

# Great Milton Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council

held on Monday 15th October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

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

In Attendance: Tim Darch (Clerk), Cllr Caroline Newton (District Councillor) and 1 member of the public.

### 124/18 Apologies for Absence

Retrospective apologies were received from Cllr C Deacon who was unavoidably detained elsewhere.

### 125/18 Variation of order of business

Business was conducted as prescribed by the agenda.

### 126/18 Declarations of member's Interest (if any)

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

### 127/18 Matters to Report

The County Councillor and District Councillor's monthly reports were received. The District Councillor further updated progress on the local plan and stated that the housing sites under consideration have not changed. The Local Plan will go to SODC's Scrutiny Committee on 13 December and the Council will vote upon it (deciding the number of houses and sites) on December 20<sup>th</sup>. A consultation will take place, lasting 6 weeks from January in advance of a further Council vote and submission to Government by the end of March. Chalgrove Airfield continues to be under consideration, though Martin Baker remains keen to remain. Homes England have now offered a significantly greater infrastructure contribution. Cllr Harrod stated that there would be no change in the Parish Council's position and this will merely be reiterated when consulted.

### 128/18 Correspondence and Public Discussion

An invitation has been received from Wheatley Park School to their prizegiving event but unfortunately no parish councillors are available. A member of the public enquired about tree debris in her garden in Milton Common: the PC offered to look into land ownership on their behalf to help ascertain responsibility.

### 129/18 Planning Applications

- A The following planning applications received from SODC were considered:  
P18/S2744/FUL (Milton Farm, The Green, Great Milton, OX44 7NT). To erect a small shed on agricultural land.  
After consultation with neighbours and clarification of the size of the proposed shed it was decided that the Parish Council had NO OBJECTIONS to this application.

P18/S3117/DIS (Land on the South Side of London Road Adjacent to Great Expectations Milton Common). Discharge of conditions 3(trees), 4(landscaping), 7(parking), 9(material schedule) for planning permission P18/S0958/RM. And Discharge of conditions 4(landscaping) [superseded by reserved matters 4], 7(CTMP), 9(refuse/recycling), 10(fire hydrants) for planning permission P17/S4227/O. 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). FOR REFERENCE: NO CONSULTATION ON DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS.

B The following planning decisions received and other outstanding planning matters were reviewed:

P18/S2573/FUL (The Oxford Belfry London Road Milton Common OX9 2JW). Construction of 4 Detached and 2 Semi-Detached Dwellings. South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that planning permission is REFUSED for the carrying out of the development referred to above for the following reason(s):

- 1) The proposed development is not acceptable in that it does not accord with the growth strategy for the smaller villages in the district.
- 2) Insufficient drainage information has been submitted to demonstrate that a sustainable drainage strategy is achievable in conflict with Policy CSQ2 of the South Oxfordshire Core Strategy and Policy EP6 of the South Oxfordshire Local Plan 2011 and Government Guidance within the National Planning Policy.

Appeal decision: P17/S3619/FUL (The Oxford Belfry Hotel, London Road, Milton Common, Thame, OX9 2JW). Retention of staff accommodation static caravans.

- 1) The use of the static caravans for residential staff accommodation shall be limited to a period of 2 years from the date of this decision (26 Sept 2018). At the end of this period, all static caravans and any other structures, materials and equipment brought onto, or erected on the land, or works undertaken to it in connection with the static caravans shall be removed, and the land restored to its condition before the development took place.
- 2) The site shall only be used for the stationing of eight caravans, the occupation of which shall be limited to persons solely or mainly employed by the Oxford Belfry Hotel at London Road, Milton Common, Thame, OX9 2JW.

### **130/18 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were duly signed and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

### **131/18 Financial Resolutions**

A The following payments were authorised:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses October. £426.83

Green and Growing. Grass cutting. £96

Freecycle: £90 towards operating costs (as agreed in minute 116/18)

B A full bank reconciliation was received and September's bank statement was signed.

### **132/18 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand**

- The foliage on the path between Fullers Field and The Green has been trimmed and weeds sprayed.
- The road markings at the junction of the A40 and A329 at Milton Common have at last been renewed.
- The front cover of the Bulletin has reverted to its previous format.

### **133/18 Great Milton School: tennis court lease**

No further developments were reported on the tennis court lease but this issue will be revisited at the next Parish Council meeting.

**134/18 Parking on the Greens**

The issues surrounding parking on the Greens given increasing demands on roadside space were discussed. Cllr Allen reported increased roadside parking by school staff and residents, though the former is unexplained as little or no space has been lost for parking with the addition of the new school buildings. Councillor Harrod reported that historically easements had been granted for vehicular access to driveways, but not for parking. Other locations such as the Recreation Ground have been explored for parking but there have always been prohibitive issues associated with them. After discussion the Parish Council agreed to relax its approach to parking on the Greens for a trial period, on the understanding that parking should ONLY be permitted on areas that are designed to facilitate access to and from the road (e.g established driveways), rather than on adjacent areas of grass.

**135/18 Budget 2019-20 preparation**

The Parish Council's objectives for the next financial year were discussed. Cllr Allen observed that expenses were not foreseen to increase significantly in 2019-20, but that parish council election costs levied by SODC (if required: most elections in recent years have been uncontested, which would mean significantly reduced costs) could have a significant impact of potentially up to £2,500 in the next financial year. Cllr Harrod expressed concerns over the global financial situation and 'Brexit' which may mean a return to austerity despite the government's assertions that this fiscal policy has concluded. After further discussion it was agreed to prepare two budget options: a 6% precept increase and 6% plus £2,500 (to account for a possible election).

***The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.***

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