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Little Milton Parish Council
Minutes of Council Meeting held on Wednesday 12th November 2025

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

Mrs Andrea Oughton (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: One

Parish Forum

No items were raised

01/11/25 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

02/11/25 Declaration of any pecuniary interests of members

There were no Declarations of any pecuniary interests.

03/11/25 Approval of Minutes

Resolved to approve the minutes of council meeting held on 8th October 2025.

04/11/25 Report by District / County Councillor

County Councillor Edwards provided a verbal report.

Chalgrove Airfield Proposed Development

Homes England is now clearly preparing to submit a planning application to South Oxfordshire District Council soon. The plans shown at the public consultation are similar to the previously submitted application. The proposed airfield has been moved slightly away from the housing. However, the overwhelming issue is the airfield. Although Homes England own the site, Martin Baker (defence contractor) has a long lease on the site and has no intention of moving as alternative sites put forward so far are unworkable.

SODC Local Plan – The District Planning Department has written to the Planning Inspector requesting that he reconsiders his judgement and the reasons why he should do so. SODC and The Vale of White Horse Councils are meeting early next week to discuss next steps.

Cllr Edwards highlighted the Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) Fire Service Review Consultation which is open for responses until 20 January 2026.

District Councillor Heritage submitted her apologies, her monthly report was circulated.

05/11/25 Planning

P25/S3434/HH & P25/S3435/LB - South View, Haseley Road, Little Milton, OX44 7PP

Single storey rear extension and alterations. **Resolved to Support the applications**

P25/S3486/S73 - The Old Vicarage, Stable Flat, Church Hill, Little Milton, OX44 7QB

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) for a change in the number and dimension of the roof lights, addition of a log burner flue and specification of materials of the lintels on P25/S1539/HH (Alterations to the south and east elevations of the cottage to improve the visual appearance. Alterations include new windows and doors, re-cladding of the dormer, replacement of the roof lights, replacement of the guttering and the removal of a lean-to). **Resolved to Support the application**

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It was noted that the District Planning Authority has granted permission for the following applications:

P25/S1653/FUL - Former Ariens Factory Site, Haseley Trading Estate, Great Haseley OX44 7PF

Redevelopment of the site as a Vehicle Depot retaining one of the buildings as a workshop to contain offices and welfare. Works to include all associated external works. (Amended and additional plans and information received 28 August 2025).

P25/S2724/HH - The Thatched House, High Street, Little Milton, OX44 7PU

Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of a new single storey extension.

Haseley Trading Estate

Thanks were extended to Cllr David Wakeling for attending the District Planning meeting on 8th October 2025 to speak against plans for Haseley Trading Estate. Cllr Wakeling did a fantastic job on behalf of the Parish Council and the village.

Cllr Wakeling reported that he had followed up comments made at the District Planning meeting by taking photographs of all the weight limit signs in the village and sending them to the District Council. In submitting the information Cllr Wakeling made it clear that food waste vehicles cannot use weight restricted roads in the village to return to Haseley Trading Estate after emptying their load at Benson.

A route management plan must be approved by the District Planning Department and should state all vehicles are to avoid Little Milton and surrounding villages wherever possible with no vehicles through the village between 3-4pm. The agreed management plan must be in place for the duration that the site is used.

06/10/25 Little Milton Footpath No. 11 – Proposed Definitive Map Modification Order

Oxfordshire County Council is undertaking a review of its Definitive Map and Statement, which is the legal record of public rights of way. Part of the review involves identifying paths that have noticeably been marked incorrectly on the map, including areas where gaps have been left in the network.

One such path issue has come to light, in that there is a gap between the end of the legal line of Footpath No. 11 and the road at Haseley Road, as shown between points A and B on the map. The proposed modification was noted.

07/11/25 Finance

Approval of Council Expenditure

Clerk (A Oughton): Month 8 2025/26	£263.51
Editor (R Fergusson): Month 8 2025/26	£89.00
M P Printers (November newsletter)	£338.00
Play Inspection Company	£151.20
Goalpost Repairs	£35.41
SODC (Dog Waste Bin Emptying April – October 2025)	£280.94
Devey Tree Care	£1260.00
VAT – September 2025	£29.61
BGG (grass and hedge cuts)	£1110.00
Wheatley Farm Shop	£46.48

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Direct Debit

Intuit: Accounting software November 9 th – December 9th 2025	£19.20
Microsoft 365 Bus. Basic & Standard Accounts 1 st -30 th November 25	£18.24

Bank reconciliations circulated.

Discussion on projects / expenditure to be considered as part of 2026-27 budget setting took place. Projects will be included in the Latest Estimate to be presented at the next meeting.

08/11/25 Speed Indicator Signs

OCC Highways has confirmed it will cost £800 to install a pole for the Speed Indicator Sign (SID). Highways have also advised not to order the SID until an installation date for the pole is known.

09/11/25 Reports from Councillor Representatives

Recreation Ground /Open Green Space

Cllr Harrison has met with residents and agreed to purchase three sets of flood mitigation equipment with South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) grant funding. Equipment to be strategically stored in three locations.

A tree surgeon reduced to the crown of the sycamore tree to the rear of the village shop. Boundary hedges around the recreation ground and the car park have been cut.

Winter plants have been planted in all the planters and Haseley Green re-seeded. The Parish Council extended a big thank you to Carol Turner for all her hard work.

Thames Water are carrying out the long-awaited pipelining through the BBOWT reserve.

Play Area

The annual play area inspection has taken place and the report circulated. No major items of concern were raised. Of the 10 bags of bark purchased, 7 have been used.

MUGA

The small waste bin on the fence at the MUGA has been replaced with a larger standalone bin. Quotations to replace the backboards and hoops were discussed. It was agreed to purchase marine ply backboard, hoop and net.

Signage will be installed next week. Once installed the website and Facebook sites will go live for court bookings. A generic booking email to be created. Tokens for the lights will continue to be purchased from the shop.

An application for £1,800 from the District Councillor Community Grant has been submitted to purchase new goals.

Communication

Following discussion on Assertion 10 compliance at the last meeting it was agreed to set up .gov.uk email addresses for the Clerk, Chairman and Councillors.

Community

A resident has indicated he is happy to co-ordinate Speed Watch Monitoring in the village. Agreed to include the cost of equipment in the 2026-27 budget.

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The installation of Solar PVs has resulted in a 60% reduction in energy bills for the shop.

Soha are organising regular drop-in events at the village hall for residents. A new Chair of Governors has been appointed at the school. The village firework event was a great success.

10/11/25 Correspondence

Correspondence from a resident on Haseley Road regarding OCC Highways painting a 30mph limit within a roundel on the road instead of the correct 20mph limit was discussed. The Parish Council agreed it was sheer incompetence on the part of OCC especially as existing signage states 20mph on both sides of the road where the roundel is located. County Councillor Edwards reported that she had escalated the matter to County Cllr Andrew Gant, Cabinet Member for Transport, asking that the roundel is correctly repainted as a matter of urgency.

Agreed to write a letter of support to Tetsworth Parish Council regarding the proposed gypsy / traveller site on the London Road.

11/11/25 Exchange of Information

Nothing to report.

12/11/25 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th December 2025, commencing at 7.30pm at Pine Lodge. Cllr van der Merwe gave his apologies.

The meeting finished at 9.45pm

Signed by: 
Chairman..... Horwell Date..... 10.12.25