

Little Milton Parish Council
Minutes of Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th February 2023

Present:

Cllr. Giles Denby
Cllr. Howard Harrison
Cllr Adam Sheppard
Cllr. Steve Sidhu
Cllr. Van der Merwe
Cllr. David Wakeling

Mrs Andrea Oughton (*Parish Clerk*)

Members of the public: 2

Parish Forum

A resident reported the ditch by Warren Barn was particularly smelly and wondered if there was a problem with the sewage system. Cllr Denby replied to say he raised the problem with the occupants of the industrial units some six months ago as it posed a potential health hazard.

A further resident spoke in connection with the planning application at the Site of Milton House, Gold Street highlighting three of the proposed dwellings are to be built in stone, the fourth will be timber clad.

01/02/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from County Councillor van Mierlo.

02/02/23 Declaration of any pecuniary interests of members

There were no declarations of any pecuniary interests.

03/02/23 Approval of Minutes

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th January 2023.
The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

04/02/23 Matters Arising

A point was raised, during discussion of safety on the A329, about extending the barrier by the school. Cllr Wakeling has looked at the history and reported it was something the school governors investigated in 2015 and concluded at the time that it was not practical due to the Thames Water manhole.

Cllr Sheppard reported that he had contacted Thames Water to see if the manhole could be relocated and if this was not possible, the cost / design of a barrier which would allow access to the manhole cover.

05/02/23 Planning

P22/S1241/FUL - The Site of Milton House, Gold Street, Little Milton
Amendment No. 6

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

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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, images received 29 November 2022 and information received 25 January 2025).

The amendment was **noted** with no further comment.

It was **noted** that planning permission has been granted for:

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 and as amended by plans received 10 January 2023).

06/02/23 Village AEDs

South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) are encouraging owners of AEDs to assess related signage. Volunteers who regularly check the three AEDs in the village undertook an audit and concluded additional signage is required for two AEDs located at the village hall and outside Morgan's. An approach will be made to the owners of the Lamb Public House seeking permission for a directional sign to be put on the gate.

07/02/23 Report by District / County Councillors

County Councillor Freddie van Mierlo had given his apologies and circulated his monthly report.

08/02/23 Finance

Approval of Council Expenditure

Oxfordshire County Council: Bollards Gold Street (retrospective approval as already paid)	£680.63
Andrea Oughton Month 11 2022/23	£226.98
Raymond Fergusson: Month 11 2022/23	£76.50
Namesco: Domain Hosting	£47.99
Howard Harrison: Topsoil and plants	£81.98
Francois Van Der Merwe- Microsoft 365 Licenses	£306.00
Colourplus: February Newsletter 2023 (Estimate)	£240.00

Direct Debit

Intuit: Accounting software Feb. 9th –March. 9th 2023	£16.80
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Bank reconciliations for the current and deposit accounts were circulated and approved as a correct record.

09/02/23 Reports from Councillor Representatives

Recreation Ground and Open Green Spaces

Shrub planting is planned for the coming weekend, the mound at the MUGA will also be strimmed.

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Resolved to replace a post on Haseley Road green which was removed by a contractor during recent works on the green.

The planters on the corner of Haseley Road / A329 have been filled with topsoil. Plants are being sourced on an ad hoc basis for all planters. **Resolved** that Cllr Harrison purchase plants and claim expenses as they occur.

An application for funds towards refurbishment of the MUGA lighting has been submitted to the District Councillor Grant Scheme.

Utilities and Highways

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Cabinet has approved the 20mph speed reduction scheme for the village. Installation of signage and road markings should be completed by the end of March. OCC Highways has reported a backlog in pothole repairs.

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

Cllr Denby reported that during the very icy weather a lady had a nasty fall in the car park. An accident report was completed. Cllr Denby to ask staff in the shop if they will salt the pathway around the village hall when they salt in front of the shop.

Playground

Cllr Wakeling continues dialogue with Komplan re the replacement aerial runway seat. Cllrs Wakeling and van der Merwe will meet to discuss replacement of the wooden fencing around the MUGA.

Resolved to purchase a new accessible bench for the play area to replace the existing one which has needed to be repaired on several occasions and is approaching the end of its life.

All agreed the MUGA surface is beyond repair and needs replacing. Further investigation and quotations to be brought back to a future meeting.

Communication

Agreed to publicise local elections in May via social media and the newsletter. A drop-in session will be held in the Lamb Public House for people to find out more about becoming a parish councillor and what the Parish Council has achieved.

10/02/23 Correspondence

The landowner of Warren Barn Farm has submitted a Highways Statement to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC).

The document makes it clear that the landowner acknowledges the public rights of way recorded on their land and that at the time of making the deposit they do not wish to dedicate any other ways over the land shown with coloured edging on the accompanying map. This may prevent unrecorded public rights of way from being recorded on the Definitive Map and Statement on the basis of presumed dedication in the future.

It was agreed to collate further information and add an item to the next agenda to agree next steps.

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11/02/23 Exchange of Information

Nothing to report.

12/02/23 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th March 2023, **commencing at 6pm** at Pine Lodge. Cllr Wakeling gave his apologies in advance of the meeting.

The meeting finished at 21:00 hrs

Signed by:

Chairman.....



Date.....

