

# Great Milton Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council  
held on Monday 19th February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.**

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

**In Attendance:** Tim Darch (Clerk), Chris Sewell (Trustee and Vice Chair, The Maple Tree Children's Centre, Wheatley), 1 member of the public.

**14/18 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bill Fox, George Bennet and Clyde Deacon.

**15/18 Variation of order of business**

Discussion of Item 22/18 (Request for funding, Maple Tree Children's Centre) was moved forward for the convenience of their representative attending the meeting.

**16/18 Declarations of Members' Interest (if any)**

Non-pecuniary interest was declared by Cllrs S. Harrod and W. Fox regarding Item 21/18, specifically the planning applications under consideration for renovation works at The Bull public house. Given the status of these councillors as committee members of The Great Milton Community Pub Limited, the Parish Council has RESOLVED to abstain from comment on the planning applications relating to The Bull to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

**17/18 Matters to Report**

OCC's Parish Briefing for February was received by the meeting.

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

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January were signed and duly approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

**19/18 Correspondence and Public Discussion**

A letter has been received from a resident of Milton Common regarding the condition of land at the junction of the A40 and A329 and urging action by the Parish Council. The Parish Council wishes to protect this area and allow it to recover, but has limited funds available. Discussions have begun with the County Council (which owns the land) with regard to a possible funding partnership for the erection of fencing: a response is awaited from OCC.

**20/18 Planning Applications**

A To give consideration to the following planning applications received from SODC:

P18/S0273/HH and P18/S2074/LB (new detached garage. 5-6 Priory Bank Church Road Great Milton, OX44 7PA)

The Council RESOLVED that it held no strong views on this application, although the owner of the neighbouring property's concerns over the height of the structure and the potential for conversion for use as accommodation were acknowledged.

P18/S0194/HH (Rear single storey extension. Rylands Lower End Great Milton OX44 7NL)

The Council RESOLVED to recommend approval of this application. No objections were received from neighbouring residents.

P18/S0169/FUL and P18/S0170/LB (Provision of new open fire, fire hood, chimney lining system and rebuilt stack; installation of kitchen extractor system. The Bull, The Green, Great Milton OX44 7NS)

Given that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council are also on the Committee of The Great Milton Community Pub Company Limited, the Parish Council RESOLVED not to comment on these applications to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

P17/S3337/FUL and P17/S3338/LB (dining room extension together with provision of external staircase to first floor flat and all associated works. The Bull, The Green, Great Milton OX44 7NS)

Given that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council are also on the Committee of The Great Milton Community Pub Company Limited, the Parish Council RESOLVED not to comment on these applications to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

P18/S0047/FUL (Change of use of redundant community room to a one-bed affordable older persons bungalow. Community Room Fullers Field Great Milton OX44 7PJ)

Ian Melton commented that the community room was in occasional use. The Chairman stated that alternative venues are available in the village, and on this basis the Council RESOLVED that it held no strong views on this application but urged the Neighbours Club and other potential users that may wish to comment on the application to contact SODC immediately.

P18/S0180/DIS (Discharge of condition 3 - Protect hedges during development operations on application ref. P17/S3081/FUL Construction of private tennis court. Crofts Furlong Farm, Lower End, Great Milton)

No comments were made on this application, of which the meeting was advised for information only.

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.

Planning permission was granted for this application by SODC's Planning Committee on Tuesday 16th January.

P17/S4021/HH: The Annexe at Sands Cottage Stadhampton Road Great Milton OXFORD OX44 7PE. Extension to The Annexe at Sands Cottage, and internal remodel of Sands Cottage.

Planning permission has been granted for this application.

P17/S4227/O: Land on the South Side of London Road Adjacent to Great Expectations Milton Common. Erection of up to eight dwellings with associated access, parking and amenity space.

Planning permission has been granted for this application.

P17/S4260/LDE: Welcome Break Oxford, Thame Road, Waterstock. Installation of DNO-standard GRP housing.

Planning permission has been refused for this application.

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Appeal Ref: APP/Q3115/W/17/3186899 London Road, Milton Common, Thame, Oxfordshire OX9 2RW.

The application Ref P17/S2433/PAR, dated 30 June 2017, was refused by notice dated 25 August 2017. The development proposed is conversion of vacant agricultural buildings to two dwelling houses. The appeal was dismissed.

## 21/18 Financial Resolutions

A To authorise cheques for payment:

Timothy Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £538.29

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production, February: £226

Green and Growing. Various village maintenance jobs: £726

SODC dog bin emptying: £62.80

Jenks Tree Services (removal of dangerous tree near school): £864

*Note: these works were necessary as a matter of urgency given the danger to passing parents and children walking to the Primary School. The Chairman's approval was sought by e-mail prior to commitment to the expenditure.*

SLCC/ALCC membership renewal: £100/£30

OCC 'Comet' bus hire for November: £315

B A full bank reconciliation was received and the latest bank statement was signed. The bank balance as at 6 February was £22,564.07.

## 22/18 Requests for funding

A request for a further funding contribution for 2018/19 has been received from the Maple Tree Children's Centre in Wheatley. Chris Sewell (Trustee and Vice Chair) addressed the meeting and outlined the improved facilities at The Maple Tree, while noting that this alongside the expanded programme will generate increased costs, notably for staffing and cleaning. The Parish Council RESOLVED to contribute at least £500 towards the Maple Tree's ongoing costs in the next financial year, while commenting that given the Centre's location potential contributions from Wheatley's county councillor and other local funding sources should be explored.

## 23/18 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

- Village maintenance: Green and Growing has undertaken many jobs around the village, including removal of the collapsed ivy on the path between Fullers Field/The Green and digging out of 'grips' to improve roadside drainage
- Proposed fencing at Milton Common (opposite SVS). This matter was considered at a site meeting with OCC Highways on Thursday 18th January: the meeting was positive, and a response on a possible funding partnership for the required fencing is awaited.
- The pothole/collapsed drainage pipe outside 6 Priory Bank has been temporarily repaired with a view to more substantial remedial work in the next financial year.

**24/18 Post round: potential revisions**

In response to last month's e-mail to Royal Mail it has been confirmed that there are currently no plans to revise the village postal arrangements.

**25/18 Salt bins**

The salt bin in Fullers Field has now been refilled.

**26/18 Great Milton Bulletin: costs and potential changes to format**

A piece will appear in the next Bulletin requesting that residents wishing to continue to receive a printed copy of the Bulletin should 'opt in'. Currently it is anticipated that electronic copies will be e-mailed to those who do not do this: the Bulletin will also continue to appear on the Great Milton Parish Council website as now. The Parish Council is mindful of the importance of the Bulletin as an outlet for news and information and will ensure continued access to it for all residents via their chosen method.

**27/18 Village litter pick**

The litter pick will take place on Saturday 3 March starting at 1000 at the Old Garage. Thanks were placed on record to Greenford Ltd, whose staff did an excellent job of clearing litter from Sworford Lane earlier in the month despite appalling weather conditions.

**28/18 Damage to culvert/gulley at The Yard, Thame Road**

The Council wishes to place on record its thanks to the landowner for the prompt repair to the culvert and gulley at the entrance to The Yard, which was seriously damaged by a vehicle driving over it in mid-January.

The meeting closed at 8.35.

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

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

*S. Janet 19/3/18*