

Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 15 May 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr Marsden and County Cllr Rose.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: All agreed for Councillor Collett to stand as Chairman for the next 12 months.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: All agreed for Councillor Rawlins to stand as Vice Chairman for the next 12 months.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Village Hall Committee	Cllr Laura Jones
Lady Reade Charity	Cllr Rawlins
Milton Sports Association	Cllr Haine
Transport	Cllr Edna Naish
Welfare Trust	Cllr Rawlins
Milton Volunteers	Cllr Helen Jones

COUNCILLORS RESPONSIBILITIES:

Village archives	Cllr Collett
General maintenance/repairs	Cllr Collett
Play Equipment/multi sports area	Cllr Rawlins
Village Green	Cllr Haine and Cllr Rawlins
Allotments	Cllr Marsden
Churchyard and Cemetery	Cllr Marsden and Cllr Smith
Newsletter and Website	Cllr Laura Jones
Grass Cutting Monitor	Cllr Smith

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY:

Cllr Collett	Frog Lane, Forrest Close and Green Lane
Cllr Naish	Shipton Road, Pear Tree Close and Elm Grove
Cllr Rawlins	Ansell Way, Fettiplace, Reade Close and Sunnyview
Cllr Smith	The Sands, Woodlands Close and The Square
Cllr Marsden	Upper Milton, High Lodge Farm, Quarry Hill and Crows Castle
Cllr Helen Jones	Jubilee Lane, Wychwood Drive and Wychwood Close
Cllr Laura Jones	Bruern Road, Lyneham Road, Church Road, The Heath, Church Meadow and Brookfield Close
Cllr Haine	High Street, Poplar Farm Close and The Terrace

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 17 April 2013 were amended under PUBLIC to read that “ Cllr Haine is arranging a meeting with Ms Robinson”. The minutes were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

#### PUBLIC:

The Council were asked what was happening regarding the outside light to the Village Hall. Chairman reported that he is to speak with electrician to discuss the various issues with a view to finding a solution.

OCC will be coming out to view area with regard to the siting of requested finger post to forward proposal and costing. Suggested sites to include: Baptist chapel, library, Church meeting room, Co-Op, Post Office, Village Hall, Groves Industrial Centre.

Nothing appears to be happening following the meeting at the Allotment brook. Ms Robinson from Environment Agency has not sent her report and nothing has been received from Mr Hunt (OCC). To date nothing has happened. Cllr Haine will chase and speak with County Cllr Rodney Rose to see if he knows what is happening. There is a problem of gravel build up on the side of Pebblebrook House. Cllr Haine will follow this up.

#### MATTERS ARISING:

Cllr Helen Jones reported that she has met with Neil Bound from Builders Ede and Nick Dalby (WODC) on 18 April 2013 to discuss the copse at Church Meadow. There is an area order on the trees and Builders Ede, as owners are responsible for maintaining this area. There is also a strip of land adjacent some of the houses whereby ownership is unknown. Builders Ede are proposing to carry out work on the area and this will be done after the nesting season is over. Builders Ede hinted that they would be prepared to pass on ownership of the land to the Parish Council. The Council would not want to take this on if it is going to be expensive to maintain. It was agreed to wait until after September and see what sort of proposal is made. Cllr Helen Jones will keep the Council informed. The strip of land could be considered as a possible site for the community orchard if nowhere else can be found.

Council agreed to purchase the fixings for the picnic benches at a cost of approx. £90.00.

Mr Coombes has replaced the missing post at the Allotment gate.

Cost of new dog bins are £260 (which includes fitting) plus a charge of £4.50 each time the bin is emptied. The Council wish to consider siting a bin at the top of High Street (as you go out of the village) and also a bin for Green Lane has been mentioned in the past, Frog Lane was also mentioned. Cllr Haine will speak with Highways regarding siting at top of High Street and Green Lane.

Chairman reported that he has met with representative from Environment Agency and is awaiting response.

Draft Emergency Plan was passed to Cllr Naish.

Complete Weed Control has sprayed the weeds on the Village Green.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH MEETING:

Request was made for more sport activities to be provided, as there are interested parties in the village. This has also been raised with Milton Sports Association. Committee has been set up to look at new play equipment for the Village Green. Another Committee may have to be formed to deal with sporting activities, as this is a larger remit. People are enthusiastic now and it may be useful to open up discussions to gain help and advice. It was agreed to come back with findings.

A good school and police report was presented at the Parish Meeting.

## GRASS CUTTING:

Complaint has been received that the grass cuttings are not being picked up at Fettiplace.

Mr Grant should liaise with Cllr Smith regarding the grass cutting.

The grass on the Village Green has not been cut recently due to the spraying of the weeds.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- 13/0586 Priors Field, 4A Shipton Road. Alterations and erection of two-storey side extension. No objections.
- 13/0608 Englefield Cottage, 72 High Street. Erection of single storey rear extension and insertion of rooflight to existing front roof slope. No objections.
- 13/0649 Harrys Cottage, Upper Milton. Conversion of garage and erection of porch to create self contained annex. No objection but condition that garage is ancillary to property.

WODC has granted:

- 13/0328 Frogmore, Frog Lane. Erection of first floor extension over garage.
- 13/0424 Orchard House, Frog Lane. Erection of single storey rear extension.

WODC has refused:

13/0396 3 High Street. Erection of detached dwelling and formation of vehicular access. Cllr Haine reported that the land at the Quart Pot has been sold and is in another Company name. Planning officer is to visit the Quart Pot and a meeting has been arranged for 29 May 2013. The owner of the Quart Pot is keen to speak with the Parish Council as it is difficult to borrow funds when a property is listed as a Community Asset.

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of request has been received from St Simon & St Jude Church asking for a regular contribution to the Church from the increased proceeds from the Parish Precept. The Parish Council are already committed to the maintenance of the Church Yard and are responsible for the boundary wall, which all agreed that the Council should start looking at this now. The Council agreed that they are not in a position to commit to a regular contribution but would consider supporting a project as a separate item in the future. The Clerk will reply by letter.

£40 donation has been received from Milton-u-Wychwood WI towards the maintenance of the Village Green.

Thames Valley Police are seeking volunteers from the community to act as 'Rave Monitors.'

#### VILLAGE GREEN:

The basketball nets have been vandalised. Under the far basketball net, one of the steel support struts has been wrenched off the fencing and a lot of the metal rivets are missing, (especially at ground level), from around the Court. The rivets hold the fencing to the support struts and need replacing. Chairman will speak with Mr Pratley to repair. The Clerk will email also.

ACCOUNTS: The following payments were agreed:

E Parsons	- salary	228.80	M Ricketts	124.80
	- expenses	12.50	Mr B Way	80.00
Alfred Groves & Sons		7.99		
			TOTAL	£454.09

Payments received:

Precept	25000
M-u-W WI	40
Cemetery fees	600

#### ANNUAL RETURN YE 2013:

Annual Return for Year ended 31 March 2013:

Section 1 – Accounting Statement was presented to the Council and approved and signed by the Responsible Financial officer (RFO) and Chairman.

Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed by Chairman and Clerk.

#### PUBLIC:

Mr O'Keefe reported that he has volunteered as a Rave Monitor.

Milton Volunteers asked the Parish Council if they could show where the picnic benches are to be re-positioned or to consider another position.

Dog fouling and vandalism was discussed. All incidents should be reported to the Police. A lot of vandalism is at night when the Police are not around. Cost of CCTV is very expensive. Mr O'Keefe agreed to look at costs for hiring. He pointed out that if you get evidence of vandalism, are you going to be prepared to go to Court and how much it will all cost to do so.

Resident reported that he did not feel that the Village Green is suitable to play cricket on any longer. Various issues would need addressing.

Milton Volunteers want to establish a community orchard on the lower ground of redundant allotment plots managed by the Welfare Trust. Mr Naish (Chairman of Welfare Trust) has approached the Charity Commissioners to check that the land can be used in this way. Cllr Rawlins (as the Parish Council representative to the Welfare Trust) reported that this matter was discussed at the last meeting of the Welfare Trust and they have several concerns and matters to be addressed. Cllr Rawlins will forward these concerns to the Milton Volunteers and await reply. Cllr Laura Jones reported that it is a good idea in principal.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr Naish reported that there are changes to the X8 and X8A buses running from Milton-u-Wychwood to Chipping Norton with effect from 2 June 2013. Travellers will now have to change at Kingham Station.

The Post Office is running short of dog pooh bags. Cllr Helen Jones reported that she obtains her own bags at a very reasonable rate. She will get costs and let Councillors know.

Cllr Rawlins requested that The Lady Reade Charity be an item on the next Agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 19 June 2013