

Milton-under-Wychwood Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st October 2015

PRESENT: Cllrs Collett, DCllr Haine, Cllr L. Jones, Chairman Naish, Cllrs Rawlins and Smith. Parish Clerk: Jenny Miller. 35 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs Marsden and H.Jones, CCllr Rose.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: DCllr Haine – planning applications.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

There were 2 amendments made to the September minutes (p1, line 2: date changed from July to September and p2, line 5/6 “*and also asked whereabouts in the village people live*” deleted) which were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

PUBLIC

Public Meeting of the Parish: Mr Young summarised outcome of meeting which took place to discuss most recent planning application at Land south of High St and the subsequent Parish Council decision. It was reported to PC that majority of public present voted against the development and similarly that the PC decision to approve the application was flawed and should be disregarded. Query as to why PC were not present at meeting. PC confirmed 2 Councillors were actually present and reported back to remaining members of PC.

Little Stock Brook tender: Query re: BA Hull tender. Cllr Collett confirmed it is just over £3000.

Hacklings vehicles: It was witnessed by one resident that the letter of complaint re: dangerous driving of Hacklings lorries sent by PC to Hacklings was disposed. It was suggested to deal directly with John Hackling. Cllr Rawlins to do so.

Overhanging hedge on The Sands: Report that hedge is restricting pedestrian movement along pavement. Cllr Haine proposed PC cover cost of managing hedge. Clerk to contact Mr Grant.

MATTERS ARISING

Little Stock Brook: Cllr Collett expects work to begin within the next two weeks. Cllr Rawlins thanked Cllr Collett for handling the scheme.

Hedge in ??: Cllr Rawlins reported Milton Volunteers were not responsible for cutting down of hedge and investigations still under way.

Community tree pack: Chairman confirmed PC application for free Woodland Trust community tree pack was successful. Query as to whether Milton Volunteers might plant them when they are delivered in early December. Clerk to provide further details to MV group before they make a decision.

BUILDERS EDE LAND IN CHURCH MEADOW

Chairman took decision to defer this item to November meeting when Cllr H.Jones would be present.

PLAY EQUIPMENT

Cllr Rawlins delighted to report that Mr Bishop of Bruern Abbey would generously contribute £20,000 towards play equipment fund and expressed thanks to Mr Gibbs for all his help in securing the donation. Cllr Rawlins proposed to increase PC pledge of £20,000 to £30,000. Vote taken, all in favour of increase. Total projected cost is £60,000. Cllr L.Jones has successfully extended time limit on WODC grant, fundraising to continue and further donations expected. Play equipment order to take place this month with installation expected in Spring. Cllr Smith extended thanks to Cllrs Rawlins and L.Jones and Mr Gibbs for extensive work on project.

ALLOTMENTS

Following several meetings at the allotments, Cllr Rawlins and members of Welfare Trust have arranged meeting on 1st November for all allotment holders regarding the upkeep of plots and future of plot tenancy.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications:

Ref 15/03299/OUT *Land North of Milton Road, SUW* **PC Objection**
Erection of 5 new dwellings and school/community car parking area

Applications approved:

- 1) Ref 15/02277/HHD *35 High St, MUW*
Formation of new porch to front of existing building
- 2) Ref 15/03113/HHD *Harold's Gate, Jubilee Lane, MUW*
Garage conversion, erection of small porch and wood burning stove

Applications withdrawn:

Ref 15/03179/FUL *Quart Pot, 3 High Street, MUW*
Conversion of Public House to Dwelling and the erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings

Applications ongoing:

Ref 15/03128/OUT *Land south of High Street, MUW*
Erection of up to 62 dwellings

CORRESPONDENCE

Email advertising free advocacy services for vulnerable adults (18+) and adults (50+) affected by cancer – request with help to advertise this locally.	Oxfordshire Advocacy barbara.pawlowska@oadg.org.uk www.gettingheard.org
Wild Gardens working party invite on Sat 24 th Oct, 9am-12pm	Mike Watson
Email requesting PC consider Neighbourhood Plan as a means to be proactive and strategic in determining where development occurs in village and	Miriam Owen Cllr Haine advised PC that as has previously been discussed, plan is costly, time consuming and generally causes

note explaining role and process of producing a plan	tension over location of alternative development sites in village.
Milton Volunteers summary of work – query about wording of plaque in memory of Mrs Kirby on seat which has been repaired on Church Road	Chris Trotman Clerk to ask Cllr Marsden for wording and plaque will be replaced.
Email query about Lengthperson holiday pay	Margaret Ricketts Clerk to into contract and holiday pay.
Email invite to consultation with leader of OCC on impact of proposed budget changes on PCs.	ORCC Chairman to attend.
Letter from resident of Pear Tree Close regarding widening of Shipton Road, near The Paddocks.	Chris Wastie

VILLAGE GREEN

Cllr Haine has received a complaint about state of repair of older play equipment. Cllr Rawlins will repair as interim measure to last until much needed new equipment is installed.

DONATIONS

Oxfordshire Association for the Blind provides their services to 15 residents in MuW. Cllr Haine proposed donation of £200. Vote taken, all in favour.

ACCOUNTS

The annual return has been received from the external auditor. With one minor issue which will be remedied next year, the audit was signed off and approved by PC.

a. Payments out were authorised and cheques signed:

1. M. Ricketts Length person salary	£ 168.75
2. J. Miller Clerk salary & expenses	£ 315.30
3. L. Wilkinson Clerk maternity cover & expenses	£ 72.73
4. Kevin Grant grass cutting	£ 1,400.00
5. Newsletter	£ 90.00
6. HMRC PAYE Jul-Sept	£ 111.80
7. Dog poo bags (sec 137)	£ 57.85
8. Welfare Trust shooting rights payment	£ 32.50
9. Wychwood Walkers donation (sec 137)	£ 100.00
10. WODC Household waste collection	£ 199.94
11. Alfred Groves bin bags, disinfectant	£ 8.10
12. Allotments water bill	£ 83.63
13. Weathershield paint for bus shelter	£ 30.00
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TOTAL	£ 2,591.11

b. Payments in:

1. Pound parking	£ 162.50
2. Play equipment donation	£ 700.00
3. Interest	£ 9.26

TOTAL **£ 871.76**

Bank balance as of 30/09/2015: £87, 859.13

Accounts were approved unanimously by PC.

PUBLIC

PC approval of Sharba development: Query as to reasons for PC approval of planning application. Cllr Collett reminded those present that PC had discussed first application at length and only change was to the Councillors present at vote of second application. PC reported that following discussion with Keith Butler at WODC, they were assured that no breach of code of conduct took place in how they reached decision. Cllr L.Jones wished to make it known that her vote for the development was in response to great need for new housing and was on behalf of all those in area in similar age bracket who struggled to get on housing ladder.

Allotments: Decision has been taken to clear vacant plots at allotments with a team of 10-12 volunteers. Local builder Mr Saxby has offered to remove rubbish littering plots and PC requested to cover landfill charges. Suggestion that plots be withdrawn and rent not be taken from tenants not adhering to upkeep rules at start of the following year.

Play equipment: Suggestion that youth be involved in fundraising in order to give ownership and reduce likelihood of vandalism. PC was reminded that local youth were involved at beginning of project in designing equipment.

Giant hogweed in Dog Kennel Lane: Clerk to contact OCC

WYCHWOOD WORKING TOGETHER: MEDICAL AID STORAGE FACILITY

Jill Mavin, of Shipton PC outlined proposal for Medical Equipment storage for use by Wychwood villagers. Items to be donated or bought and stored in secure garage in Milton. 2 keys to be held by Milton residents and equipment made accessible via these key holders. Long-term storage will be required after initial trial period. Cllr Rawlins proposed PC support scheme, vote taken – all in favour.

AOB

Closure of High St: Cllr Smith commented on disruption caused by works and queried why notice had not been given to residents. Cllr Haine to make enquiries.

Ansell Way hedge: Report of overgrown hedge. Cllr Rawlins to inform Milton Volunteers for their consideration.

Christmas arrangements: Cllr Haine to contact Mr Astor re: Xmas tree which should be delivered on 11th Dec and erected on 12th Dec.

Entrance gate to green opposite Co-op: Request that dip be filled. Cllr Haine to investigate and report back at November meeting.

Cllr Naish closed the meeting at 8.40pm.