

Minutes of the Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council
held on Monday 21st November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion:

Present: Cllrs. S Harrod (Chair, District and County Councillor), B Fox (Vice Chair)
P Allen, C Deacon, P Fewell and G Harris.

In Attendance: Ms H Cherry (Clerk) One member of the public.

133/16 Apologies for Absence

None

134/16 Variations of order of business

None

135/16 Declarations of member's interest

None

136/16 Matters to Report

The District Councillor and County Councillor provided the meeting with updates from their respective councils to be published in The Bulletin.

Police Report

Your Neighbourhood Policing Team (NHPT) consists of Inspector Mark Harling, Sergeant Vicky Hoskin, PC Ian Kent, PC Mel Stafford, PC Michael Goodenough, PCSO Lee Kehoe, PCSO James Hopkin, PCSO Lewis Carpenter, PCSO Natalie White, PCSO Dawn Hunt, PCSO Diane Jackson, and PCSO Ryan Dollery.

You said... we did

You said there was speeding issue on the Oakley Road in Chinnor. After a deployment of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) it showed only one vehicle going faster than 30mph which was a motorbike. We will continue to monitor the situation.

We have received numerous reports of motorbikes being ridden along the Phoenix Trail and footpaths in Thame by young people not wearing helmets. We have increased patrols in these areas and have identified these young people. We shall be aiming to confiscate these motorbikes off them and give them section 59 warnings.

What is anti-social behaviour (ASB)?

ASB covers a wide range of unacceptable activity that causes harm to an individual, to their community or to their environment. This could be an action by someone else that leaves you feeling alarmed, harassed or distressed. It also includes fear of crime or concern for public safety, public disorder or public nuisance. Examples of anti-social behaviour include:

- Nuisance, rowdy or inconsiderate neighbours
- Vandalism, graffiti and fly-posting
- Street drinking
- Environmental damage including littering, dumping of rubbish and abandonment of cars
- Begging and vagrancy
- Fireworks misuse
- Inconsiderate or inappropriate use of vehicles

Over the next week we see two busy nights in the Thame Neighbourhood calendar. Halloween and Bonfire Night. Both nights we will see an increase in calls regarding ASB. As such, there will be increased police presence on these nights and any persons causing ASB will be dealt with robustly.

On Bonfire Night, Thame Neighbourhood will be out conducting high visibility patrols to deter any persons intending to cause trouble. This is a dangerous night for persons who do not respect fire and fireworks. Please ensure you are being safe when handling fireworks and DO NOT aim or fire them towards anyone with the intent to cause harm or as a joke. Should we receive calls of this nature we will take robust action against these persons. Please attend organised events where your safety has been taken into consideration.

Theft from vehicles

Over recent weeks we have seen an increase in Theft from Vehicles throughout the Thame Sector. These have been mostly in rural locations such as Aston Rowant nature reserve and Chinnor areas. We have been stepping up patrols in these areas however there are things that you can do to prevent becoming a victim of crime.

Make sure you don't leave any valuables on show in an unattended vehicle. Take all high value items with you and don't make it easy for criminals. We have been leaving crime reduction advice notices on vehicles to help in preventing vehicle crime.

The large majority of thefts from vehicles have involved work vans and cars containing power tools as these are the most sought after items. If you regularly keep these items in your vehicles, please get into a habit of removing these items when the vehicle is not in use. If anyone would like more advice, some security stickers or property marking kits then please contact the neighbourhood team who would be more than happy to help.

Crime prevention advice

To prevent thefts from sheds please ensure your shed door is locked with a good quality padlock and consider buying tamper proof screws for your hinges. A good quality shed alarm can be purchased from most DIY stores and this acts as a very good deterrent should entry be gained to your shed. The Thame Neighbourhood team are always on hand to provide free crime prevention advice so please do utilise this and contact us if you feel you need some advice about your home/vehicle security.

Please assess your crime reduction/prevention measures to ensure your property is kept safe and secure. The below website will give you some great advice regarding this:
www.thecrimepreventionwebsite.com

Rural Crime

There has been a spike in the reports of poaching and hare coursing in the Watlington, Lewknor and Chinnor area. These persons are coming onto our area in a silver Subaru forester and driving through hedges, gates and over fields to gain access to farmland in which they use dogs to chase and catch animals for sport. This offence causes extensive damage to fields and crops and therefore a financial loss to the farmer. Not to mention the distress and suffering experienced by the animals involved. Thame Neighbourhood are undertaking high visibility patrols in these areas. We would like to ask land owners, farmers and person living in rural locations to be on the lookout for such activities and call the Police immediately.

Working with partners

Thame Neighbourhood along with SOHA helped facilitate a garden clean-up for an elderly resident who was unable to tend to their garden. This enabled the resident to gain access to their garden which was long missed.

Crime Prevention Event in Chinnor

On Thursday the 10th of November PCSOs Ryan Dollery, Natalie White and Lee Kehoe will be at the Council Chambers on Station Road in Chinnor holding a crime prevention event. They will be on hand to offer crime prevention advice and free bicycle marking. They will also have a range of crime prevention devices on offer for sale such as SmartWater, catalytic converter marking kits and various other handy items. We will be at the Council

Chambers between 6pm and 8pm so please do come along and take advantage of all the free crime prevention advice/items on offer to you.

What is bicycle marking? Bicycle marking is a very hard to remove sticker placed on your bicycle with address details of who the bicycle belongs to. This means that should your bicycle be lost or stolen and found by the police or a member of the public we have an idea of who to return it to. It can also be a good deterrent to a thief as the sticker is very hard to remove

What the neighbourhood team have been doing

- Thame Neighbourhood have visited schools throughout the sector to speak with children about staying safe over Halloween and Bon firenight.
- Thame Neighbourhood policing team are working with Chinnor Parish Council to make sure that the newly refurbished park on Station Road will not be a hub for anti-social behaviour. Since the new section of the park has been opened, there have been no reports of any anti-social behaviour. However there has been an act of vandalism/criminal damage which the neighbourhood policing team are currently investigating.

137/16 Correspondence and Public Discussion

The Old Garage Parking

The Clerk was asked to investigate if there is anything quoting in the lease with regard to the Old Garage office workers only parking in the front foyer rather than on the main road through Great Milton.

138/16 Planning Applications

- A It was RESOLVED to hold 'No Strong Views' to planning application P16/S3603/FUL received from SODC – The Oxford Belfry Hotel, London Rd, Milton Common
Erection of two detached and two semi-detached houses
- B South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gave notice that planning permission be GRANTED for: Application No : P16/S2272/HH Application proposal, including any amendments : Proposed two-storey rear extension, insertion of dormer window and replacement front windows following demolition of modern rear extension, conservatory and two-storey side extension. (As amended and amplified by plans received on 13 July 2016 showing minor revisions to front elevation openings and new railings and as amended by revised plans and supporting documents received on 12 September 2016 and amended by revised plans received on 13 October 2016 showing a reduction in the scale of the extensions proposed). Site Location : Garden Close (Monkey Puzzle Farm) Lower End Great Milton OX44 7NL
- C South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gave notice that planning permission be GRANTED for:-
Application No : P16/S3018/FUL Application proposal, including any amendments : Erection of Two Dwellings. As amended by drawing nos 237.P.02B, 03B, 04A and 05B accompanying Agent's email dated 27 September 2016 addressing highway issues. Site Location : The Oxford Belfry Hotel London Road Milton Common OX9 2JW

139/16 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved to APPROVE the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th October 2016 Planning 24th October Planning meeting held on 7th November 2016 as a true and accurate record.

140/16 Financial Resolutions

A To authorise cheques for payment:
Helen Cherry. Salary, Tax and Expenses.

B The draft budget for 2016/17 was reviewed. It was resolved to add an additional calculation of increasing the precept to approx. 10% to enable a grant payment to either a bus service and/or Children's centre based in Wheatley.
The budget for 2016/17 is to be reviewed and agreed at the next meeting in December.

141/16 Parish Clerk and Cllr's update of matters in hand (Action update)

142/16 Traffic Action Group (bus service 103)

Peter met the organiser of the Princes Risborough bus which has been running for 7 years. Although they received a grant for the bus, they also receive public donations and the drivers are voluntary. It was felt we would not be able to sustain such a service as we have a lack of passengers compared with Princes Risborough which is similar in size to Thame. Currently it looks as if the only option is taxis.

143/16 BT Payphone Consultation

To note that there is a formal consultation by BT to remove public payphones across the country. Great Milton phone box were not on the list circulated. The Clerk was asked to investigate as to whether there is an option for GMPC to purchase the red phone box within the village.

144/16 Community Emergency Plan

The draft Community Emergency Plan was reviewed. It was resolved to ask for residents within the Parish to volunteer and put their name forwards to help the community through an emergency such as adverse weather conditions.

145/16 Chairman's workload

Cllr Harrod announced that he has taken on additional duties as he has now been appointed to county council cabinet and therefore would appreciate members of GMPC taking on additional work. Councillor members of GMPC agreed that they would.

The meeting closed at 20:33

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on **Monday 19th December 2016 starting at 7:30pm in the Pavilion.**

Signed:
