

Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 21 August 2013 in the Church Room, St Simon & St Jude Church at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Collett, Rawlins, Marsden, Naish and Cllr Smith.
8 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Haine, Cllr Helen Jones and Cllr Laura Jones.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 July 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC:

Mr Wilks informed the Council that residents of The Heath have dug out littlestock brook and hired a skip to remove the shingle.

Environment Agency has visited and given positive advice regarding widening inlet of pond up stream but not the outlet. They will provide a report following their meeting in time for Parish Council September meeting.

The Council were thanked for removing the dead weeds along Church Road.

Equipment has been stolen from sheds at the Allotments. A suggestion was made that the Allotment gates should be locked and all tenants could have a key.

MATTERS ARISING:

Cllr Smith reported that the hawthorn cut back at Fettiplace was not the one that a resident had complained about. Cllr Rawlins offered to re-visit the site and will cut back the hawthorn in question.

Cllr Rawlins met with Mr Wallington at the Allotments and agreed that the weeds are very high and more than he can deal with. It was agreed to put the Allotments on the Agenda for September meeting.

The Clerk has replied to Mrs Upton regarding the placing of a bench at the Cemetery.

Cllr Marsden is somewhat surprised by the Council's comments regarding the proposal put forward for the Quart Pot. The bus shelter was given to the village. The Council has been advised by WODC that a decision regarding the request for the Quart Pot to be listed as a Community Asset has been suspended pending forthcoming planning application. The Parish Council will judge the planning application as and when received.

It was agreed that The Allotments would be an item on the Agenda at the next meeting as there are various matters to discuss.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

13/1097 22 Poplar Farm Close. Replace flat roof with pitched roof. No objections.

WODC has granted:

13/0909 Charnwood, Shipton Road. First floor side extension.

13/0774 9 Wychwood Drive. Single storey rear extension.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter received from resident concerning the state of the Allotments. This matter is being addressed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Quote has been received to supply and fit larger metal fence around the oak tree on the Village Green.

The Clerk has various circulars and emails.

VILLAGE GREEN:

Cllr Rawlins reported that a second price is awaited for new play equipment. The play equipment committee are to meet before this is presented to the Parish Council.

ROSPA play equipment report has been received of which there are only minor repairs to be made, mainly to the rocking horse.

Chairman will chase Millfield Groundwork regarding the soak away at the swings as it is worth getting this done.

Mr Pratley will be contacted to ask him to look at the railings along the roadside opposite the hairdressers. The railings need bolting together.

ACCOUNTS: The following payments were agreed:

E Parsons	- salary	228.80	M Ricketts	163.75
	- expenses	12.50	K Grant	1340.00
Alfred Groves & Sons		10.86	Complete Weed Control	372.00
Playsafety Ltd		199.20	Wychwood Wrought Iron	130.80
			TOTAL	£2457.91

Receipts:

Hatwells Fair donation 50.00

Balance of Accounts as at 31 July 2013:

Balance B/Fwd 1.4.13 21,361.13

+ Income 25,808.44

47,169.57

- Expenditure 7,719.17

39,450.40

C/A 26,466.57

D/A 12,983.83

39,450.40

PUBLIC:

Mr Trotman reported that the new scout groups set up are going well. The Wychwood School is being very co-operative and supportive.

Residents are concerned and unhappy about the possible loss of the bus shelter and proposal of 8 flats at the Quart Pot.

The Council was asked to include: 1.Proposal of youth shelter, 2.Youth Club on the Agenda for the next meeting.

The bus shelter was a donation to the village and if it were to be knocked down, a new modern one would replace it.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr Smith reported that the roadside along Fettiplace and Reade Close is very untidy with shrubs and tree branches overhanging. The Clerk will write to residents concerned.

Hedges at 7 High Street and 32 The Sands are also overhanging. The Clerk will write to residents concerned.

Cllr Marsden has been asked if the ashes of pets can be buried at the Cemetery. The Parish Council did not object to this. Interment fees would be payable.

Shipton-u-Wychwood Parish Council has invited members of the Council together with members of Ascott-u-Wychwood Parish Council to an informal meeting to exchange ideas and practices. At The Wychwood Inn on Tuesday 24 September at 7.30pm.

Fence along the footpath between Elm Grove and Frog Lane is broken. The fence does not serve any purpose and the Chairman will arrange to remove it.

The development of the Extra Care Home was due to have started. It is not clear what is happening.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 18 September 2013