

Little Milton Parish Council
Minutes of Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2025

Present: Cllrs Giles Denby, Howard Harrison, Ed Horwell, Francois van der Merwe, David Wakeling

Mrs Andrea Oughton (Parish Clerk)
Members of the public: One

Parish Forum

No items were raised.

01/05/25 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Sheppard was absent, no apology received.

02/05/25 Declaration of any pecuniary interests of members

There were no declarations of any pecuniary interests.

03/05/25 Approval of Minutes

Resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th April 2024.

04/05/25 Report by District / County Councillor

It was noted that Judith Edwards has been elected to serve as County Councillor for the ward. District Cllr Heritage had circulated her report.

05/05/25 Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

Haseley Trading Estate – The Parish Council has received a response from South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) to Cllr van der Merwe's letter setting out the Parish Council's concerns regarding the proposal to use the industrial estate in Great Haseley as a waste vehicle hub for the District Councils. The statistics quoted in the response did not correlate with the parish council's, neither did the letter address concerns about the impracticability of the A329 to cope with HGV traffic, and the increase in vehicle movements associated with employees travelling to and from the site each day.

District Councillor Heritage is genuinely doing every she can for the village. She is trying to arrange a meeting with the SODC Cabinet Member under whose portfolio this sits. Freddie van Mierlo MP is trying to arrange a meeting with SODC's Deputy Chief Executive, Heads of Service and District Cllr Heritage. Cllr van der Merwe expressed a keen interest to be included in the meeting.

The Parish Council will continue to focus efforts on responding to the planning application (when it is received) and lobbying Councillors and Officers at all levels.

06/05/25 Finance

Approval of Council expenditure

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| MP Printers: May Newsletter 2025 | £308.00 |
| MP Printers: A5 VE Day 80 th Anniversary Booklet | £86.00 |
| MP Printers: A4 Airband letter and survey – Chiltern View | £21.60 |

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| Raymond Fergusson: Month 2 2025-26, Editor | £86.00 |
| Andrea Oughton Month 2 2025-26, Clerk/RFO | £255.65 |
| Silent View Windows 2 nd deposit | £2,897.44 |
| Silent View Windows final invoice | £1,053.61 |
| A W Mobbs & Co (chippings for footpath) | £234.00 |
| Kings Security Systems Ltd (Village Shop) | £354.00 |
| Grant & Stone (shingle for Gold Street) | £77.82 |
| Wheatley Farm Shop (plants) | £103.00 |

Direct Debit

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| Intuit: Accounting software 9 th May 2025 to 9 th June 2025 | £19.20 |
| Microsoft 365 Bus. Basic & Standard Accounts 1 st -30 th April 2025 | £18.24 |
| Information Commissioner's Office | £35.00 |

It was noted that the 1st half of Precept 2025-26, £7,250 has been received.

It was further noted that the 3rd Community Infrastructure Levy Payment of £29,016.00 has been received.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2024-25: It was noted that income / expenditure for the year exceeded the £25k threshold and accounts will be sent to the government appointed auditor for a limited assurance review.

07/05/25 Reports from Councillor Representatives

Open Green Spaces

More chippings have been spread along Gold Street. The present focus of attention is revamping the Millennium flower beds and planters for the summer. The initial grass cut at the recreation ground and village square has taken place.

Playground

Kompan were due to carry out work on the aerial runway on 6th May but this has been rescheduled for 20th May 2025. General wear and tear is starting to appear on the play equipment and will need to be addressed in the future. Particularly the base of the shelter.

MUGA

The contractor has applied the final bags of sand to the surfaces and in doing so completed the work. The area outside the MUGA needs seeding. A booking site for the courts is now live. Payments will be made directly into the Parish Council's bank account. Tokens for the lights will continue to be purchased through the shop.

Regular organised football matches are taking place; it is hoped to form a walking football team too. The team organiser continues to seek funding opportunities to replace the goalposts on the recreation ground.

Communication

Chiltern View - Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) Broadband Provision. Airband has a site plan on how it would deliver FTTP which primarily is by installation of seven poles. The plan has been shared with residents. The survey showed 36 percent of residents have concerns about using poles to delivery FTTP.

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If Airband decide to provide FTTP it means Building Digital UK (BDUK) will not include Chiltern View in their Gigabit project. If no commercial provider is prepared to include Chiltern View, then FTTP to the premises will not be an option, through BDUK for at least three years but could be five.

Utilities

Agreed the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Heritage regarding dates to meet with representatives from Thames Water.

08/05/25 Correspondence

A letter from the Team Leader – Safety Camera Operators at Thames Valley Police regarding speed related issues through the village was circulated. In summary factors such as road environment, speed data, community concerns and collision data are all considered when determining deployments. Police data shows that 20mph limit areas generally have lower risk factors. Despite this, police can still enforce in these areas, but any such activity will be balanced against all other roads and while considering overall risk factors to road users across the force.


09/05/25 Exchange of Information

Nothing to report.

10/05/25 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th June 2025. Cllrs Denby, Horwell and Wakeling gave their apologies.

The meeting finished at 9pm

Signed by:  Date: 11 June 2025
Chairman.....

