate police officer, member of staff or volunteer who has gone above and beyond to help their community. Request that this be advertised on website.	www.thamesvalley.police.uk/communityawards
Email copy of letter sent to police regarding more oversized lorries using weight-limited route through Upper Milton.	Mr Shaw
Pre-submission draft West Ox Local Plan inviting representations before 8 th May.	WODC
Ascott PC invitation to meet Wychwood Councils on 10 th June or 24 th June. PC confirmed 24th June is best date for majority.	Angela Barnes, Ascott Clerk
Email about Woodland Trust tree Packs to apply for community use. Clerk to apply for pack for village green.	Mr van der Poll
Flyer about Public Talk 'Why can't I just stop smoking?' and request to advertise locally Thurs 7 th May 2015 6pm, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Free entry. Request that this be advertised on website.	Oxford Biomedical Research Centre

VILLAGE GREEN

Play equipment: Another meeting took place. Awaiting decisions about funding from 4 major donors.

DONATIONS

Request from Wychwood Youth Club for contribution to funding. Funding will contribute towards weekly meetings and activities for 9-13 year old boys and girls from local villages (majority of whom from Milton); paid Youth Leader; hire of the hall. Cllr Haine proposed £200. PC voted unanimously in favour.

ACCOUNTS

a. Payments out authorised and cheques signed:

1. M. Ricketts Lengthperson salary	£152.37
2. J. Miller Clerk salary	£313.57
3. Defibrillator for St Simon & St Jude	£1658.10
4. Alfred Groves bin bags	£3.52
5. Business Focus newsletter printing	£90
6. HMRC PAYE payment Jan-Mar	£104.80
7. WODC Household waste collection (1 ^{1/2} installments)	£199.94
8. MuW Welfare Trust (half of allotments shooting rights payment)	£37.50
9. Wychwood Youth Club donation under Sec 137	£200

TOTAL **£2759.80**

b. Payments in:

1. Cemetery	£150
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TOTAL **£150**

Current balance in Community Account: £24338.57

Current balance in Business Account: £53039.45

PUBLIC

Wychwoods Together meeting: Query about whether Neighbourhood Plan would be on Agenda. Chairman confirmed it is likely to be discussed. Further discussion about merits of Neighbourhood Plan as a means of preventing unwanted development in village. Chairman and Vice-Chairman informed PC that Plan requires PC to identify areas in village which would be alternative potential areas for development which will inevitably be controversial so hesitant to embark on Plan but will look into it further and consider fully.

Elm Grove grass cutting: waste grass being left on verge and looking untidy.

Compost heaps in Upper Milton: unsightly and visible compost heaps on roadside. Cllr Haine to contact land owner.

AOB

Welfare Trust allotments: Request for next PC newsletter to advertise these. Any interested parties are to contact Cllr Rawlins.

Cars on High Street: concern about lack of passing places in High Street due to volume of parked cars forcing drivers to drive along pavement in places and causing deep concern for pedestrian safety. Cllr Haine to contact Cllr Rose with suggestion of road markings preventing parking at intervals along street.

Church Meadow ash tree birds: extreme problem with bird deposits under ash trees has led Cllr Jones to contact land owners who have been asked previously to tackle the problem and awaits a response.

Emergency Plan: needs updating in more comprehensive format so sub-committee to form to work through this in coming month.

Parking for The Paddocks contractors: Village Hall car park always full and proving to be problem for users of village hall. Cllr Haine has suggested they use village green car park.

PARISH CLERK EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

Employment contract for Clerk was approved and signed by the Chairman and Clerk in the presence of the Councillors.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.