

Great Milton Parish Council

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To the Chairman and members of Great Milton Parish Council

Dear Councillor

I hereby give you notice that the next Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held virtually via Zoom video-conference on **18 January 2021** at **7.30pm**.

Public and Press are welcome to attend.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Darch

Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer to Great Milton Parish Council

The meeting will be conducted through a video conferencing facility: if you wish to access the meeting please contact the Parish Clerk. The new arrangements for the Parish Council are allowed under the following Regulation:

THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND POLICE AND CRIME PANELS (CORONAVIRUS) (FLEXIBILITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY AND POLICE AND CRIME PANEL MEETINGS) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2020

Join Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83521456031?pwd=MjJvVksxWmJwMFZtblk0VVQyQ0ZYz09>

Meeting ID: 835 2145 6031

Passcode: 909058

AGENDA

- 01/21 Apologies for Absence**
- 02/21 Variation of order of business**
- 03/21 Declarations of member's Interest (if any)**
To receive declarations of interest in matters on the Agenda.
- 04/21 Matters to Report**
To receive reports from County and District Councillors and other bodies as appropriate.
- 05/21 Correspondence and Public Discussion**
No correspondence has been received which is not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.
- 06/21 Planning Applications**
No planning applications or decisions have been received since the last meeting.
- 07/21 Minutes of the previous meeting**
To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held virtually on Monday 14th December 2020 as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

08/21 Financial Resolutions

A To authorise cheques for payment, to be physically signed along with associated invoices subsequent to this meeting:
Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £504.65
Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production January. £tbc
Website hosting January (reimbursement to Clerk). £19.99
Recreation Ground Annual Maintenance Grant: £400

B To receive the latest monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statements.

09/21 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

- An appeal has been submitted in response to SODC's decision to refuse reduction works to the degree nearby residents believe is necessary to the silver birch tree close to the school. If the appeal is dismissed reduction will still be possible, but at a reduced level as recommended by SODC's forestry officer. A decision is awaited.
- It has been recommended by a tree surgeon that the two large trees on the bank between The Great House and Romeyns Court should be removed due to potential weakness in some areas. This opinion has been confirmed by three potential contractors who have submitted costings for the work. A contractor has been selected, and residents living adjacent and nearby will be advised of progress as it continues: although the trees are not subject to TPOs they are in a conservation area so the proposal will require approval from the planning authority.

10/21 COVID-19: update on village response/impacts

To report any significant developments in Great Milton with regard to the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak.

11/21 Village mowing

Costings have been sought from three potential contractors for mowing the village greens and verges for the next two years.

12/21 Proposed move to new dog waste collection contractor

Notice has been given to SODC for the emptying of dog waste bins: a private contractor will take over from April, at around half of the quoted cost of continued provision by SODC (although this is still five times more than SODC's charge of two years ago).

13/21 Proposed road closure, Lower End/Sworford Lane, June 2021

To discuss advice received from Oxfordshire County Council of a two-day road closure of Sworford Lane from April Cottage to a point close to Lower End from June 21st to 23rd. The suggested alternative route sends all traffic to and from Wheatley via Windmill Hill and The Forties: use of The Forties for significant volumes of traffic in both directions raises concerns over safety and the impact on this single-track road for the period of the closure.

14/21 Kate Dawson OBE

Kate Dawson was awarded an OBE for Services to Business in the Queen's New Year Honours List. Kate grew up in Great Milton and is the daughter of Maurice and Pat Dawson who have lived in Tinker's Cottage since 1963. The Parish Council would like to extend its hearty congratulations to Kate, Maurice, Pat and family.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council is currently scheduled to be held virtually on Monday February 15th starting at 7.30pm.