

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 17th January 2022

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

In Attendance: Tim Darch (Clerk) and no members of the public.

1/22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC) and Cllr Freddie Van Mierlo (OCC).

2/22 Variation of order of business

Business was conducted as prescribed by the agenda.

3/22 Declarations of members' interests

No declarations of interest were received in matters appearing on the agenda.

4/22 Matters to report

Monthly reports were received from the County and District Councillors: these are available on the Parish Council website.

5/22 Correspondence and public discussion

An e-mail has been received from a resident suggesting that the Neighbours Hall could be sold to Le Manoir, and any funds put into enhancing the potential of the Pavilion as a community facility, with access improvements which may then allow the Recreation Ground to be used safely for school parking. After discussion it was agreed that although some felt the idea had some merit, issues over ownership and the destination of sale proceeds were likely to mean that the suggestion was unlikely to be practical.

6/22 Planning applications

A The following planning applications received from SODC were considered:

P21/S5155/FUL (LASSCO, London Road, Milton Common). Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) in application P11/W1939 Demolition of existing rear part of main building. Extensions to existing main building to provide improved accommodation and function room and letting room accommodation.

For reference only: site is in Tiddington PC area and Great Milton residents are some distance away on London Road, east of the A329.

P21/S5363/LB (The Old Stores The Green Great Milton OX44 7NT). Removal of mid/late C19 sash windows with plate glass to be replaced with new sash windows with original details and heritage slimline glazing to the front façade.

After brief consideration, it was AGREED that the Parish Council had no concerns regarding the proposed application and that it was supported.

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

P21/S4437/HH (Hampden House, Church Road, Great Milton OX44 7PB). Numerous external and internal renovations and amendments. Planning permission is GRANTED for this development proposal.

P21/S4645/HH (The Penn Thame Road Great Milton OX44 7HX). Extension and conversion of roof to create habitable room within roof void. **Application withdrawn.**

7/22 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the November meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 13th December 2021, were received, approved and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

8/22 Financial resolutions

A The following payments were reviewed and authorised, and cheques signed:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £514.85
Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production January. £216.20
Website hosting January (reimbursement to Clerk). £19.99
Shield Solutions. Dog bin emptying December. £62.40
Christmas tree purchase. £85.

B The latest monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement were received, reviewed and approved. The reconciled bank balance as at 7 January was £46,971.69.

9/22 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- The annual inspection of trees on parish council land is in the process of being arranged.
- Issues with blocked gullies close to the school entrance are now on OCC's programme and will be fully investigated and remedied in due course. The Parish Council will continue to pressure the County Council via Cllr Freddie Van Mierlo to ensure that the matter is resolved.
- Many residents will have received a letter from Airband advising that full fibre broadband is coming to Great Milton. The parish council is investigating the detail of this offer, which has arrived somewhat unexpectedly, and the extent of potential coverage.
- A resident has once again raised the issue of exterior lighting remaining on when not necessary at the new school classroom, close to the allotments. The light pollution and wasted energy is a concern for the parish council, and it is hoped that the issue will be resolved shortly. The parish clerk will once again make contact with the school in the hope that a permanent solution can be found.

10/22 COVID-19: update on village response/impacts

No significant local developments were raised with regard to the current pandemic, other than those which are receiving widespread national publicity.

11/22 20mph zone

The application for a 20mph in the centre of Great Milton village has been submitted to OCC: further developments are awaited. The residents' survey on the subject indicated that approximately 80% of respondents supported the proposal.

12/22 Issues with mail deliveries

It is understood that there has been a regional reorganisation of rounds based on a drop in the volume of postal traffic, with some rounds doubling in size. The Great Milton and Little Milton rounds appear to have been merged, which with larger volumes of post at Christmas plus issues with Covid has placed increasing pressure on Chris to get deliveries done, with him sometimes even needing to work on Sundays to get the mail delivered. Following discussion, it was agreed to monitor the issue for a further month to see whether the issue settles down, then revisit it if necessary.

13/22 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

The Jubilee celebrations scheduled for Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June were discussed. After brief discussion it was agreed to speak to a member of the PCC to see if there are any plans to advance the Church Fete by a week or so in accordance with the event, and also to the Headteacher at the school to see if the school has any plans to mark the occasion with an event.

The meeting concluded at 8pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 21st February 2022 at the Pavilion, starting at 7.30pm.

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