

**Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council Meeting**  
**Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

PRESENT: Cllrs Collett, DCllr Haine, H. Jones, Marsden, Naish, Rawlins, Smith. Parish Clerk: Jenny Miller. 16 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: CCllr Rose and Cllr L. Jones representing PC at Wild Gardens AGM.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: N/A

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

**PUBLIC**

Chairman welcomed public and announced change of order to Agenda due to confidential item to be discussed.

MoP alerted PC to falling tree in alley near Quart Pot. Cllr Rawlins to follow up.

PC were thanked for quick publication of monthly draft meeting minutes online.

Request made for PC to consult and carefully consider latest Local Plan.

Query as to whether PC will produce a Neighbourhood Plan which would facilitate local involvement in democratic process. Suggestion was made to work on this Plan with Ascott and Shipton PCs and to involve appropriately skilled village residents to reduce costs.

**MATTERS ARISING**

*Little Stock Brook:* Chairman met with OCC regarding redistribution of spoil. WODC confirm no planning application required for work provided line of landscape remains unaltered. Mr Coombes has no objection to redistribution of spoil on-site. Top soil could be replaced over spoil. Further discussion to take place but agreed that most cost effective route would be to keep waste on-site.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

*Applications received:*

1) Ref 15/00614/HHD 17<sup>th</sup> March 2014

*Fairhaven. Jubilee Lane, MUW* **No Objection**

Detached garage and log store

*Applications approved:*

1) Ref 14/01627/FUL 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2014

*Wood Hay, Green Lane MUW* **(PC Objected in Dec)**

Erection of new single storey dwelling in rear garden and erection of replacement garage to serve existing house.

*Applications ongoing:*

1) Ref 15/00197/OUT

Date of decision 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm at WODC Offices

*Land south of High Street, MuW*

## CORRESPONDENCE

Letter seeking permission to erect memorial which complies with cemetery regulations. <b>Permission granted.</b>	Banbury Memorial Service
Letter announcing 6 week public consultation re: relocation of the MuW Post Office to ground floor of The Paddocks in July. Seek views on suitability of location and premises; ease of access; concerns and suggestions for improvement; community issues which might be affected; positive comments about proposals. Consultation 10/03 – 23/04.	Online questionnaire <a href="http://www.postofficeviews.co.uk">www.postofficeviews.co.uk</a> quoting code 15913799 or call 08457223344
Letter detailing twice-yearly charges for removal of household waste at Main Gates, Village Green from 01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016	WODC Commercial Waste Officer
Quotation for weed control in areas dealt with last year (kerb, back edge and pavement in MuW, The Pound, alleyways, play areas).	Complete Weed Control
Letter of thanks for PC donation, with leaflets for potential volunteers and brochures of services for prospective clients.	Volunteer Link-Up
Email about checking sand bunker & updating Emergency Plans.	WODC Emergency Planning
Letter asking PCs and communities to organise LiberTeas event on 14 <sup>th</sup> June celebrating 800 years since sealing of Magna Carta. <b>Suggestion of villager involvement in organisation – adverts to be placed on website and noticeboard appealing for help.</b>	Sir Peter Luff MP, Commons Chair for the Speakers' Advisory Group for the 2015 Anniversaries

## VILLAGE GREEN

Attempt being made to protect verge by MSA, otherwise all in good order.

## DONATIONS

Chairman raised request from Mr Woodward for donation to towards the under 11s and 12s annual trip to Gadget Show Live on Sat 11th Apr. 45 MSA children and 5 coaches. Suggested donation of £90 towards transport to Birmingham for the Wychwood FC children. Total cost of trip is £1400 approx. Chairman confirmed PC would donate due to significant number of MuW youngsters benefitting. Chairman proposed £100. There was unanimous agreement from PC.

## ACCOUNTS

**a. Payments out authorised and cheques signed:**

1. Margaret Ricketts litter-picking		£130.33
2. J. Miller Clerk	- salary	£286
	- home allowance	£12.50
	-expenses	£23.48
3. OCC Library funding		£321.98
4. Alfred Groves bin bags		£2032.88
5. Kevin Grant Hedge cutting in village green		£3.52
6. OALC annual subscription		£140
7. Mr Woodward football trip donation under Sec137		£308.45
		£100
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	TOTAL	<b>£3037.16</b>

**b. Payments in:**

1. Cemetery	£740
2. Donation for play equipment	£200
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TOTAL	<b>£940</b>

**Current balance in Community Account: £27,225.73**

**Current balance in Business account: £53,039.45**

## PUBLIC

*Grass cutting tenders:* comments made that grass cutting had been very well done with current contractor, except for Elm Grove.

*PO public consultation:* request that PC respond to public consultation. Clerk confirmed members of public are also able to make comments.

*Best kept village competition:* Query as to whether MuW would enter and comment made that Lengthperson is doing excellent job. Chairman replied that competition would be considered.

*Football trip donation:* Mr Woodward thanked PC for donation.

*Play equipment fund raising:* Enquiry into current funds raised thus far. Cllr Rawlins estimated 50% of £70000 target which includes funds promised by PC. Funds will pay for removal of older children's play equipment and installation of activity-based area for older children. Query as to whether fundraising activities have been organised and reply given that currently grants being sought from several sources as matter of priority. Suggestion for fundraising committee to liaise with Defib for Milton group who raised significant funds.

## AOB

*Troublesome lorries:* Cllr Smith reported that residents expressed concerns over fast, oversized lorries using High Street as a short-cut to Shipton Industrial Estate. Clerk to contact company concerned.

*Dog poo bags:* More required for free supply at vets.

*Village Noticeboard:* Newly erected outside village hall.

## GRASS CUTTING TENDERS (CONFIDENTIAL TO PC)

This discussion took place in private due to nature of subject matter being to discuss financial specifics of tenders submitted by contractors.

PC considered all 3 tenders, 2 of which were very competitive in price, the third being significantly higher.

PC considered that they have generally been very satisfied with work of current contractor, Kevin Grant and impressed with his helpfulness and quick response to requests. It was proposed and seconded that PC accept Mr Grant's tender in light of his excellent standard and reasonable quote.

It was decided that the specifications be altered so that Elm Grove be cut weekly rather than fortnightly and Mr Grant's quote would be adjusted accordingly.

Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm.