

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 19th July 2021

Present: Cllrs Steve Harrod (Chair), W Fox (Vice-Chair), P Allen, G Bennet, M Horsley and D Harms.

In Attendance: Tim Darch (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

Peter Fewell

Prior to the beginning of the meeting Cllr Harrod paid tribute to former councillor Peter Fewell. Great Milton Parish Council was very sad to hear of Peter's passing, and a moment of reflection was observed prior to the commencement of the meeting by way of remembrance.

96/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Clyde Deacon was not present at the meeting.

97/21 Variation of order of business

Business was conducted in the order prescribed by the agenda.

98/21 Declarations of member's Interest (if any)

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

99/21 Matters to Report

Reports from were received from the County and District Councillors, and are available on the Parish Council website. Cllr Fox raised a potential issue with a sub-5-year land supply, which may leave the way open for speculative development. Cllr Caroline Newton will be contacted for clarification.

100/21 Correspondence and Public Discussion

- Two reports of incomplete mowing of the allotment paths have been received. These have been referred to the contractor, and the situation has subsequently improved.
- A resident raised an issue with an overgrown area of brambles on Fullers Field: Cllr Fox confirmed that there was indeed an issue at this location: the Clerk will refer the issue via the Fix My Street web portal or arrange for it to be dealt with if necessary.
- The same resident reported that tree roots have broken through the tarmac on the alleyway from The Green to Fullers Field. Councillors agreed with the resident concerned that it represents a trip hazard: the issue will be reported via the Fix My Street portal.
- Overgrown brambles on the path to the side of the Recreation Ground were also reported. The Chairman suggested that the Clerk should arrange to have this dealt with as soon as possible.

101/21 Planning Applications

A The following planning applications received from SODC were reviewed:

P21/S2278/HH (The Glass Onion Lower End Great Milton). Erection of Car Port with Solar PV Roof.

Councillor Horsley reviewed this application. A neighbouring resident in attendance reported concerns that the planned car port was even taller than the existing storage container currently occupying the location of the proposed carport, and which was clearly visible from their property, two trees have been removed which may have TPOs upon them, and that there will be a negative impact on the view from their property and on the visual amenity of the footpath, which was reported as well-used despite the applicant suggesting otherwise.

Councillor Horsley reported some objections from near neighbours, but also some support from other residents. It was suggested that a condition should be proposed for the use of non-reflective solar panels to minimise reflections and visual impact, and that concerns with the height of the structure raised by residents should be reiterated to

the case officer. After discussion and taking all the evidence presented into account, 5 councillors agreed to recommend OBJECTION to SODC based upon the various factors outlined above, plus the general principle of the proposed development not being in keeping with the area. One councillor abstained as he was not fully aware of the development site. Councillors requested that SODC should investigate the felling of two trees as part of the development which may have TPOs on them and/or which may have been afforded protection as part of the application process.

P21/S2555/LDP (Maranta Thame Road Great Milton. Remove existing rear porch and conservatory. New single storey rear extension. Hip to gable extension with rear facing dormer. **For reference only: consultation responses not sought by SODC due to 'lawful development' status.**

P21/S2838/LB (Honeysuckle Cottage Lower End Great Milton). Replace existing paving with new paving, repaint all existing windows, side and rear doors and repaint external walls of a Grade II listed building.

After brief review and discussion, all councillors agreed to SUPPORT the proposed development.

P21/S2858/HH and P21/S2859/LB (also Honeysuckle Cottage Lower End Great Milton). Demolition of existing conservatory and replacing it with orangery, widening of existing doorway to original size and lowering of cill to create new doorway to a Grade II listed building. Cllr Horsley reported an objection from a neighbour to the proposed development on the grounds of it not being in keeping with a Grade 2 listed building, but after review and discussion all councillors agreed to SUPPORT the proposed development.

B The following planning decisions received and outstanding planning matters were considered. P21/S1841/HH (Priors Gate Church Road Great Milton). Roof over outside dining area. Planning permission is GRANTED for the development described above.

102/21 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st June 2021 were received, approved and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

103/21 Financial Resolutions

A The following cheques for payment were approved and signed:
Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses July/August. £508.85/£498.65
Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production July. £229.80
Website hosting July/August (reimbursement to Clerk). £19.99/£19.99
McCracken and Son. June mowing. £894
Green and Growing. Grove Footpath strimming. £120
Pet Waste Solutions. Dog bin emptying June. £43.20
Castle Water. Allotment water supply April-September 21. £17.60
Oxon South and Vale Citizen's Advice. Donation. £100
Gillett and Johnston. Annual clock service. £428.46
Oxfordshire Animal Sanctuary. Donation in lieu of Internal Auditor's fees. £100
Oxfordshire County Council. Initial speed reduction works in Milton Common. £8,003.16.

B The monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statements for June were reviewed, signed and approved. The reconciled bank balance as of 6th July was £53,564.45.

C To note the impending conclusion of the Exercise of Public Rights period (during which the Parish Council's accounts can be freely examined) on Tuesday 3 August.

104/21 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

- The dog bins now seem to be being emptied as scheduled. The Parish Council will therefore continue its arrangement with Pet Waste Solutions for two-weekly emptying until further notice.

105/21 COVID-19: update on village response/impacts

No significant local developments were raised with regard to the current pandemic.

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106/21 Milton Common speed mitigation scheme

Oxfordshire County Council is in the process of scheduling the first phase of the works in Milton Common. These will hopefully get under way before the end of the summer.

107/21 Request for donation: Clean Slate

Clean Slate provides long-term emotional support for survivors of abuse in Oxfordshire and aims to encourage individuals to explore their own mental health needs and adopt coping strategies for long-term recovery. It was AGREED to donate £100 to support the work of Clean Slate at the next meeting in September.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 20th September 2021 at the Pavilion, starting at 7.30pm. There is no meeting in August, but the Clerk remains on hand to deal with any issues or queries.

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm.

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