

Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 17th February 2016

PRESENT: Cllr Collett, DCllr Haine, Cllrs Naish (Chairman), Rawlins, Smith, Trotman, CCllr Rose; Parish Clerk: Jenny Miller; 20 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Jones

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Cllr Haine declared current planning applications. Cllr Naish declared the planning application 16/00042/FUL.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The January minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC

Quart Pot planning application: The PC were told that only 3 parking spaces will be available to customers of The Milton Hare and were requested to consider this in the consideration of planning application on adjacent plot.

5. MATTERS ARISING

Allotments: Cllr Trotman offered to take over responsibility for allotments applications, to include showing potential tenants the vacant plots.

Wychwood FC trip: Cllr Trotman reported that the Milton Community Fund has donated £100 towards the trip.

Play equipment posters: Cllr Trotman has placed 5 posters around the village displaying plans of the new play equipment.

Village Green railings: Cllr Collett reported that the quote for repair work is £200. Work will proceed shortly.

The Paddocks sign: Cllr Haine showed picture of the designs being considered and reported that the cost will be covered by Greensquare.

PC May elections: Notice of election will be published shortly and application forms to be available from Clerk from the beginning of March.

Grass cutting: 72 places in village of differing areas cut by OCC twice yearly. OCC grant available for 3 years. Cllr Haine queried whether to seek quote from Kevin Grant for these areas before PC make a decision. All in favour.

6. CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER TO CO-OPT TO FILL VACANCY ARISING FROM THE DEATH OF COUNCILLOR MARSDEN

Discussion ensued regarding reasons to co-opt. Cllr Naish moved to co-opt John Pratt onto PC, Cllr Smith seconded. Vote passed. Cllr Naish invited John to join the PC at the table which he accepted.

7. CEMETERY RULES REVIEW

Following recent request for a shrub to be planted over a grave, the Cllrs Naish, Rawlins and Trotman have visited the cemetery. It was concluded that while shrubs have been planted in the older section of the cemetery, shrubs in the new section are all in pots in accordance with the rules. Some shrubs are untidy and Cllr Trotman offered that Milton Volunteers trim where necessary until the new PC take over in May. It was suggested that the unconsecrated ground to the eastern edge parallel with the road be used by those who wish to plant a shrub or tree in memory of a loved one but permission to be sought from the PC to ensure chosen planting is suitable.

It was reported that the beech hedging and fencing is in need of attention. Cllr Trotman to look into.

PC agreed that rules should clarify that in the new section of the cemetery graves can be double depth and therefore reservation of a plot on the death of the spouse is only to be within the same grave not the adjacent one. It was also clarified that more than one member of a family may be buried in an ashes plot.

8. CONSIDERATION OF POWER FOR CLERK TO AUTHORISE SPENDING ON EMERGENCY ITEMS BETWEEN MEETINGS

PC were in favour of authorising Councillors to spend to a maximum of £100 between meetings on items deemed necessary and thought it an unnecessary burden to seek permission from the Clerk.

9. QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Cllr Trotman proposed setting a date of Sunday 15th May for a picnic on the green. Cllr Haine to enquire into the MSA ablutions being available for the occasion. Cllr Trotman suggested local school groups provide live music. Sub-committee comprising Cllrs Naish, Rawlins, and Trotman will look into further details including marquee hire.

10. UPCOMING COUNCILLOR TRAINING COURSE

Cllr Trotman and Pratt would like to attend OALC 'Roles and Responsibilities for new councillors' course on 2nd March. All in favour of paying for both to attend.

11. FRIDAY NIGHT PIZZA VAN ON VILLAGE GREEN

PC discussed the proposal for a pizza van to sell pizzas from 5-8.30pm on Friday evenings. It was moved to agree to pizza van with a suggestion of extending time to 9.30pm and to ensure that the van parks in the gravel parking area. Vote carried. Some discussion about charging pizza van for parking and Councillors agreed not to charge.

12. COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

Cllr Rose reported that the budget was passed on 16th Feb. County budget made £4m less cuts than Cabinet budget so cuts to be deferred for 12 months to allow more time for organisations to plan. Cllr Rose has organised meetings with representatives from local PCs regarding bus service cuts over the coming months.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New applications:

16/00042/FUL	The Quart Pot <u>2 detached dwellings</u>	Objection
PC were reminded that in a previous application by the same applicant, the planning officer said that the pub was to be established as a profitable business before any planning application would be considered on the land adjacent to the pub. Councillors expressed concern for lack of parking and the hope that the land would instead be used for pub parking to ease congestion on the High St and reduce risk of accident. It was proposed that the PC object to the application. Vote carried.		
16/00197/HHD	3 Old School House, Lyneham Road <u>Removal of hedge and fence and replace with new fence (retrospective)</u>	No Objection
16/00192/HHD	4 Sunnyview <u>2 storey extension</u>	No Objection
16/00277/HHD	17 Poplar Farm Close <u>Erection of conservatory and conversion of garage to playroom</u>	No Objection

14. CORRESPONDENCE

Invite to attend Wild Gardens AGM on 22 nd March. Cllr Pratt to attend.
Thanks received from Milton fete committee in respect of donation to the 2016 fete.
Kathryn Ventham of Barton Willmore, representing Sharba Homes confirmed by email that there was no contact with any member of the PC regarding the planning application prior to the meeting. No clear answer was given as to the origin of wrong information about a survey conducted by the PC showing support for the application. Clerk to investigate further.
Letter from caseworker in David Cameron's office regarding an enquiry into reserving 4 plots in the cemetery.
Quote for weed control, £360 for sportsfield, £390 for roads and paths. Cllr Trotman to enquire into what areas are covered.
Wychwood magazine requesting a summary of PC business for bi-monthly publication. Cllr Naish to compose by end of the month.
Invitation to Oxfordshire Together bus service meeting hosted by Cllr Rose on 22 nd Feb in library with Villager Community bus service. Cllrs Naish and Haine to attend.

15. VILLAGE GREEN

Long grass: Cllr Naish proposed a motion that an early cut be arranged if required in March. Vote carried.

New Play equipment: Cllr Rawlins reported that Playdale say that churning up of Village Green is inevitable but they will cover areas affected with grass seed on departure and advise fencing off area for one week following installation. Railings will be removed opposite the Co-op at site access point. Cllr Rawlins will make enquiries into removal of old equipment should members of the public wish to make use of old play equipment. Cllr Haine to enquire about making MSA ablutions available to installation team.

16. SEC 137/DONATIONS

Dog fouling spray paint: Cllr Rawlins proposed a £35 reimbursement for paint. Vote carried.

17. ACCOUNTS

a. Payments out:

2. M. Ricketts Length person salary		£ 137.30
3. J. Miller Clerk salary	£ 269.87	
expenses:		
dog poo bags	£ 69.65	
stamps	£ 54	
photocopying	£ 3	
condolences card	£1.40	
Sub-total		£ 397.92
4. Alfred Groves bin bags	£ 3.51	
5. HMRC PAYE Oct-Dec	£ 105.40	
6. Remaining share of allotment field rent payment to Wel. Trust	£ 5	
7. Mud mat for village green gate (retrospective)	£ 24.99	
8. Sec 137 Dog fouling spray paint reimbursement	£ 35	
9. OALC new Councillors training course x2	£ 156	
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	TOTAL	£ 865.12

NB. Broken railings work has been authorised by clerk as an emergency repair to go ahead at a cost of £200 which will be paid next month once work has been completed.

Payments in and bank balance were unavailable since bank statements had not yet been received for this month. Cheques were signed by 2 Councillors. Chairman moved to approve payments. Vote carried.

18. PUBLIC

Fish and chip van: Suggestion that PC consider seeking payment for parking since it is a successful business and could serve for extra income in light of OCC cuts.

Quart Pot: PC was informed that owner of Quart Pot would consider selling his land to The Hare owners for a car park if his current application is refused.

Missing road signs: Fingerpost signs need replacing from Bruern to Milton and from High Lodge Farm to Milton.

Grass cutter: Suggestion that the grass cutting happen less frequently around areas such as village green in order to allow for extra cuts in areas where OCC grass cutting will terminate. Further suggestion that villagers help cut small areas currently cut twice yearly by OCC. Cllr Trotman asked Cllr Haine for the list of 72 areas to see if some could be cut by nearby residents. Cllr Trotman to make enquiries.

Speeding in village: PC informed that Police are aware of problem and the hope is that speed detection equipment will be obtained. Suggestion that speed limit be changed. Cllr Rose replied that this is very costly and time consuming and may not result in any action being taken anyway.

Sharba Homes claims: Questions regarding correspondence with Barton Willmore and whether PC will pursue the matter, especially if false representation has been made. Clerk to repeat queries to Bartone Willmore before next PC meeting.

AOB

Welcome to new Councillor: Cllr Pratt was welcomed onto the PC.

Allotments: It was reported that there has been a very positive response to the clearing of the allotments and tenancy has been taken of previously overgrown plots.

Memorial Plaque: Mrs Kirby plaque has been attached to bench.

Fish and chip van: Cllr Pratt requested that consideration of payment for parking should be on agenda next month.

Fencing between Alfred Groves and Elm Grove: Cllr Collett reported fence needs replacing between properties. Clerk to enquire into who is responsible for replacing.

Emergency Plan: In need of review. Councillor to take on responsibility after May election.

Cllr Naish closed the meeting at 9.35pm.