

# Great Milton Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council held on Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

**Present:** Cllrs. S Harrod (Chairman), P Allen, G Bennet, C Deacon and G Harris.

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

**01/18 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bill Fox and Peter Fewell.

**02/18 Variation of order of business**

Business was conducted as per the agenda.

**03/18 Declarations of Members' Interest (if any)**

No declarations of interest were received.

**04/18 Matters to Report**

The County Councillor and District Councillor's monthly reports were received.

**05/18 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December were signed and approved as an accurate record.

**06/18 Correspondence and Public Discussion**

No correspondence requiring discussion has been received from the public and no members of the public attended the meeting.

**07/18 Planning Applications**

A To give consideration to the following planning applications received from SODC:  
P17/S4260/LDE: Welcome Break Oxford, Thame Road, Waterstock.  
Installation of DNO-standard GRP housing.  
The Council RESOLVED that it held no strong views on this application.

B To review the following planning decisions received and any outstanding planning matters:  
P17/S3619/FUL: The Oxford Belfry Hotel, London Road, Milton Common OX9 2JW  
Retention of Staff Accommodation Static Caravans.

This application will be considered by SODC's Planning Committee on Tuesday 16th January. SODC is minded to grant permission as per the application, upon which the Parish Council commented as follows:

*At a meeting of Great Milton Parish Council, it was decided that we would recommend that this application should be refused. The original application was granted for a two-year period while this application seeks renewal for three years which is excessive given that the caravans are unsightly and close to residential houses. We would support a renewal for two years from the date the caravans were first installed (July 2017).*

The Council RESOLVED that its position on this application remained as outlined above. No councillor was able to attend the Planning Committee but the Clerk will reiterate the Council's view in advance of the meeting.

**08/18 Financial Resolutions**

A To authorise cheques for payment:

Timothy Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £536.28  
Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production, January edition: £226  
Green and Growing. Various jobs on verges/common land: No invoice yet received.

B To receive a full bank reconciliation and quarterly accounts  
The bank reconciliation and quarterly accounts were received and signed.

**09/18 Requests for funding**

No requests for funding were received in time to be considered at the January meeting.

**10/18 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand**

- Village maintenance: Green and Growing has been asked to carry out minor jobs as per quote received in December, and also to remove collapsed ivy on the path between Fullers Field/The Green. These works will be carried out during the week commencing 15 January.
- The Clerk is meeting Vanessa Buckley from OCC Highways to discuss the proposal for fencing off the area of highways land on the corner of the A40 and A329 at Milton Common on Thursday 18th January. Two quotations have been received from the village handyman for this work, for £2077.58 and £3376.54 for different extents of fencing. Both were considered too costly to be pursued at this stage: the possibility of funding from development, a 'partnership' approach with OCC or other sources will be investigated. Cllr Bennet suggested that the strategic planting of trees may present a lower-cost option if needed.
- There is no remit for the Parish Council to fund the works that have been carried out on the footpath across the fields at the bottom of Lower End, and it is understood that no contribution has yet been agreed by Oxfordshire County Council.

**11/18 Post round: potential revisions**

An e-mail has been sent to Sue Whalley (Royal Mail COO) by the Chairman voicing the Parish Council's dissatisfaction about the possible division of the village round into two.

**12/18 Salt bins**

OCC are refilling salt bins and has once again been reminded of the presence of a bin in Fullers Field which has not yet been dealt with

**13/18 Great Milton Bulletin: costs and potential changes to format**

A piece will appear in the February edition of the Bulletin outlining the plans for increasing the online presence of the magazine and a parallel reduction in the number of printed copies, which has been necessary given increasing costs. This will give the opportunity for residents to opt in for the continued delivery of a printed copy of the Bulletin should they wish to receive one.

***The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.***

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*S. Bennet 19/2/18*