

A meeting of Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council was held on Wednesday 17 October 2012 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr Helen Jones and County Cllr Rose.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Cllrs Haine, Naish and Cllr Laura Jones declared interests in planning application 12/1443 relating to the Village Hall.

Cllr Haine also declared interest in planning application 12/1477 relating to The Pavilion on the Village Green.

Cllr Rawlins declared personal interest in planning application 12/1526 relating to land adj. 42 Ansell Way for the erection of a dwelling.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 19 September 2012 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC:

Thanks were given to Cllr Laura Jones for her work on the new website which is a great improvement.

MATTERS ARISING:

Mr Trotman is arranging for the planting of the oak tree on the village green to be held on Friday 26 October and a ceremony to take place on the Saturday which should not interfere with any football taking place. He has asked for helpers.

Mr Trotman is standing down from Milton Volunteers and a new Chairperson will be taking over. He is hoping to set up a new Scout Group. It was agreed that the Parish Council should send Mr Trotman a letter of thanks for all the work he has done.

The village website is up and running and received 50 hits so far.

Cllr Rawlins apologised for not attending the village green to rake the bark. He had thought it was the week before. There is a problem of drainage at the set of swings. Chairman will speak with Mr Trotman to see if the digger could be used to dig out the bark at the same time as digging the hole for the planting of the tree. The matting under the bark is stopping the drainage of the water.

Cllr Marsden reported that the grass area inside the Allotment field alongside the hedge needs to be topped. One tenant has tried to do it and part of it has been done. Ian will approach contractors/farmers who may have a topper to do the job.

The picnic benches are being dealt with by Milton Volunteers.

The overhanging branches at 7 High Street have been cut back at the front and the side elevation is still to do.

There is a large dog fouling at Wychwood Drive.

Chairman will look at the wall at the Pound and notice board at 1 High Street.

The village green entrance gate opposite the Deli has been altered to open more slowly.

The Parish Council has heard nothing regarding the overhanging branches at Church Meadow.

EMERGENCY PLAN:

Mrs Hart had started to put together the Village Emergency Plan with a sub committee when she was on the Council. This has now been returned to the new Council. A new sub committee was agreed with Councillors Rawlins, Marsden, Naish and Councillor Smith who will look at the Emergency Plan in its form.

MONITORING GRASS CUTTING:

Present contract comes to an end at the end of October and the Contractors have done a very good job. They will continue if any work is required. They were asked to trim back the hedge and shrubs at Elm Grove on the residents' side and at the bottom. The area has become a dumping ground but nobody knows where the debris is coming from.

The Grass Cutting Contract will be going out to tender for next year and the specification will be reviewed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Cllrs Haine, Naish and Cllr Laura Jones left the meeting at this point for the following to be discussed:

12/1443 The Village Hall, Shipton Road. Resurfacing of the Car Park.
No Objections.

Cllr Naish and Cllr Laura Jones returned to the meeting.

12/1477 The Pavilion, The Village Green. Installation of floodlights. (Retrospective) No objections.

Cllr Haine returned to the meeting and Cllr Rawlins left the meeting for the following to be discussed:

12/1526 Land adj.42 Ansell Way. Erection of dwelling (to allow extension to time limit)
No objections.

Cllr Rawlins returned to the meeting.

WODC has granted:

12/1295 & Inns Keep, Church Road. Internal and external alterations to include
12/1296 insertion of 2 rooflights and 1 window to the rear elevation and a reconstructed
dormer window to the front elevation.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There were no objections to the request to add inscription details of the late Mrs Beryl Field to the existing memorial stone of Mr Bert Field.

WODC has sent details of application to vary the premises licence at the Co-Op Store. The purpose of the application is to extend the hours for the sale of alcohol off the premises Monday to Sunday from 06:00 to 23:00. It was felt that this could add to the problem of young people drinking outside the Co-Op and fuel further antisocial behaviour. Cllr Marsden proposed that the Council should object to this application.

Votes taken: 6 votes for the proposal 1 vote against. The Clerk will send letter accordingly.

Following the fire at the DIY shop at Alfred Groves & Sons on Tuesday 9 October the records of accounts were lost in the fire. As an account holder the council has been asked to let them know of any stock that was taken. The Clerk will deal with this matter. A small shop is to operate for the time being.

OCC was the first county in the country to sign up to the Armed Forces Community Covenant. The MOD has made grant funding available to support community projects which champion civilian-military partnerships.

The Clerk has various circulars.

VILLAGE GREEN:

TREES – Cllr Rawlins reported that the residents of 1 Pear Tree Close are complaining that the trees bordering their property with the Village Green are overhanging their property. There are 2 large lime trees and 1 ash tree. The Clerk will obtain quotes for the pollarding of the 3 trees.

ACCOUNTS: The following payments were agreed:

E Parsons	- salary	228.80	M Ricketts	109.20
	- expenses	12.50	S Barnes	594.00
Alfred Groves & Sons		3.52	R Caswell	833.00
OALC		25.00	WODC	195.00
M-u-W Welfare Trust		37.50		
			TOTAL	£2038.52

Payments received during the month:

8 x Allotment rents	£70.00
Shooting rights – Allotments	£75.00
Cemetery	£295.00
Donation- Fish & Chip van	£100.00
Precept	£12,500

New Councillors were reminded to visit HSBC Bank with their ID to validate the new bank mandate.

PUBLIC: There were no items for discussion.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Christmas arrangements will be put on November Agenda.

Remembrance Sunday 11 November 2012. The Clerk will organise wreath through the British Legion. Chairman or Cllr Marsden will be attending the church service and lay the wreath.

There is a street light at The Sands that is overshadowed by branches. The Clerk will report this matter.

Cllr Naish reported that more dog poo bags are required at the Post Office as the Council has provided them free of charge. Cllr Haine felt this was a worth while venture as people are encouraged to pick up their dog's mess. Cllr Haine will get up to date price for 6 month supply which has been purchased in the past.

Travellers on the bus are experiencing problems with the bus not stopping at Shipton Road as the sign for the bus stop is on the opposite side of the road. Residents are advised to speak to the bus company.

The Clerk will obtain costs for a dog bin at Green Lane.

The Council discussed their continued support of the Wild Gardens and Wood at Shipton. It was agreed that this matter should be on the Agenda for the next meeting. Diggers Wood is still in the balance.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm