

Great Milton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Great Milton Parish Council

Held at the Pavilion, Great Milton on Monday 26th September at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs S Harrod (Chair), W Fox (Vice-Chair), P Allen, D Harms, M Horsley.

In Attendance: Chris Ashworth (Clerk), Tim Darch (Former Clerk), Cllr Freddie Van Mierlo (OCC) and 1 member of the public.

- 116/22 The sad death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II has had a profound effect on us all. We all pass on our condolences to the family at this time.**

The meeting opened with a commemoration and minute's silence in tribute to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, who sadly passed away on Thursday 8th September 2022.

- 117/22 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr C Deacon and Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC)

- 118/22 Variation of order of business**

The business was conducted in the order prescribed by the agenda.

- 119/22 Declarations of members' interests**

No declarations of interest were received in matters on the agenda.

- 120/22 Matters to report**

The County Councillor's monthly report was received and reviewed and is available on the Parish Council website along with the District Councillor's.

- 121/22 Correspondence and public discussion**

A consultation on proposals to introduce six trial traffic filters in Oxford will start on 5 September. Traffic filters are part of Oxfordshire County Council's central Oxfordshire travel plan and are supported by Oxford City Council.

Traffic filters are designed to reduce traffic, make bus journeys faster and make walking and cycling safer. When they are operating, private cars will not be allowed through the traffic filters without a permit. All other vehicles including buses, coaches, taxis, vans, mopeds and HGVs will be allowed at all times. Permits will be available for blue badge holders, health workers and professional and non-professional care workers.

The scheme will be enforced using automatic number plate recognition cameras. Residents in Oxford and some areas just outside the city will be able to apply for a permit to drive through the traffic filters for up to 100 days per year.

The consultation on the trial proposed will run for four weeks until 3 October 2022. If approved by Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet, the trial will start as an experimental traffic regulation order (ETRO) in summer 2023 for a minimum of six months. The ETRO will allow Oxfordshire County Council to test the scheme and make any changes if needed. A second consultation will run alongside the trial period where people can submit their feedback based on their experience of the traffic filters.

Four traffic filters will be located on St Cross Road, Thames Street, St Clements and Hythe Bridge Street and will operate seven days a week from 7am to 7pm. The remaining filters will be located on Marston Ferry Road and Hollow Way and will not operate on Sundays.

This item was raised by a member of the public. The councillors discussed the traffic filters, with points being raised that the surrounding roads and ring roads would become even more congested as well as forcing people who work or go to school in the centre of Oxford to use the park and ride even when not viable. A member of the public raised the point that the filters would come in very suddenly and cause chaos for people, with no time to find alternative solutions once the traffic filters are in place. Cllr Harrod raised the view that the proposal hasn't been thought



through adequately for people who live outside of Oxford itself, and it doesn't support people who have an absolute need to drive into Oxford City Centre. Cllr Fox raised the point of using cameras to target single occupancy vehicles rather than traffic filters, as reducing the number of single occupancy vehicles would help the area become more eco-friendly. The inclusion of Marston Ferry Road was raised as the biggest issue as that would likely cause the most disruption. It was raised to Cllr Freddie Van Mierlo that this road is excluded from the proposal. Cllr Van Mierlo asked for these points to be raised on the survey to help amend and improve the proposal.

A consultation link for people to air their views is also linked on the Parish website under News items, and the council encourages residents to complete this consultation. The Parish Council will also complete the survey.

122/22 Planning applications

A P22/S0613/FUL (Bentley House, Milton Common) Demolition of existing car repair workshop and erection of replacement commercial building comprising 4 units, with associated works including access, parking and landscaping. Amendments to planning approval P20/S3158/FUL to reduce permitted eaves height to 5.4m and install a 1.8m high fence and landscaping enclosure to the front of the site. Details submitted to reword conditions 3,4,5 and 6 of P20/S3158/FUL to allow development to be undertaken in accordance with submitted details and to remove condition 11 relating to construction being undertaken in accordance with BREEAM excellent standard. Cllr Allen reviewed this application. The application was a small amendment from the previous application upon which the application was objected. After a discussion, it was agreed to unanimously OBJECT the proposal.

P22/S3280/FUL (Road Maintenance Depot London Road Milton Common) The erection of a single-storey office block, maintenance garages and salt barn at the western end of the existing depot site, and the creation of new access and SUDS pond. Cllr Allen reviewed this application. It was discussed, and as it is far away from any Milton Common residents. This Parish Council unanimously agreed to NO COMMENT on this proposal.

B To review the following planning decisions received and any outstanding planning matters:
P22/S2129/LB (The Old Stores The Green Great Milton). Removal of mid/late C19 sash windows with plate glass to be replaced with new sash windows with original details and heritage 8mm vacuum sealed glazing to the front facade. Permission GRANTED.

P22/S1316/HH (Swarebrook Lower End Great Milton OX44 7NJ). Construction of new blockwork garden wall faced in natural stone on one side and lime render on the other side (As amended by plans received 2022-05-12 and as amended by plan received 29 June 2022). Permission GRANTED.

P22/S2023/LB (The Priory Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PB). Replacement of dormer window frame. Replacement of render finish with tile hanging. Installation of PV panels on roof of stable block (as amended by drwgno 153-3-001a, 153-3-20 and Design and Access Statement received on 6 July 2022 and drwgno 153-2-54a received on 19 July 2022). Permission GRANTED.

P22/S1948/FUL (Milton Pools Fishery Milton Common Great Milton Oxon OX44 7EJ). Retention of building used ancillary to fishery (shop/store). Permission GRANTED.

P22/S2619/HH (Hampden House Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PB) Replacement of existing greenhouse. Permission GRANTED.

P22/S1778/FUL (Grooms Farm Thame Road Wheatley OX33 1JP) Erection of a 17m x 26m Cruyff Court Multi-Use Gaming Area. Permission GRANTED

P22/S2485/HH (The Priory Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PB) Application for installation of solar panels and a ground source heat pump. Permission GRANTED



123/22 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the July meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 18th July, were received, reviewed, agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

124/22 Financial resolutions

A The following cheques for payment were authorised and signed:
Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses August: £557.72
Chris Ashworth. Salary, Tax and Expenses September: £523.22
Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production August: £335.20
McCracken and Sons. Mowing July/August: £648.00
Green and Growing. A329 path 'siding out: £294.00
OCC. Gateway features: Church Road/Thame Road/Lower End: £4875.11
Shield Solutions. Dog bin emptying July/August: £62.40/£62.40
Rec Committee. Pavilion hire for TVP events x2: £60.
BT Office/e-mail package: £10.80 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)
Hugo Fox: web support July: £19.99 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)
Moore Stephens. External Audit: £240

B The monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement were received, reviewed and approved. The reconciled bank balance as of 7th September was £41,264.74.

C To note the receipt of the External Auditor's report, which raised no major issues. Notices of completion have been placed on the notice boards and uploaded to the website.

125/22 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- Work on the 20mph scheme is ongoing. Great Milton's scheme is scheduled to be implemented this year.
- Drainage works in Lower End were undertaken in early August. It is hoped that this will resolve the surface water issues which have been ongoing near the school entrance for some time.

126/22 COVID-19: update on village response/impacts

There are no significant issues to report other than those which are receiving national coverage. This item will be removed from future agendas; please continue to follow national coverage for any guidelines. The item will be added to the agenda again in the future if needed.

127/22 Security in the village

Residents are to report any incident that they witness or experience to the police via the 101 telephone service or online via the police.co.uk website.

128/22 New Clerk/RFO

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Chris Ashworth to the role of Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer from 15/08/2022. Chris's contact details will be updated in the Bulletin and other local information sources.

129/22 Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Having notified SODC of the casual vacancy following the resignation of George Bennet, the vacancy is open until 27th September 2022. SODC will contact on 28th September 2022 to let us know if a poll has been called or if we can proceed with a co-option.

130/22 Funding for the youth club

To discuss the potential of funding for Great Milton Youth Club. Cllr Horsley raised the suggestion that the Parish Council should put forward funding for the youth club. The Council discussed this matter, leaders from the youth club were not in attendance to discuss the details. The item will be discussed further at the next Parish Council Meeting.



The meeting closed at 20:16.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 17th October 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion.

Signed

Shane D. 17/10/22