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Councillor:	Sarah MacMahon	07580 581655
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Rec Ground Committee:	James Cunningham (Chair), Michele Block (Vice-Chair)
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Hard Surface Play Area:	Mark Nethercleft (Chair), Dan Bennett (Treasurer), Sarah MacMahon (Membership)
Neighbourhood Watch:	Rod Snowdon
Kent & Couling Charity:	Simon Cronk, Tricia Treanor, Sue Denham
Sheppard Trust:	Simon Cronk, Jane Willis
Neighbours' Hall:	Mike Robinson (Chair), Christine Donnelly

Cover: A snowy Bull in 2021.

Photo: Manny Stone.

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Police non-emergency	101	thamesvalley.police.uk
GP Surgery, Morland House	01865 872448	morland-house.co.uk
NHS non-emergency	111	nhs.uk
Gas Emergency	0800 111 999	nationalgrid.com/uk/safety/
Electricity Outage	0800 072 7282	sse.co.uk
Burst pipe or leak	0800 714 614	thameswater.co.uk
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46 Bus Service	01865 785400	info@oxfordbus.co.uk
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Park & Ride		oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/public-site/parkandride
National Rail Enquiries	03457 484950	nationalrail.co.uk

Parish Council News

Minutes of the Great Milton Parish Council meeting held at The Pavilion on Monday, 11th December 2023 at 7:30 pm. Present: Cllrs S Harrod (chair), P Allen, D Harms, M Horsley, S MacMahon and Cllr G Heritage (SODC). In attendance: Chris Ashworth (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

137/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr B Fox, S Illingworth and Cllr F Van Mierlo (OCC)

138/23 Variation of order of business

There was no variation in the order of business.

139/23 Declarations of members' interest

Matters to report: item 140/23 was spoken about after item 148/23.

140/23 Matters to report

The District Councillors' report was received and reviewed and is available on the Parish Council website.

Cllr Heritage (SODC) updated the Councillors on her report, with lots of work on the Neighbourhood Plans. With Neighbourhood plan referendums held for Lewknor, Towersey and Wheatley.

Cllr Heritage visited the Cornwell Solar Farm site near Stoke Talmage, and this site is run by the same company that will be installing the Harlesford solar farm. This visit helped to open up links between Cllr Heritage and the Company – Low Carbon Ltd.

The Warm Spaces initiative is running in South Oxfordshire. The South Oxfordshire centres are Abbey Sports Centre (Berinsfield), Didcot Wave (Didcot), Henley Leisure Centre (Henley), Park Sports Centre (Wheatley) and Thame Leisure Centre (Thame).

The Warm Spaces scheme will run from 9 am-2 pm on weekdays in the café and communal areas of the centres. All the centres have been registered on the official Warm Spaces website.

141/23 Correspondence and public discussion

There was no correspondence or public discussion.

142/23 Planning applications

A No planning applications were received from SODC.

B The following planning decisions were received from SODC.

P21/S0428/LB (Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons Church Road Great Milton OX44 7P) Listed building consent for internal and external alterations and minor extensions, repair and refurbishment works to the Grade II* Manor House (Amended plans September 2021 and Amended plans and additional information April and June

2022)

South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that listed building consent is GRANTED.

P21/S0343/FUL (Belmond Le Manoir aux Quat Saisons Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PD) Full planning permission for the erection of a new Wellness Spa, Bistro, Garden Villas, Garden Rooms, Pavilions and Storage Barns, minor extensions and alterations to the existing Grade II* Manor House, former Stables building and Staff Facilities building, new highway access, internal road and car parking areas, limited demolition and associated works. (Amended plans and information September 2021, Archaeological Evaluation Report October 2021 and Amended plans and additional information April 2022 and June 2022).

South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that planning permission is GRANTED.

P23/S3748/AG (Views Farm Windmill Hill Great Milton) Erection of steel portal frame barn. Agricultural Development - Application Not Required.

143/23 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the November meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday, 20th November 2023, were received, reviewed, agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

144/23 Financial resolutions

A The following cheques for payment were authorised and signed:

Chris Ashworth. Salary, Tax and Expenses December: £608.22

Shield Maintenance Dog Waste November: £62.40

J M Dudley: £359.00

Great Milton History Society: £240.00

BT Office/e-mail package: £10.80 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

Hugo Fox: web support: £23.99 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

B The monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement for November were received, reviewed and approved.

C Budget 2024-25

The second draft of the budget was reviewed. Since the draft budget was discussed at the November Parish Council meeting, the forecast number of households in the village paying council tax in 2024-25 has been received. This forecast shows that the number will rise by 3.7%. With increased costs, the Parish Clerk is proposing that the Parish Council increase the precept by a total of 7%. This comprises a 3.7% increase in the number of households paying Council Tax and a 3.3% increase by the Parish Council.



Cllr Harrod recommended to the Parish Council that the Precept be increased more than proposed on the second draft budget to allow for additional expenditure, including helping to fund the local Freecycle scheme, which was not included in the second budget draft. Cllr Harrod told the other Councillors that the Parish component of the Council tax is so small that even a 10% increase in the precept is less than a 1% increase in Council tax. All the Parish Councillors present agreed with Cllr Harrod, and the Parish Clerk will draft a new budget with these changes.

Precept 2024-25

The proposed Precept from the second budget draft was not approved, with changes to be made to the request.

145/23 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- Christmas tree recycling will be located adjacent to the entrance to the Rec. Trees must be 6ft or under or cut down to size and left by 9th January for collection on 10th January.
- Carol singing around the Christmas tree will be held on Wednesday 13th December at 6 pm with mulled wine and mince pies at The Bull afterwards.

146/23 Security in the village

The Neighbourhood Watch representative attended the meeting. With discussion about the progress of the Lion's message in a bottle scheme. Which has around 30 residents now taking part. Residents are encouraged to continue to report any incidents they witness or experience to the police via the 101 telephone service or online via the police.co.uk website.

147/23 Steps to the Well on the Green

Green and Growing have been out and completed the tidy-up to the steps to the green and have given the Parish Council estimated quotes for potential work to the steps. The Parish Council all agreed in favour of getting Green and Growing to complete the works and that the works should be done to fully repair the steps. The Parish Clerk will arrange with the above contractor to get these works completed.

148/23 Neighbourhood planning update

Cllrs Harms, updated the Councillors on the Neighbourhood planning online presentation.

Cllr Harms reported back that the online presentation was very interesting. Cllr Harms raised the biodiversity and climate side of the Neighbourhood plan as being the most critical area for small Villages. Although this is important, Cllr Harms also pointed out that to complete a Neighbourhood Plan, you need a lot of time, money and resources, as well as the expertise of someone who understands the area to help complete a successful plan. Cllr Harrod raised the point that Great Milton is too

small of a Village, with not enough developmental land to worry about the expensive undertaking of a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Harrod pointed out that a Parish Plan was completed in 2012 with very little coming from this plan and took a lot of time, money and resources to complete.

The following Great Milton Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 15th January 2024, at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion.

The meeting ended at 20:10

Benefice Services for January

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Saturday 6th	Twelfth Night Children's Concert 6:00pm		
Sunday 7th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am
Sunday 14th	Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am	
Sunday 21st	Family Worship 10:30am		Holy Communion 9:00am
Sunday 28th	Benefice Family Worship 10:30am	BCP Communion 9:00am	

Benefice Services for February

	St. Mary the Virgin Great Milton	St. James's Little Milton	St. Peter's Great Haseley
Sunday 4th		Holy Communion 9:00am	Family Worship 10:30am

The Rector's Pint

For my piece this month, I mainly want to offer a brief tribute to my predecessor in these parishes, Rev. Victor Story.

Victor was the Rector here for fifteen years, more than enough time to get his feet under the table! I only met him a few times, when he returned here to assist with funerals, to give the eulogy or lead the prayers for people he had known well. I was always impressed by his attention to detail, and his warmth and love for those he was remembering.

Victor was a gentle man, and I know that he was a man of prayer. As a qualified teacher, he maintained a love for the schools, and I know that he was also well loved by them. His funeral took place on 14th December at St. Mary's and it was well attended by many of his friends from the various parishes he had served in.

Victor had no family of his own. He was married for a few years in the 1990's, a time that brought him great joy. Tragically, his wife died, and I know that Victor carried the grief of that for the rest of his life.

Of course there was sadness at his funeral, but there was also much joy and thanksgiving, as we heard about his ministry here and elsewhere, including his life in Chipping Norton following his retirement, and what he meant to Matilda, the granddaughter of Vera who used to clean the Rectory. Victor had appointed Matilda as his executor without her knowledge, but she did a magnificent job of pulling the funeral together. My thanks to Tim Suter and Kate Billimore and the choir for organising the music in such a short time - with Carol Services looming only three days later. The Nunc Dimittis at the end of the funeral was particularly beautiful. So many have commented that the whole service was 'just so Victor!'

It is hoped that Victor's ashes will be interred in the grave of beloved his wife in Evesham, where Victor served as curate between 1981 and 1985.

I would also like to send my best wishes for the New Year to all readers of the 'Pint'. We have all experienced a bumpy ride for several years now, and we can only look out with increased sadness at the news we see unfolding in parts of our world. It adds some urgency to the beginning of the Lord's prayer every time we use it: 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done....' In our own small way though, each of us has a responsibility to be an answer to that prayer.

As St Paul wrote in his letter to the Hebrews: (Chapter 11 Verse 1)

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen".

Through faith, we have hope. Peace and blessing to you all for 2024.

Simon

Info Point

A New Way of Exploring St Mary's Church

Anyone recently visiting St Mary's will have had access to an excellent guide book or leaflet but now there will be an additional way of gaining information about our own historic building which is both complementary and innovative. The church is now the first religious building in Oxfordshire to have an 'Info Point'. The latter generates an 'off-grid' web that users can connect to (using their own 'phones) via its own localised Wi-Fi network. Anyone with a device containing a modern web browser can use Info Point' Wi-Fi hotspot to gain free access to an 11-point interactive tour of the church's unique features. It is all simpler than it sounds, the straightforward instructions are displayed inside the north door (as you know, the latter is usually open during daylight hours). There are lots of photographs (even a picture jigsaw if you have time!) and it is possible to stop and start at any stage. You may be surprised what you might find out for the first time. It is also expected to be a valuable aid for the many overseas visitors who call in while staying at Le Manoir.

The church tour is only the first piece of information to be featured. Extra details on the Dormer monument and the musical instruments have already added but one of its advantages, over printed material, is that future changes can be recorded. It has been installed in advance of the imminent restoration of the monument. A video of the conservation work is to be included. This project has been funded in association with the latter work by several grant bodies (details of which will be publicised later). Plans to add a children's quiz is just one of the ideas in process.

So, bring your 'phone to church (if it is not used during the service!). Anyone keen to know more about Info Point (or, indeed getting involved in adding new content – a valuable student exercise?) are encouraged to contact Fred Cabbage 07484 851616. The church is indebted to Andrew Meynell who allowed his guide 'St Mary's and Great Milton' to be used as a source for much of the tour content and Nick Belcher for some of the photos.

Village Christmas Card

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the village Christmas card. We are delighted that the initiative raised £2,284 for Muscular Dystrophy UK. Particular thanks to Juliet Langlais, Nick Belcher and Le Manoir for their support.

Rebecca Barry and Laura Putt

Great Milton Methodist Church Services

For further info. please contact Rev Stephen Spain on 01865 763676

January 2024				
Date	Time	Church	Preacher	Comments
7th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Rev John Anderson	
14th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Alistair Jackson	
21st	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Local Arrangement	
28th	11:00am	Gt. Milton	Rev Stephen Spain	CS/Holy Communion

Poppy Collection

Our total this year was £530.92.

A big thank you once again to Laura Putt.

And a big thank you to Christine Donnelly who stepped in to help.

Liz Alden has offered to help next year.

The more the merrier.

Thank you,

Sue Denham

A.G.M. - Neighbours' Hall

The Neighbours' Hall Management committee would like to invite you to the A.G.M. held on Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 7pm. Everyone will be most welcome.

Tons Together (Little Milton) WI

In December, Melanie Dean made a wonderful Christmas tree, wreath and table arrangement. We raffled the finished pieces afterwards and raised £45 for Homeless Oxfordshire. Thank you to Wendy, Cathy & helpers for doing the teas & mulled wine, and Jane for the birthday flowers.

On Thursday 11 January, we're out for our annual New Year dinner, this year to The Lamb in Chalgrove. We'll be back in the hall on Thursday 8 February for a Mardi Gras Pancake Cook off!

Do you live in Little Milton, Great Milton, The Haseleys, Stadhampton or surrounding villages, new to the area, want to meet new people, make new friends? Then join Tons Together WI and meet like-minded, local women of all ages in an informal, friendly group.

We meet every 2nd Thursday of the month in the Pine Lodge OX44 7PZ at 7.30pm (unless we're out!)

Too shy to come by yourself or need a lift? Contact us & we'll find you a WI buddy.

Like us at www.facebook.com/Impinelodge

Details & news on the Pine Lodge page at www.littlemilton.org.uk

Kath Stacey 01844-279438 tonstogetherwi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Christmas Cake Raffle Prizewinners List

Prize	No.	Winner	Sold at
1. Christmas Cake	293 yellow	Alan Pickett	Shop
2. Red Wine	603 yellow	Trevor Paczoska	Bull
3. Rosé Wine	20 yellow	Mrs. Allen	Shop
4. Four Guinness	659 yellow	Bob W.	Bull
5. Box of Biscuits	726 yellow	Bob W.	Bull
6. Milk Tray Chocs	453 yellow	Greg	Bull
7. White Wine	54 yellow	Gregg	Shop
8. Danielle Steel Book	184 yellow	Barry	Shop
9. Note Pad & Pen	25 yellow	C. Meynall	Shop
10. Mystery Prize 1	586 blue	Rose R.	Bull
11. Mystery Prize 2	896 yellow	Antony Ayton	Bull
12. Four Cans of Bitter	84 yellow	Pat Cox	Shop
13. Quality Street Chocs	752 yellow	Bob W.	Bull
14. White Wine	182 yellow	Barry	Shop
15. Red Wine	309 yellow	Hazel	Shop
16. Bunch of Roses	655 blue	Flora	Bull

£214.95 was raised for Party Funds

Thank You for Your Support

Morland House Surgery

Morland Close, Wheatley OX33 1DP

The usual surgery opening hours are Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm. Saturday mornings (excluding Bank Holiday weekends) 8am to 10.30am, for prebooked consultations only.

Enhanced access hours are offered outside these times, please speak to one of the reception team on 01865 872448 for more information. When the surgery is closed, please contact the Out of Hours service by phoning 111.

The surgery's in-house dispensary closed permanently on Friday 29 September 2023 WHEATLEY PHARMACY REMAINS OPEN.

There is no change to the process of ordering your repeat prescription. If you already collect your medication from Wheatley Pharmacy, then you need not do anything.

If you have not yet nominated a pharmacy to pick up your medication, then please do so. Check or alter your nomination via your NHS login - NHS (www.nhs.uk) or contact our prescription clerk team via morland.dispensary@nhs.net Tel 01865 872448 (option 3)

Flu and Covid Vaccines - All eligible patients have been offered their flu and covid vaccines. If you are eligible and have not yet had yours then please contact your nearest pharmacy to make an appointment.

To find out if you are eligible, please visit www.nhs.uk and search for "Covid Vaccination". For a wealth of information and guidance on managing a vast number of health conditions, symptoms, and treatment, please visit www.morland-house.co.uk.

Also on the website are details of the new rules relating to accessing your medical records - see <https://tinyurl.com/3879mz6p>

John Howell MP writes...

I would like to begin this month by wishing all my constituents a peaceful Christmas, and to send my best wishes for the year ahead.

I know that, for many, life is not easy, and that personal and global struggles can

weigh us down. Across the world too many people are still being affected by oppressive regimes and the effects of war. Still more suffer as a result of natural disaster. Our thoughts and prayers go out to anyone suffering at this time.

Here at home, many continue to feel the impact of the rising cost of living. However I hope that this year has brought some respite with the successful work to reduce the level of inflation and the measures that the Government has introduced to help ease the burdens on households across the country. Further measures planned for next year will continue to improve the situation.

There are never easy or straight forward answers to the big issues of our day. There will always be different solutions to consider, and any proposals will have knock on issues to be considered and weighed up against the alternatives. I am always interested to learn of the different views that people have and to consider them against my own. We may have to agree to differ, but discussion is helpful.

Closer to home when I look around the constituency and read the many parish magazines that are sent to me, I am always grateful for the generosity of time that so many people give to their communities in so many different ways. There are those who sit on our local councils and parish meetings and work at the challenges of local decision making; those who organise the wide-ranging group activities for others week by week or month by month; those who volunteer to maintain community facilities and our environment. Those who drive people to medical appointments or do shopping for those who are not able to do it themselves. There are so many people who volunteer in a wider range of ways it is impossible to list them all. I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my sincere thanks to this army of volunteers who work throughout the year to strengthen our communities and make our towns and villages desirable places to live and work. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you all.

We never know what each year will bring and as another new year comes nearer I remain optimistic and hopeful that those things that we hope will get better do, and that we will find new solutions and innovations to resolve some of the bigger problems of the world.

Whatever your beliefs, I do sincerely hope that the peace of the Christmas season may bring you some comfort and joy.

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Come and visit the Alpacas and then choose from the collection. Many designs available, but for ideas see a selection on our website:

www.greathousealpacas.com

Telephone **01844 279805 for an appointment**

Candlelight Concert – showcasing local young talent.

Saturday January 6th 2024, 18.00



St Mary the Virgin Church, Great Milton

Tickets: £5.00. Drinks available in the interval

We have such high calibre talent amongst our young people locally. This is an opportunity to enjoy those who are pursuing their musical passions.

The programme includes works by Bach, Chopin and Debussy amongst others.

Do join us for an enjoyable evening. Many thanks to our performers.

Tickets on sale at the door.

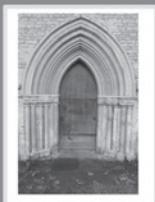
Any money raised will go towards church funds.





WELCOME to St Mary's Church

Come inside and access our new **Info Point** to appreciate every aspect of this historic building



It is impractical to keep this South Door open all the time but please go around to the North Door, which should be unlocked during normal daylight hours, and use your mobile 'phone, scan the QR code which is displayed inside, and explore your way all around the Church

Find out about:

- ❖ The architecture.
- ❖ The Dormer Monument.
- ❖ The unusual organ.
- ❖ Unique features.
- ❖ The font.
- ❖ The bells
- ❖ The empty external niches etc, etc.....



QUIZ NIGHT

at The Neighbours' Hall

Friday 16th February 2024
at 7:30pm

Come along and test your knowledge of a range of subjects in a warm, friendly atmosphere.

Tables of up to 6 people.
Please feel free to bring along your own nibbles – drinks will be available from the cash bar.

Entry is by ticket only.
These are available from the village shop and cost £5 per person.

All proceeds are for the maintenance of The Neighbours' Hall.
Look forward to seeing you there!



Great Milton Freecycle Live

SATURDAY 13 JANUARY

10.00am to 11.30am

DROP OFF IS STRICTLY 9.30am to 10.15am

AT
THE PAVILION,
GREAT MILTON RECREATION GROUND

featuring
Pop up Cafe in aid of
Kelly's London Marathon fundraiser for Sobell House Hospice Charity

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FOOTBALL FOR ALL



TRAINING TIMES



MENS

TUESDAY
7-8PM

OXFORD ACADEMY, SANDY LANE WEST
LITTLEMORE, OXFORD, OX46JZ

TONY SNELMGROVE

LADIES

TUESDAY
6-7PM

CHALGROVE MUGA

CAROL PHILLIPS

UNDER 12S

SATURDAY
10:30-11AM

REC FEILD OUTSIDE
VILLAGE HALL

HEIDI BATES

UNDER 11S

THURSDAY
5:30-6:30PM

CHALGROVE MUGA

RYAN UNDERWOOD

UNDER 9S

BOYS AND GIRLS

MONDAY (TERM TIME)

17:30-18:30

ON THE MUGA DURING WINTER.
ON REC FIELD FROM APRIL

DARREN GILL

WALKING

WEDNESDAY
6:30PM
FRIDAY
10AM

CHALGROVE MUGA
LUKE ALLEN



07770841414



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OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION
WHEATLEY JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB PROJECT
Recruiting – Play Workers / Youth Workers

The Oxfordshire Play Association (OPA), working in partnership with Wheatley Parish Council has secured funding to deliver a weekly Junior Youth Club in Wheatley.

The project is designed for Children and Young People in School Years 6, 7 and 8 (Ages 10 to 13) and will look to support them through the transition from Primary School to Secondary School.

Following a consultation with Young People in Wheatley the project will be delivered at the Merry Bells in Wheatley on an evening TBC from 6pm to 8pm.

The sessions will last for 2 hours and will be delivered weekly, we are looking for staff to work 5 hours per week (including prep, delivery, monitoring etc).

The project will provide fun and positive Play opportunities within a Safe and Supportive environment within Wheatley. This project will increase Childrens opportunities to Play and meet in a Safe Space whilst promoting Positive Activities and Behaviours, Increased Levels of Physical Activity and Healthy Lifestyles.

The Oxfordshire Play Association is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Registered Charity Number 1160320) and has been delivering a Countywide service across Oxfordshire since 1974.

Our Vision is to 'Improve Lives Through Play'

Our Mission Statement is to 'Champion and support the rights of all Children and Young People to have access to high quality, inclusive, Play opportunities to promote their physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing'

Our new Playworkers will work 5 hours per week (2 hours prep, 2 hours direct delivery and 1 hour monitoring and reporting) at an hourly rate of £12.68 per hour (£14.21 per hour including Holiday Pay)

As this job involves working with Children and Young People it will be subject to an enhanced DBS / CRB check, satisfactory receipt of 2 references and completion of relevant Safeguarding Children and Young People Training.

We are unable to accept CV's for the role, to request an application form please contact; Martin Gillett, OPA Manager. T = 07436 270267 or E = martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk

We are Recruiting for a Catering Coordinator

Role: Catering Coordinator

Start date: ASAP

Hours: Full time - 8 hours per day

Salary: £24,000 Per annum

At Thomley, Menmarsh Road, Worminghall, HP18 9JZ
(On the Oxon/Bucks border, between Oxford and Aylesbury)



About Thomley (Charity No. 1089224)

Thomley is a place for people of all abilities and disabilities. We provide an exciting site for disabled people, their families, carers and friends. We support people at any stage of their diagnostic journey, whatever their additional needs. Thomley's site is packed with accessible activities for all ages and all abilities.

The role

To provide a catering service for our day visitors and event catering for a varied events calendar.

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Please visit www.thomley.org.uk/about-us/current-staff-vacancies for a copy of the full job description and application form.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact our Service Manager, Anna: anna@thomley.org.uk

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GREAT MILTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Location: home-based

Hours: 10.5 per week

Salary: NJC Scale LC1, scale points 7 to 17 (£10.60 to £12.92 per hour), depending upon experience, CiLCA qualification and transferable skills.

Job Description

The Clerk provides administrative and clerical support to the Council and, as the Responsible Finance Officer, is required to manage the Council's finances. Duties include:

- Managing parish council meetings, including agenda preparation, taking and distributing minutes and ensuring that outcomes are actioned.
- Managing the Parish Council's finances, including preparation of accounts and reconciliations, payroll and PAYE, payment of invoices, banking, end-of-year accounts, submission of accounts for external audit, VAT reclaim, preparing the annual budget and requesting the precept.
- Ensuring that planning applications are considered and responses submitted in timely fashion to the District Council
 - Dealing with correspondence and enquiries
 - Liaison with contractors and other service providers
- Arranging the maintenance of trees and other village assets routinely and as required
- Liaison with village representatives, including the allotment coordinator, Rec Committee, PCC and Neighbourhood Watch group
- Receiving, collating and sending copy and advertisements to the editor of the Great Milton Bulletin, and invoicing for and managing advertising.
- Updating the village website with meeting agendas and minutes, news and required financial and governance-related information.
 - Other duties as and when required.

Essential criteria

You will be required to attend the monthly parish council meeting, which usually takes place on the third Monday of each month. You must have some administrative experience and be able to maintain accurate financial records. Candidates must possess a high standard of oral and written communication skills, be computer literate and proficient in the use of Microsoft Office software (particularly Word and Excel), be capable of working independently and using their initiative, and be able to deal with a range of issues. Previous experience in local government at any level will be helpful but is by no means essential.

**For further information and an application form, please e-mail:
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Chris Ashworth, current GMPC Clerk/RFO, on 07450 238 474**



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Please contact Chris Ashworth

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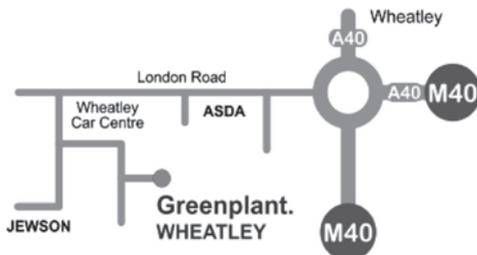
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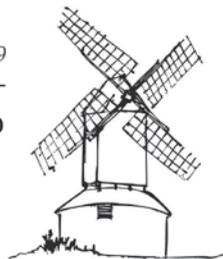
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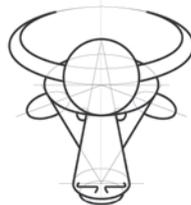
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- Sat 6th Candlelight Concert at St. Mary’s Church 6:00pm
Sat 13th Freecycle Live at The Pavilion 10:00am
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