

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Present: Cllrs Steve Harrod (Chair), P Allen, G Bennet, C Deacon and M Horsley and D Harms.

In Attendance: Tim Darch (Clerk), Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC) and 2 members of the public.

### 108/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr W Fox.

### 109/21 Variation of order of business

Business was conducted in the order prescribed by the agenda.

### 110/21 Declarations of member's Interest (if any)

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

### 111/21 Matters to Report

Monthly reports were received from Cllr Freddie van Mierlo (County Councillor, Chalgrove division) and Cllr Caroline Newton (District Councillor, Haseley Brook Ward). Both are available on the Parish Council website.

### 112/21 Correspondence and Public Discussion

A complaint has been received from a resident of Fullers Field about repeated dog fouling on their property. **Dog owners are reminded to keep their pets away from private property, and to use a bag to clear up any mess that they generate, wherever this happens.**

A resident has requested that the road markings at the junction of A329 and Thame Road should be reviewed by the County Council with a view to the consideration of double white lines (or a suitable alternative which prevents overtaking but allows turning right to and from Thame Road), backed up by 'no overtaking' signage. This is after several near misses while turning into and out of Thame Road at this location, with vehicles either approaching unexpectedly from the left on the A329 or overtaking when about to turn right into Thame Road from the A329. The correspondent reported the example of double white lines in the centre of the road (for example on the A418 at Tiddington) adjacent to a right turn, with a small passing place provided on the left for people to pass. It was agreed that double white lines present a far clearer visual deterrent to overtaking than the current markings: this is not helped by the sign marking the turn lying in the verge for several months since it was demolished. The Clerk will arrange a site visit with OCC's local highways representative to discuss the matter, put forward proposals and receive suggestions.

Steve Partington from Shield Solutions in Milton Common briefly attended to introduce himself and give a short presentation with a view to a potential multi-village dog waste collection arrangement. The Shield Group is a long-established family business focusing on local work and with a belief in community support, and who are already collecting dog waste for a number of nearby villages with further similar arrangements forthcoming. Although the waste is currently dealt with as standard commercial waste, in the long-term the aim is to dispose of it using green methods. After brief discussion and agreement that Shield Group represent an opportunity for long-term stability after a period of considerable disruption to Great Milton's dog waste collection arrangements, councillors unanimously agreed that Shield Group should be approached to provide an initial three-month trial with a view to a two-year agreement should this prove successful.

### 113/21 Planning Applications

A The following planning applications received from SODC were considered:  
P21/S3530/HH (Maranta Thame Road Great Milton). Hip to gable extension. Rear dormer & single storey rear extension. Cllr Fox submitted his review of this application in his absence.

Cllr Fox visited the property and consulted nearby residents, one of whom was supportive while another felt that the proposed rear extension would obscure light to their property and create a feeling of being 'hemmed in'. Cllr Fox recommended support of the application, but with the proviso that the rear extension should be reduced in depth by 1 metre. Councillors agreed with this suggestion and to SUPPORT the application subject to this condition.

P21/S3680/HH and P21/S3681/LB (Milton Lodge Lower End Great Milton).

To raise the boundary walls and piers on the east and southern side of the property, to the same height as the existing piers and wall on the eastern boundary and install wooden gates. Cllr Horsley reviewed this application. Following local consultation, one comment was received remarking on the potential visual and physical impact of the taller walls, in the context of the application site falling within in a conservation area. Councillors felt that any impact on the conservation area would be flagged up by the conservation officer, and as a result agreed to respond to the application reiterating this opinion but to flag up no additional concerns.

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

P21/S2278/HH (The Glass Onion Lower End Great Milton). Erection of Car Port with Solar PV Roof. Planning permission is GRANTED for the development described above.

P21/S2397/HH (Yew Cottage Lower End Great Milton Oxford). New first floor extension to replace current box dormer + two storey in fill extension. Replace all windows and doors. Planning permission is GRANTED for the development described above.

P21/S2838/LB, P21/S2858/HH and P21/S2859/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. 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. Planning permission is GRANTED for the developments described above.

#### **Le Manoir Aux Quat' Saisons: planning application update**

A consultation is open on an amended scheme for the proposed redevelopment of Le Manoir Aux Quat' Saisons. Discussions are ongoing with Belmond Group and SODC regarding timescales and methods of engagement with the community. Residents are encouraged to respond individually via the SODC website: however, they will also be able to submit their views 'in person' in due course, probably in early to mid-October at a venue to be determined. Advice regarding further developments and any meetings or other events that are arranged will be communicated as soon as possible via the usual local channels.

#### **Link to application page:**

[Planning Application P21/S0343/FUL \(southoxon.gov.uk\)](https://southoxon.gov.uk/Planning-Application-P21/S0343/FUL)

#### **114/21 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the July meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, were reviewed, approved and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

#### **115/21 Financial Resolutions**

A The following cheques for payment were authorised and signed:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £504.65

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production August. £222.60

Website hosting September (reimbursement to Clerk). £19.99

McCracken and Son. July/August mowing. £402/£558

Green and Growing. A329 path strim. £120

Pet Waste Solutions. Dog bin emptying July/August. £43.20

Oxon South and Vale Citizen's Advice. Donation, £100 (cheque mistakenly not written at July meeting despite being on agenda)

Clean Slate. Donation, £100

B The latest bank reconciliations, accounts and bank statements were received, reviewed, signed and approved. The bank balance as at 2 September was £43,075.15.

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## 116/21 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

- The trip hazard from tree roots raising tarmac on the path from The Green to Fullers Field has been dealt with.
- The brambles on Fullers Field which were encroaching into the road have been trimmed by SOHA: however, they could have been more aggressive with their approach. It is hoped that SOHA will return and further reduce their mass.
- The hedges and foliage adjacent to the path on the Fullers Field side of the Rec have been cut back.
- Blocked gullies close to the school have been partially dealt with but there are significant obstructions caused by tree roots. It is hoped that Oxfordshire County Council will return soon to clear the blockages.

## 117/21 COVID-19: update on village response/impacts

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

## 118/21 Milton Common speed mitigation scheme update

The installation team are reportedly awaiting delivery of materials. Road markings were being painted as of Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September: gateways should be received relatively soon, but the steel poles for the signage may have a longer lead time.

## 119/21 Milton Common parking issues: London Road

A complaint has been received regarding inconsiderate parking outside the new houses on London Road, including pavement parking. This has been reported to the County Council (as the highway authority) and to Thames Valley Police (as the enforcement authority). A member of the local policing team reports that they will keep an eye on things and enforce when possible, on a proportionate basis initially with a view to a more long-term approach if persistent issues are observed. The officer also observed that although there may be vehicles parked on the road which may be an inconvenience, the parking is not necessarily illegal.

## 120/21 Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Discussion regarding plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June 2022 was deferred until a later date to enable consideration alongside other community events scheduled for a similar time (e.g the Church Fete).

## 121/21 Consultations on 'Ox-Cam Arc' and the SODC/VoWH Statement of Community Involvement

The current consultation exercises on the Ox-Cam Arc and JSIC were discussed. The Ox-Cam Arc consultation seeks views from the public on their vision for the area, and their priorities for the Arc in the years ahead. This consultation marks the first of a three-stage process for the development of the Spatial Framework, as outlined by the Government. There will be two further consultations and other opportunities to liaise with central Government on the future of the Arc across the two-year project.

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils are preparing a joint Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), that sets out how they will consult on planning applications and planning policy, including the joint Local Plan. Comments are invited from the public and from local councils.

On the basis that the Expressway plans have been cancelled, it is understood that the proposals for the Ox-Cam Arc are of significantly less concern to Great Milton, and as such councillors expressed no strong views on the Ox-Cam Arc consultation, nor the SCI exercise. However, residents are encouraged to express their own views via the consultation websites

at <https://placebuilder.io/futureofthearc> and [Statement of Community Involvement - South Oxfordshire District Council \(southoxon.gov.uk\)](https://www.southoxon.gov.uk).

**122/21 Grass cutting**

Discussion took place regarding the standard of grass cutting since the contract was re-awarded, in light of comments regarding cut length along with other issues such as plants being strimmed and allotment paths not being mowed. Following feedback sent to the contractor in August, those present were pleased to observe that standard of mowing seems much improved based on the latest visit on the day of the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

***The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the Pavilion, starting at 7.30pm.***

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