

Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council Meeting was held on Wednesday 16 October 2013 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Collett, Rawlins, Haine, Marsden, Naish, Smith.
15 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Helen Jones and Cllr Laura Jones. County Cllr Rose.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:

Cllr Smith declared a personal interest in planning application 13/1372 relating to Orchard Cottage, Shipton Road.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 September 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC:

Planning application relating to Owls View, Milton Road is imminent with all functions to operate on a commercial basis. The Council will have to circulate this if received in between meetings.

Cllr Mavin from Shipton-u-Wychwood Parish Council addressed the council as Shipton had their meeting last night and discussed the traffic problems at Milton Road alongside the primary school. Shipton PC are asking if Milton would debate this matter with a view to displaying "20 is plenty" road signs at Shipton Road from Milton. Shipton PC are looking to display signs along Milton Road. Signs could be laminated and displayed or a more official sign could be used at a cost of £55. The Council were asked if signs are to be purchased would they be prepared to pay for their own sign. Discussion took place as to whether this would work. It is not a problem of speed at this point but a congestion issue. The signs would make people think. The Council should consider the larger plan for the village.

The Council has not heard anything from Mr Hunt, OCC highways regarding the brook at the Allotments.

Mr O'keeffe presented the Council with a report from NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group). He reported that Milton Volunteers are moving forward with the community orchard.

MATTERS ARISING:

Chairman confirmed that he has not heard from Mr Hunt, OCC highways regarding the brook at the Allotments.

Councillors attended a useful meeting with Shipton and Ascott Parish Councils.

Cllr Rawlins reported that the Welfare Trust and Milton Volunteers have come to an agreement on the area of ground they can use to plant a community orchard. They have agreed a figure for rental and planting should commence next spring.

Chairman will chase up with Millfield Contractors regarding the drainage of the swings on the Green.

Letters for the rents to the Allotments has been sent out to tenants together with a letter to form a committee/association.

The sign at High Lodge has been passed to County Cllr Rose.

Cllr Naish reported that 36 transport survey forms have been completed. They will be handed over to ORCC to review. County Cllr Rose would like feedback.

Chairman reported that he has removed the fencing at Elm Grove.

Letter of reply received from resident concerning the overhanging branches at Reade Close. They accept responsibility for the trees overhanging from their property, but they point out that the verge at Reade Close is very overgrown and this is outside their boundary. The Clerk will contact OCC highways to look into this matter.

MONITORING GRASS CUTTING:

There were no matters to report.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

13/1313 Land at Milton Road, Shipton-u-Wychwood. (adjoining parish). Widening of existing access and access road. Objections:
There seems to be no reason given for the widening of this access.
The increase in traffic movement will exacerbate an already congested point.
Road safety issues.

Cllr Smith leaves the room at this point.

13/1372 Orchard cottage, Shipton Road. Erection of two storey front extension.
No objections.

Cllr Smith returns to the meeting.

13/1314 10 Harmans Court. Discharge of planning obligations (03/1874)
Objections:
All agreed that original permission was granted with minimum age restriction Of 55 and this should remain. A residence has already been set as a similar Application was previously granted.

13/1417 Bruern End, Bruern Road. Erection of single and two storey extensions and detached garage. No objections.

WODC has granted:

13/1162 The Green, Shipton Road. Change of use of premises to veterinary surgery with ancillary offices.

13/1268 29 Wychwood Close. Single storey rear extension.

13/1221 Heathfield House, Church Road. Conversion of out building to holiday let.
13/1232 Spring Cottage, Green Lane. Erection of two storey and single storey rear extensions.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter of thanks received from West Oxfordshire Citizens Advice Bureau for donation of £100.

There were no objections to the placing of a memorial stone on the gravesite of the late Mr Sidney Miles subject to being placed flush and on a bed of dry concrete.

Letter of request received from Mr Wilks asking if the Parish Council would contribute to the cost of hiring skips to clear littlestock brook. It was agreed that this matter should be an item on the Agenda for the next meeting, as this should be discussed before any arrangements are made.

OCC is looking to significantly reduce its budget. Various public meetings are being held and residents are invited to attend.

Meeting at the Library with County Cllr Rose has been arranged for Tuesday 29 October 2013 at 7.00pm at the Wychwood Library. Cllr Haine and one other representative are invited to attend.

ORCC is holding a meeting with OCC on Thursday 21 November 2013 at the Marlborough Enterprise Centre in Woodstock. How can OCC make £60M of savings over the next 4 years and what impact is this going to have on rural communities? Cllr Naish will be attending this meeting.

The Clerk has various circulars and emails.

VILLAGE GREEN:

Cllr Rawlins reported that the play equipment committee had a meeting recently. Mr Cochrane from Shipton attended and gave very useful advice concerning applying for grants. They now have 18 organisations to apply for grants, which is very positive. It is a good idea to get children involved and put their ideas in with any grant applications made. This will take up to 12 months and it is hoped that the Parish Council will contribute depending on the grants received.

ACCOUNTS: The following payments were agreed:

Business Focus	90.00	Thames Water	24.96
E Parsons - salary	228.80	M Ricketts	133.98
- allowance	12.50	K Grant	1340.00
- expenses	5.99	BDO LLP	240.00
Alfred Groves & Sons	3.52	WODC	195.00
M-u-W Welfare Trust	37.50		
		TOTAL	£2312.25

Payments received during the month:

VAT refund	1383.63
8 X Allotment rents	138.00
Precept	25000.00

The Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2013 was approved and accepted by the Council. There were no matters arising from the Audit.

PUBLIC:

WODC website shows that the planning application for the Quart Pot has been withdrawn. Cllr Haine explained that this application has been withdrawn by the applicant and not by WODC.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Cllr Rawlins made the Council aware that the Welfare Trust has 39 tenants and the Fuel Allotments has 20.

Cllr Marsden made a proposal at the last meeting if the Council would consider supporting a police patrol. He received positive feedback from Ascott and Shipton and has now put his thoughts together with a proposal for consideration. He asked that this matter be an item on the Agenda at the next meeting.

Cllr Haine reported that there is a dormant bank account in the name of the cricket club (approximately £600) and asked if the Parish Council would hold his money in safekeeping until such time as any cricket club should set up again in the village. The Clerk will look into this matter and take advice.

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

It was agreed to review the salary of Length person at the next meeting

The Council agreed that they should support and look into the request from Shipton Parish Council and consider signage for Shipton Road. Vehicles cannot go fast along Milton Road because of the volume of traffic at the School. Any action would make vehicles think. OCC highways would not fund "20 is plenty" signs.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 20 November 2013