

Little Milton Parish Council
Minutes of Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th December 2022

Present: Cllr. Giles Denby
Cllr. Howard Harrison
Cllr Adam Sheppard
Cllr. Steve Sidhu
Cllr. David Wakeling

Mrs Andrea Oughton (*Parish Clerk*)

Members of the public: Two

Parish Forum

Mr Venners spoke on behalf of the applicant for development at the site of Milton House, Gold Street. Amendments to the scheme have been made to address concerns raised, including changes to garden sizes, houses remain in the same positions. Computer Generated Images of views of the developed site from Gold Street were shared. Hopefully each amendment is moving closer to an acceptable scheme.

01/12/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr van der Merwe. The meeting was chaired by Cllr Sidhu in the absence of the Chairman.

02/12/22 Declaration of any pecuniary interests of members

There were no declarations of any pecuniary interests.

03/12/22 Approval of Minutes

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2022. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

04/12/22 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that were not covered on the agenda.

05/12/22 Planning

P22/S3964/HH – Hillview Cottage, High Street, Little Milton, OX44 7PU

Front extension to existing detached garage/home office, to provide additional open bay covered parking (As accompanied by additional arboricultural information received 2022-11-17).

The Parish Council **Resolved** a recommendation of **No Strong Views** for this application

P22/S1241/FUL – The Site of Milton House, Gold Street, Little Milton, OX44
Amendment No. 5

Demolition of existing dwelling. Redevelopment of existing site to provide 4 dwellings with associated development including access works to Gold Street access (As amplified by Preliminary Ecological Appraisal received 29 March 2022 and energy information received 25 July 2022 and Services Plan received 27 July 2022, Drainage Information received 6 October 2022 and as amended by drawings received 13 July 2022 reduction in height of houses, alteration in garages and materials, layout, ecological and landscape information received 21 November 2022 and images received 29 November 2022).

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The Parish Council **Resolved** a recommendation of **No Strong Views** for this application.

The Council acknowledges the developer has listened to the comments and points raised by Councillors at the Parish Council meetings held on 11th May 2022 and 10th August 2022 and has made steps toward mitigation of the concerns.

In making a recommendation of No Strong Views the Parish Council recognises:

- Everything has been done to discourage pedestrian access to and from the site through the Pepper Pots and there will be no vehicle access via this route.
- The Construction Traffic Management Plan must ensure traffic does not enter the site during school drop off and pick up times, all traffic associated with the site must park on site and vehicles leaving the site must ensure that their wheels are washed to ensure minimal transfer of mud, etc., off site.
- Materials – the developer has committed to using stone which is in keeping with other dwellings in this part of the village. They will build a sample wall prior to construction for approval by SODC to ensure the stone is suitable.

P22/S4228/T28 – Nr 5 Ditchend Farm Cottages, Rofford Lane, and opposite Lark Rise, Blenheim Lane, Little Milton, OX44 7QG

Intention to install 3 x 9m wooden light poles and 1 x 11m wooden light pole.

This application was noted at the meeting.

It was further noted that the District Planning Authority has granted permission for the following application:

P22/S2896/HH - The Bridle Path, Haseley Road, Little Milton, OX44 7PP

Side extension to replace conservatory, rear dressing room extension, upgrading and rendering exterior walls and replacing windows. (As amplified by amended plans and information received 2022-10-18, 2022-10-26, 2022-11-16, 2022-11-18, 2022-11-22 and 2022-11-30).

06/12/22 Report by District / County Councillors

County Councillor Freddie van Mierlo had circulated his monthly report.

Cllr van Mierlo added there was a lot of interest in the introduction of Oxford Traffic Filters. Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has approved a plan to introduce six filters across Oxford, including at St Cross Road, Thames Street, Hythe Bridge Street, St Clements, Marston Ferry Road, and Hollow Way.

Households outside the city will get up to 50 filter passes per year (25 per person/vehicle) to go through the filters with their private car. Exemptions also exist for e.g., blue badge holders and carers. All places are still accessible by car without passes by using the ring-road. Traffic filters aid the reduction of congestion in the city, help buses flow easily and therefore provide a better service. Introduction of the scheme has been delayed to January 2024 due to the closure of the Botley Road.

20mph speed limit schemes are going to the January OCC Cabinet meeting, if approved the Little Milton scheme will be implemented within three months.



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Cllr van Mierlo continues to question when the OCC Freight Strategy will move away from the theoretical and towards implementation. OCC is conducting a boundary review and has agreed to increase the number of County Councillors from 63 to 69 and keep numbers of electors per Councillor proportionally the same.

District Councillor Caroline Newton sent her apologies, her report was circulated.

07/12/22 Finance

Approval of Council expenditure

Colourplus: December newsletter	£291.18
Raymond Fergusson: Month 9 2022-23, Editor	£124.50
Andrea Oughton: Month 9 2021-22, Clerk	£367.02
BGG	£552.00
Leslie Denby	£46.24

Direct Debit

Intuit: Accounting software Dec 9th 2022 – Jan 9th 2023 £14.40

Bank reconciliation had been circulated and was signed by the Chairman

The latest forecast 2022-23 and 2023-24 draft budget was noted. The 2023-24 budget and Precept will be discussed and approved at the next meeting.

08/12/22 Reports from Councillor Representatives

Recreation Ground and Open Green Spaces

No further grass cuts are planned for the Recreation Ground or verges until Spring 2023.

Resolved to accept the quotation from BGG Garden and Tree Care to provide Grounds Maintenance for 2023-24 and to sign the contract.

A meeting is planned with a member of OCC Highways team next week to discuss the process of placing an approved barrier along the slip road to allow parking but protect further erosion of the bank in Gold Street. A formal application and quotation will be brought to a future meeting of the council.

OCC have granted permission for two planters to be placed at the corner of Haseley Road and the A329 as street furniture, to act as a traffic calming measure and to restrict parking on the wide piece of pavement. **Resolved** to purchase two raised planters at a cost of £580.00 each plus VAT.

Thames Valley Neighbourhood Police Team

A useful meeting took place with a member of the Neighbourhood Police Team at which a number of issues were raised and discussed. The Neighbourhood Police Officer provided advice, agreed to add Little Milton to regular patrols, including the industrial units and will maintain regular contact with the council.

Utilities and Highways

The problems associated with the layby on the A329; antisocial behaviour, littering, etc., have been reported to the Neighbourhood Police Team. Little Milton's application for a 20mph

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speed limit will be discussed by OCC Cabinet in January and provided it is approved the scheme is expected to be implemented by March 2023.

Village Hall, Shop, School, Nursery and St James' Church

Cllr Denby reported the new football goalposts have been installed on the recreation ground, and a set of keys to unlock them have been left in the shop. Paving slabs have been placed under the clothes bank in the car park.

Playground

Komplan sent a replacement seat for the aerial runway, but it is not the same as the original. Cllr Wakeling has contacted the supplier to see what can be done.

The recent annual play safety inspection report has not raised any significant concerns. It recommended that the runner on the aerial runway be secured whilst the seat is removed. Reference the MUGA the report recognised the wooden fencing was rotten and significant deterioration to the fabric of the wire netting. Cllrs Wakeling and van der Merwe will visit the site and gain quotations for replacement.

Cllr Wakeling is to meet with a member of the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association in the spring.

Communication

Campaign planned to raise awareness of elections in May 2023. Will look back over the last four years to highlight what the Parish Council has achieved.

09/12/22 Correspondence

The Clerk had received an email from a lady whose child attends Little Milton Primary school concerning the safety of the A329, particularly on the section of road by the school. Many vehicles go past at excessive speeds and there is a high volume of traffic as well as very large, heavy lorries that pass throughout the day. A group of parents whose children walk to and from the school, are seeking to explore options of how to slow the traffic. It was agreed to add an item to the next agenda and invite the lady to address the council.

10/12/22 Exchange of Information

No items were raised.

11/12/22 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th January 2023, commencing at 7.30pm at Pine Lodge.

The meeting finished at 22:00 hrs

Signed by:

Chairman.....



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