

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

Present: Cllr. Giles Denby
Cllr. Howard Harrison
Cllr Adam Sheppard
Cllr. Steve Sidhu
Cllr. Van der Merwe
Mrs Andrea Oughton (*Parish Clerk*)
Members of the public: 2

Parish Forum

No items were raised.

01/03/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Wakeling and County Councillor van Mierlo.

02/03/23 Declaration of any pecuniary interests of members

There were no declarations of any pecuniary interests.

03/03/23 Approval of Minutes

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th February 2023.
The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

04/03/23 Matters Arising

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

05/03/23 Planning

There were no planning applications or planning items to consider.

P21/S1663/FUL – Land at Haseley Road

It was noted that the developer has six months from 22nd August 2022, the date when the District Planning Authority refused permission, to submit an appeal. The appeal application must be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. At this stage the district planning officer is unaware of an appeal being submitted before the deadline of 23rd February 2023.

06/03/23 Land at Warren Barn Farm, Little Milton

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

07/03/23 Report by District / County Councillors

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

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08/03/23 **Finance**

Approval of Council Expenditure

Andrea Oughton Month 12 2022/23	£226.98
Raymond Fergusson: Month 12 2022/23	£76.50
Raymond Fergusson	£44.05
Howard Harrison	£88.11
Francois Van Der Merwe- Microsoft 365 Licenses	£33.36
Colourplus: February Newsletter 2023 (Estimate)	£239.20

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.

The Effectiveness of Internal Control and Risk Management was reviewed. It was agreed to lower the risk score from Medium to Low for sections related to succession planning for the Clerk and Communication (social media).

Resolved to approve the Effectiveness of Internal Control and Risk Management including the above amendments.

09/03/23 **Reports from Councillor Representatives**

{Cllrs Denby and Sheppard entered the meeting}

Recreation Ground and Open Green Spaces

31 mixed species bushes have been planted on the western boundary of the recreation ground. Wildflower seed will be sown when the weather improves.

Extra daffodil bulbs have been planted in the planter on Haseley Road Green. Further spring planting will take place when the daffodils have flowered.

Annual and perennial plants have been planted in the planters on the corner of Haseley Road and A329.

The parish council has been notified of its success in obtaining £1,000 of funding from the District Councillor Community Grant scheme towards the cost of replacement lighting at the MUGA.

It was noted that the roots of two trees close to the MUGA are impacting on the football pitch.

MUGA – initial investigation work has taken place related to resurfacing the MUGA, quotations range between £30k-£90k dependent on the type of surface. The indicative quotations provide a starting point for further discussion. A spreadsheet detailing possible grant funding streams has been compiled. It was agreed to scope the project for presentation to a future meeting.

In its current state the MUGA surface can be slippery in cold / wet weather. Agreed to display signage advising that the MUGA is not used in such conditions and that people do so at their own risk.

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A corner of the MUGA surface is to be power washed and results assessed. If successful, the whole surface will be power washed and moss treated.

Utilities and Highways

Cllr van der Merwe has contacted the Digital Team at Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) regarding new Government funding intended for hard-to-reach areas / areas not covered by faster broadband.

Cllr Sheppard reported 20mph signs have been painted on the road at one end of the village. 20mph speed signs are in place but 'greyed out' until the scheme is implemented.

OCC mobile patching unit is to repair potholes on Haseley Road and the High Street.

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

The village hall committee is considering paving the external area immediately to the rear of the village hall. Agreed the village hall committee to draw up plans to present to a future meeting.

Cllr Denby to ask the school if pupils could design a sign(s) to draw motorist's attention to the new 20mph speed limit.

The village hall asked if the parish council will consider funding the purchase of a memento of the King's Coronation for the children of the village. Agreed to put an item on the next agenda for discussion.

Playground

A new accessible bench has been installed in the play area. A new seat has been fitted to the aerial runway.

Communication

Nothing to report.

10/03/23 Correspondence

There was no further correspondence to add to that already circulated.

11/03/23 Exchange of Information

Nothing to report.

12/03/23 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th April 2023, commencing at 7.30pm at Pine Lodge.

The meeting finished at 19:20 hrs

Signed by:

Chairman.....

.....Date.....

19 April 23

