

Great Milton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council

held on Monday 17th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

Present: Cllrs. W Fox (Vice Chairman), P Allen, G Harris, G Bennet and P Fewell.

In Attendance: Tim Darch (Clerk) and 8 members of the public.

108/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllrs Steve Harrod (Chairman) and Clyde Deacon.

109/18 Variation of order of business

Items 120/18 and 122/18 were dealt with at the beginning of the meeting for the convenience of those present to discuss them.

110/18 Declarations of member's Interest (if any)

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

111/18 Matters to Report

The County Council's and District Council's monthly reports were received.

112/18 Correspondence and Public Discussion

All correspondence received related to items dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

113/18 Planning Applications

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To give consideration to the following planning applications received from SODC.

P18/S2573/FUL (The Oxford Belfry London Road Milton Common). Construction of 4 Detached and 2 Semi-Detached Dwellings.

The majority of this potential development site is in the Tiddington Parish Council area: it is understood that both Tiddington PC and SODC may have concerns with certain elements of the application, but Great Milton Parish Council has NO OBJECTIONS to the plans in their current form.

P18/S2911/FUL (Land adjacent to Great Expectations, Milton Common). Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission P18/S0958/RM. In order to process with the appropriate plan revisions. (Remove carports, increase parking spaces, alter external materials, and modify hedging.) Approval for Reserved matters (Access, Layout, Scale, Appearance and landscaping) pursuant to outline application (P17/S4227/O) for the erection of up to eight dwellings with associated access, parking and amenity space (as amended by additional plans submitted on 31 May 2018 and 19 July 2018).

The Parish Council has NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

P18/S2622/DIS (Milton Lodge Lower End Great Milton), Discharge of condition 3(materials) on application refs. P14/S2708/LB & P14/S2675/FUL (Change of use to dwelling. Changes to structure. Additional windows and door. Chimney added). FOR REFERENCE: NO CONSULTATION ON DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS.

P18/S2738/DIS (The Bull, The Green, Great Milton). Discharge of conditions 3 (window & lantern) & 5 (balustrading & staircase details) of Planning Permission P17/S337/FUL dining room extension together with provision of external staircase to first floor flat and all associated works. FOR REFERENCE: NO CONSULTATION ON DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS.

P18/S2478/DIS (Yew Tree Cottage Lower End Great Milton). Discharge of conditions 5 - Landscaping Scheme & 6 - tree protection on application ref. P18/S1184/HH Demolition of an existing single-storey conservatory and erection of proposed 2-storey front and side extensions and single storey rear extension and outbuilding. FOR REFERENCE: NO CONSULTATION ON DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS.

- B To review any planning decisions received and any outstanding planning matters. P18/S1842/FUL (The Bull, The Green, Great Milton). Proposed decking behind pub to provide improved external drinking/dining option. Planning permission has been granted for this application.

P18/S0958/RM (Land on the South Side of London Road Adjacent to Great Expectations Milton Common). Approval for Reserved matters (Access, Layout, Scale, Appearance and landscaping) pursuant to outline application (P17/S4227/O) for the erection of up to eight dwellings with associated access, parking and amenity space (as amended by additional plans submitted on 31 May 2018 and 19 July 2018). Planning permission has been granted for this application.

P18/S2182/FUL (Welcome Break Oxford, Thame Road, Waterstock OX33 1LJ). Extension to existing HGV park and associated works. Planning permission has been granted for this application.

114/18 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 23rd July 2018 were signed and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

115/18 Financial Resolutions

- A To authorise cheques for payment:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £437.11

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production July/August. £287.20/£287.20

Green and Growing. Grass cutting July/August. £558/£534

Oxford Animal Sanctuary (in lieu of internal auditor's expenses). £100

Wheatley Park School Prizegiving sponsorship. £50

Moore Stephens. External Audit. £240.

- B A full bank reconciliation and the quarterly accounts were received and the bank statements for July and August were signed.

- C Receipt of the External Auditor's report was noted. This raised no issues. Notices of Completion have been placed on the noticeboards and a scanned report uploaded to the website.

116/18 Request for funding

A requested donation of £90 (£30 per event) towards the cost of organising the village Freecycle events for the next year was agreed. It was suggested that perhaps the hire cost of the Pavilion for the event could be waived in future given its charitable nature and the benefit derived from it by reducing the number of items going to landfill. However, given dwindling income from the Pavilion the charge cannot be waived: it has therefore been suggested that the Freecycle committee seeks a grant from the Sheppard Trust for support beyond the next year.

117/18 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

- Ownership of the telephone box has now been transferred to the Parish Council. Greenford Ltd has kindly offered to meet the cost of insurance and installation of a defibrillator and will repaint the telephone box in due course.
- The Clerk has placed notices on cars parking at the Lower End bus stop reminding them that it continues to be used by school buses. Residents in the area are thanked for an apparent reduction in the use of the bus stop as a parking area.
- Oxfordshire County Council has responded ambivalently to the Parish Council's suggestion of fencing off the area of land used for unofficial parking at the junction of the A40 and A329 at Milton Common. As the County Council owns the land there appears little more that can be done: the Parish Council has suggested that OCC may wish to pursue alternative options (such as direct discussions with SVS) but at this stage this appears unlikely.

118/18 Great Milton School: new modular classroom

The replacement building has been successfully installed and is now in use.

119/18 Parking on the Greens

Discussion of whether parking on the greens should continue to be discouraged given increasing demands on roadside space was deferred to the next meeting.

120/18 The Yard

Bob Hutton and Simon Turner from Greenford attended the meeting and received comments from local residents, who expressed varying degrees of concern at the appearance of The Yard. Mr Hutton said he would tidy up the area as much as was practical and Mr Turner stated that double stacking of containers would cease: however Mr Hutton warned that unfortunately some visual disturbance may remain, particularly when viewing The Yard from some neighbours' upstairs windows.

121/18 Tree of Remembrance: type/location

Parish Councils are being offered a free Tree of Remembrance as part of events to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice. After discussion it was agreed that a Rowan tree is currently favoured, to be located on The Green given its central location.

122/18 Bulletin cover/schedule

Concerns have been expressed that the cover of the Bulletin is now occupied by an advertisement, a course of action adopted by the Parish Council to help secure the future of the magazine as a 'physical' publication by generating additional revenue. After discussion a local resident offered to sponsor the front cover in its previous form (featuring a different photograph of local interest each month): the Parish Council is appreciative of this gesture and the cover will revert to its original guise immediately.

Requests have been received to make August the one 'no Bulletin' month per year, rather than September as present. The Parish Council agreed to further investigate this possibility.

123/18 Oxford-Cambridge Expressway

The preferred corridor for the Expressway, conceived to improve connectivity and stimulate economic growth between Oxford and Cambridge, has been announced. 'Corridor B' is preferred, broadly corresponding with East-West Rail to the north of Oxford. The route around Oxford is yet to be decided: this could either be to the west of the city (likely via an improved A34), or to the east, possibly via a new road from the Didcot area to the M40. An eastern route looks likely to bring this new road very close to Great Milton, possibly in the form of a widened, upgraded A329 or a new road across the fields on either side of Sworford Lane. The Parish Council agreed to carefully monitor future developments and to request that the Chairman refers to the issue and publicises key sources of information in his next Bulletin column.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th October starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

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