

Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 21 May 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Collett, Rawlins, Haine, Naish, Smith, Marsden, Helen Jones, Laura Jones.

18 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: None

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 Edna Naish
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

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

PUBLIC:

The bank at the Heath was raised and an update requested on the Environment Agency. EA advised PC to withdraw their application to avoid paying a £50 fee when the application would have failed because more information needed.

Heath residents expressed frustration at the delays.

Jon Westerman from Carter Jonas gave a brief presentation on a possible plan to develop 75 dwellings off the High Street in Milton. An outline plan and map were supplied. He introduced Jill and Phil James from Sharba Homes who are developers and have led similar developments in Chipping Norton and Bourton on the Water. Jon ran through the WODC local plan and said this was now under review. The 2012 draft had concluded 5,500 homes needed. The majority of these, 4,300 would be in Witney, Carterton and Chipping Norton. The others would be in the sub districts including Milton under Wychwood. The next local plan has been delayed while the housing needs reassessed. Could be that more houses are needed.

The density of the proposed possible development would have a density of 25 dwellings per hectare. 50% of these would be affordable. Developers putting forward an outline planning application. One of key issues is that in an area of ONB. Access and drainage an issue and some engagement with WODC and Highways with initial positive feedback. The aim of coming to the meeting was to bring the proposals to everyone's attention and planning a Community Engagement event on 21 June from 10am-3pm at the Milton Village Hall. Posters would be displayed and there would a be mail shot in the village ahead of this. Milton Volunteers gave consent for their notice boards to be used for the posters. The plan was for an outline planning application to be made by August 2014.

Members of the public questioned Mr Westerman on the impact of increasing housing by 10% in the village, particular concerns were the capacity of the road system, what size the units would be, where would 150 extra cars go, also concerns with previous findings of the Highways Agency. Already chaotic in the village at certain times. Also concerns on the impact to local services such as sewage, the doctors surgery, the school, impact on drainage in the local area. There was some welcome for the idea of affordable housing. Mr Westerman did not believe housing needs could be met by infill.

MATTERS ARISING:

Grass cutting –Kevin has been asked to cut the hedge.

Swing seat has been delivered and now to be fitted.

Majority felt an information leaflet would be helpful and Helen Jones to take this forward.

Cemetery – a first tidy up had happened but more still to do. The hedge very thick. Need to set a date to do this.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH MEETING:

Kirstyn has been asked to arrange for the sign to be removed at the entrance to the Green.

GRASS CUTTING:

Kevin has been asked to cut grass at the end of Green Lane in the triangle.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Ref 14/0511/P/FP

4 Woodlands Close

Proposed erection of detached garage and summer house.

Decisions

Ref 14/5011/P/FP

Approved at 4 Woodlands Close

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letters on change of bus routes.

Request re. commemorating WWII from the church to be considered at the next meeting.

VILLAGE GREEN:

Agreed to cut back the ash tree at a cost of £350 plus VAT if it is healthy and the ash tree further down the line of trees also healthy.

A picnic table had been vandalized and Cllr Rawlins to investigate.

Damage to the coppice, tree surgeon to be asked to advise on this by the clerk.

ACCOUNTS: The following payments were agreed:

E Parsons	- salary	228.80	M Ricketts	161.10
	- expenses	21.39	Grass Cutting	1,340.00
Alfred Groves & Sons		7.04	Playdale playgrounds	113.98
			TOTAL	£1,872.31

Payments received:

Cemetery fees 225

ANNUAL RETURN YE 2013:

Annual Return for Year ended 31 March 2014:

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.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Agreed to purchase defibrillator from money raised by community and take ownership of these, maintain them and claim VAT back on purchase. Also pay the electricity running costs. Cllr Rose needed this commitment to make his grant of £500. This is in addition to the one the PC has already committed to purchase via the WODC scheme.

PUBLIC:

Concern at delay in replacing the noticeboard at the Village Hall.

Update on cemetery gates.

Some concern on possible vandalism of defibrillators when fitted. There will be education in schools about them and not vandalised in other towns. Overwhelmingly positive response to them from the local community and great support at fund raising evening and collection points.

A request for more activities on the Green. Football, cricket etc. Decision to put this on the next agenda.

Emergency plan complete and ready for clerk to copy and distribute to people listed in the plan, which are Village Hall, Post Office, Parish Council Members, District Councillor, Primary School and Parish Council website.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Councillors to let the clerk know if any letters need to be written where hedges are overgrown to request owners to cut these back. Also light at the end of the Sands completely covered.

Cllr Haine reminded the meeting that five years ago the field proposed for development had been looked at before for planning but considered unsuitable.

Cllr Naish asked what had happened to the speed signs near the school. Clerk had put one up which had disappeared. Would look into this.

Cllr Rawlins requested that The Lady Reade Charity be an item on the next Agenda. Also meeting taking place to move play equipment proposals forward.

The Heath needs another skip and Mr Wilkes will kindly order and the PC will cover the cost.

Pointed out that the PC owns 32 acres at the allotments and this could generate revenue if developed.

The meeting closed at 9pm

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 18 June 2014