

Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 18 June 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Collett, Rawlins, Marsden, Naish, Helen Jones
15 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs Laura Jones, Smith and Haine

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: Councillor Naish and Rawlins re. planning application Ref 14/0831/P/FP, Lyneham Road.

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

PUBLIC:

The Grapevine email, which is circulating to some members of the village about the possible housing development on the High Street, was mentioned and criticised for not having an author's name with it.

Concern was expressed that the presentation by Jon Westerman, at the May meeting, was not on the Agenda. The Chairman explained that the request had come to make a presentation to the Parish Council as the basis to go on to public consultation and this had been included as part of the meeting. Public presentation on 21 June.

The refreshed village website was said to be very good and people can register to get a refreshed update.

The money has now been raised by a local committee to buy a second defibrillator for the village. They are going to pay a cheque to the PC to purchase this. The PC has now purchased the first and it is with Cllr Marsden, awaiting installation instructions.

A request for an update on the Environment Agency regarding the Heath was made. The request for a meeting with residents, PC and EA was made again. The Chairman said he had chased the EA who had acknowledged receipt of his email. Councillor Rose said he had also raised the matter with the EA about their ecological survey. He said it was important to keep the pressure on. Residents are finding the delay unacceptable. PC said if we go ahead without the EA support it could cost £1,250 for the survey. Councillor Rose confirmed you can't touch a river without their agreement. Mr Wilks was thanked for his help sorting the skip.

MATTERS ARISING:

Cllr Jones said she had had a poor response to her email about publishing a village directory. Now maybe move to a welcome folder with A4 sheets of contacts, which she would be happy to keep up to date. Offer given to help with this.

Cllr Rawlins had looked at the broken seat and Milton Volunteers were going to help restore this. The new swing seat has been fitted. On grass cutting a good job is being done and Kevin has cut the hedge on the Green and the grass on the triangle at the end of Green Lane.

DEFIBRILLATOR:

Defibrillator – Discussed where the first one, now purchased, might be located. Update that sports club on the Green may be getting one from Sport England. Voted for the first one to be fitted at the Village Hall and Cllr Naish to raise this with the Village Hall Committee. Future

decisions on where other defibrillators may be sited, when they have been purchased and delivered.

VILLAGE GREEN ACTIVITIES

The PC not in a position to put on activities but it would consider applications for funding support if volunteers came forward ready to run sport etc.

LADY READE CHARITY

Cllr Rawlins requested a donation from the PC of £200, which has been made in the past, for the charity that awards small grants of between £50-100 to local youngsters going into further education or an apprenticeship. The grants are to pay for books and equipment. Last year grants awarded to two young people in Milton, the year before to four, money that does go back in the village. The PC voted to award £200.

TRANSPORT

Cllr Naish gave a report on the standard of service since the new provider started and concluded it was not acceptable. Buses have run out of fuel, not turned up, drivers have not known the routes, often the buses are full and people can't get on and there has been one incidence reported of a driver using a mobile while on the A40. Councillor Rose said that although not funded by WODC they still had an interest in the service and requested Cllr Naish to write to him with the concerns she has heard about.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT:

A report from Cllr Rose would now be on the agenda each month. It provides an opportunity to give an update on the work at WODC. There is a meeting on 7 July in Witney on Connecting Oxfordshire about forthcoming plans for transport around Oxford. Also mentioned the electrification of the train service planned from Oxford to Bedford. If the Cotswold line is not electrified it will mean changing at Oxford to get to London.

A361 some resurfacing work planned, also from the Red Horse to Shipton Post Office will have resurfacing work around Christmas.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Four planning applications received this month.

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| 14/0746 | Staddlestones, Shipton Road M-U-W
Erection of single storey rear extension. No objections. |
| 14/0810 | 1 Poplar Farm Close, M-U-W
Alterations and erection of single storey rear extension. No objections. |
| 14/0814 | 1 Brookfield Close, M-U,W
Erection of 1 st floor and two story side extension. No objections. |
| 14/0831 | Cardale, Lyneham Road M-U-W
Conversion of garage to living accommodation (restrospective) Insertion of front
And rear roof light and flue to front elevation. No objections. |

CORRESPONDENCE:

WW1 service at the church. Happy for this to be put on the website.
Email that village looking untidy.

VILLAGE GREEN:

Cllr Rawlins gave an update on plans for new play equipment. Another meeting as been held and 90% of equipment desired has been decided. There is a meeting soon with Playdale to measure up. Target date is 2015. Grant applications need to be in by September 2014.
On grass cutting needs to be tidied round oak tree where there are a lot of nettles

ACCOUNTS: The following payments were agreed:

C Redman	- salary	228.80	M Ricketts	147.53
	- expenses	12.50	Grass Cutting	1,608.75
Alfred Groves & Sons		8.21	Defibrillator	1,640.10
Internal audit		80.00		
			TOTAL	£4,016.69

The following payments were received:

The Pound		
Parkinson	£32.50	
Light	£65	
Stacey	£65	
		TOTAL
		£162.50

PUBLIC:

Defibrillator – a further update that there may be one at the dentist and this might be put on the outside for public use. Other sites to consider are the Baptist Church, St Simon and St Jude or the Library.

Confirmed the contract for grass cutting does not include picking this up. A member of the public offered to prune the overhanging shrubs at the corner of Elm Grove. Chairman said Cemetery gates would be soon. Comment on weeds throughout the village, Clerk to check if the weed killer has been put down. Request to write to home owners of four houses where hedges overgrown on Shipton Road before Green Lane. Also in the Sands.

New development off High Street raised. Chairman said the PC would be able to consider this when a planning application was made. A member of the public asked for a clear understanding of the grounds that objections could be made. Cllr Rose explained that the local development framework was under review. There was an issue of the cost to a Council to appeal. Also clarification sought from member of the public on what exactly was affordable housing.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr Helen Jones raised again the question of no road markings outside the development on Shipton Road and the danger of an accident. Clerk asked to write to the developers to ask for temporary markings to be installed.

Rural survey to be put on the Agenda for July meeting.

Clerk to the Council has given her resignation and the final meeting she can stay until is November 2014. Clerk asked to place advertisements to find a replacement.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm