

Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 17 July 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Collett, Rawlins, Haine, Naish, Smith, Helen Jones and Laura Jones.  
8 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Marsden

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Cllr Rawlins declared a personal interest in planning application 13/0932 Lancut House, Lyneham Road.

Cllr Collett declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application 13/0935 Alfred Groves & Sons Ltd.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 15 May 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC:

The weeds along the pavement at Church Road have died but need removing. Weed control has been carried out.

Copies of the Agenda and minutes of the last meeting were not available at the meeting.

The village fete had been a great success. Thanks were given to Councillors for their efforts.

A meeting of the Village Green sub-committee has taken place and they would like to see the following happen:

1. Recycling the existing play equipment to keep costs down. They are awaiting proposals and costings from Playdale Play Equipment.
2. Youth shelter on the village green for the older youths. Proposal of what they would like will be circulated to Cllrs.
3. Wychwood Baptist Church proposal to start a youth club for 14 year old +.

Parish Council representations on the Sub-committee were clarified:

Cllr Rawlins, Cllr Helen Jones and Cllr Laura Jones are representing the Parish Council primarily to discuss the replacing of the play equipment. Cllr Helen Jones and Cllr Laura Jones do not represent the Parish Council when discussing matters relating to the youth shelter or the youth club.

Cllr Haine reported that he has received a complaint from resident of Ansell Way whereby someone screamed through a low window in the early hours of the morning.

Mrs Raye will continue to meet with the young people in the village. They meet in the bus shelter and would very much like somewhere where they could sit and talk.

Mr Wallington addressed the Council in support of a letter that he has sent regarding the state of some of the Allotments. Cllr Rawlins agreed to speak with Mr Wallington after the meeting and is happy to go to the Allotments and try to cut back allotments where necessary.

Nothing seems to be happening following the meeting at the Allotments with OCC Highways and Environment Agency.

Cllr Haine agreed to speak with County Cllr Rose regarding the finger post sign for Church Road.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Cllr Helen Jones reported that she has not heard from Builders Ede.

Cllr Rawlins reported that he has inspected the lime trees at the Church Yard and does not consider that they are in urgent need of cutting back.

Mr Cheeseman has cut back the lime trees that overhang from his garden in Church Road.

Cllr Rawlins reported that the hawthorn has been cut back at Fettiplace.

Cllr Smith reported that she has no response from her calls to Mr Grant.

Cllr Laura Jones updated the Council following a meeting of the Village Green sub-committee to discuss the replacing of the play equipment. Playdale Play equipment is to draw up a draft plan, which should be available by the end of the month to filter out to everyone.

Village Hall Committee has discussed the proposal for outside light and has decided that it is not worthwhile. If residents need to access the sand store at night they would use their car headlights.

Cllr Haine has spoken with County Cllr Rose regarding the removal of the highway signs for Greenlands.

Tennis nets and basketball nets need replacing on the hard play area. They are well used and the Parish Council agreed to look into replacing these. Netball nets may be required also.

The dog poo bags have been delivered.

Cllr Laura Jones produced a flier for residents along Green Lane regarding the proposal for a dog poo bin. 4 replies were received: 3 in favour and 1 against. No strong opinion. Cllr Haine proposed to have new dog bins at top of High Street and at Green Lane. A vote was taken: 4 in favour and 3 against. The proposal was carried. Cllr Haine will mark sites and contact WODC to action.

#### THE QUART POT AND BUS SHELTER:

Cllr Haine reported that he has met with owner of the Quart Pot together with WODC Planning Officer and Representative of Selling Agents. They met at the Quart Pot which is now only a shell. With the Quart Pot listed as a Community Asset it means that there are restrictions. The Parish Council would like to see the Pub re-open and operate as a business.

Cllr Haine has had two further meetings with the owner who would like to put forward proposal to the Parish Council for development of the site and facilitating the re-opening of the pub.

Cllr Haine has drawings of the proposal. The building plot could accommodate 8 flats and the owner is proposing that profit from the sale of the first four flats would be used to do up the Quart Pot to be fully

operational as a pub. The owner is asking the Parish Council if they will give up the present bus shelter at the site. In return, a replacement bus shelter could be put on the opposite side of the road.

The building would be in keeping with the character of the village and would allow the Quart Pot to get up and running as a pub. Cllr Haine was thanked for his work with WODC to come up with such a scheme, which would still be subject to planning permission.

This is a good solution. The Council could ask for a wall along the alleyway put in place of the wire fencing as a reward for giving up the bus shelter. It would be in the owner's interests to do a good job with refurbishing the Quart Pot to make it work. The Council will also be able to have input.

Chairman agreed that this was a good idea in principal if it would bring the pub back to the village. But this was a compromise as he pointed out that the Parish Council has previously objected to development of the site and yet now support the development of 8 flats. There is no guarantee that the pub will succeed.

Cllr Rawlins proposed that the Parish Council loose the bus shelter for the development to go-ahead. Cllr Laura Jones backed the proposal. A vote was taken:  
4 votes in favour and 3 abstentions. Proposal therefore carried.  
Cllr Haine will keep the Parish Council informed of developments.

#### MONITORING GRASS CUTTING:

Cllr Helen Jones as spoken with person who has complained and the matters seems to have resolved and all is OK now.

Cllr Smith tries to be in regular contact with Mr Grant. He comes to the village on a Friday.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Cllr Rawlins left the meeting at this point for the following to be discussed:

13/0932 Lancut House, Lyneham Road. Erection of carport/store. No objections.

Cllr Rawlins returned to the meeting.

13/0909 Charnwood, Shipton Road. Erection of first floor side extension. No objections.

Cllr Collett (Chairman) left the meeting at this point and Cllr Rawlins resided as Chairman for the following to be discussed:

13/0935 Alfred Groves & Sons, Shipton Road. Alterations to rebuild the existing DIY shop destroyed by fire. Incorporation new first floor offices. No objections.

Cllr Collett returned to the meeting and took over as Chairman.

13/0989 Harrys Cottage, Upper Milton. Conversion of garage to create self contained annex. No objections.

#### WODC has granted:

13/0586 Priorsfield, 4A Shipton Road. Alterations and erection of two storey side extension.

13/0608 Englefield Cottage, 72 High Street. Erection of single storey rear extension to form conservatory.

13/0716 Orchard Cottage, Shipton Road. Erection of single storey front extension.

13/0742 Heath Cottage, Green Lane. Erection of first floor and two storey extension.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Letter of thanks has been received from The Lady Reade Educational Trust for the Parish Council donation of £200.

There were no objections to the placing of a memorial stone on the gravesite of the late Mr Upton.

Mrs Upton would like to place a wooden bench in the Cemetery near Mr Upton's grave in his memory. The Parish Council agreed in principal to this request. The Clerk will reply.

Letter received from Mr Wallington regarding state of some of the Allotments and the Parish Council responsibility to enforce the Rules to the Allotments. He suggests that the Allotment holders form a Committee. This matter will be discussed during Any other business.

The Council agreed to pay the estimated bill to Thames Water amounting to £248.83

The Council were informed that Mrs Ricketts is away on holiday this week.

The Emergency Plan continues to be circulated.

The Clerk has various circulars.

**VILLAGE GREEN:**

Cllr Rawlins hoped that they would be able to report back at the next meeting regarding the play equipment.

Cllr Naish asked who had cleaned the graffiti from the Wendy House.

The support bars have been replaced at the hard play area but the rivets are still missing. Cllr Haine will check and let Cllr Collett know what's missing.

The village green looked lovely for the fete. Thank you to everyone who made it a success. It was an error to have both a burger van and pizza van at the fete and lessons have been learnt from this.

It was agreed not to do anything for the time being about replacing the picnic benches.

Cllr Laura Jones will forward information relating to the youth shelter on to all Parish Councillors.

**ACCOUNTS:** The following payments were agreed:

E Parsons	- salary	228.80	M Ricketts	158.65
	- expenses	12.50	Business Focus	90.00
	- ink cartridges	36.00	Mutts Butts	139.30
Alfred Groves & Sons		6.36	Thames Water	248.83
K Grant		1340.00		
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2260.44</b>

Payments received:

Allotment rent £3.50

**PUBLIC:**

The picnic benches on the village green were discussed further. They had been positioned by the gate where the paddling pool used to be but this was not a good place for them. If the benches are fixed down then they will be vandalised. They have not been put where the youths would like them. The benches are for everyone's use.

The bus shelter was discussed. Neighbours may prefer open modern style shelter in its place. The developer never had any intention of selling the Quart Pot as a going concern and he is only interested in making money. The key issue now is the price of the pub to get someone interested. The proposal sounds too good to be true.

Mr O'Keefe has prices for the use of cameras, which is very expensive if the Parish Council were to consider this.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr Rawlins reported that the Welfare Trust has received response from the Charity Commissioners relating to the proposal of a community orchard and it looks as though permission will be granted. The Welfare Trust will be meeting in September and a decision will be made then.

Cllr Laura Jones will follow up idea of a Youth Club.

Cllr Haine reported that a representative would like to come and talk to the Parish regarding superfast broadband and give an update. He will be invited to the September meeting.

Cllr Naish reported vandalism at the Allotments.

It was agreed that a meeting would be held in August. A different venue will be arranged, as the Village Hall will be in use.

Part of the pathway at Lancut is overgrown and a resident has offered to cut back where necessary. The Council agreed to this offer of help.

Cllr Rawlins will meet with Mr Wallington at the Allotments. Any further problems to refer to Chairman

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

**NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 21 August 2013**