

# Great Milton Parish Council

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Held at the Pavilion, Great Milton, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Cllrs S Harrod (Chair) W Fox (Vice-Chair), P Allen, D Harms and Cllr F V Mierlo (OCC)

In attendance: Chris Ashworth (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

## AGENDA

### **163/22 Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr C Newton (SODC) and Cllr M Horsley.

### **164/22 Variation of order of business**

Item 175/22 Broadband in the Pavilion was discussed after item 166/22.

### **165/22 Declarations of members' interests**

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

### **166/22 Matters to report**

The County Councillor's monthly report was received and reviewed and is available on the Parish Council website. The District Councillor's report was received and uploaded onto the Parish Council website after the meeting.

Cllr van Mierlo updated the Parish Council on the traffic filters. There are traffic filter questions and answers in his report, which explain the traffic filter plan more clearly. The report shows that most people's journeys which are affected by the traffic filters will only increase travel by 5-15 minutes. The benefits of the filters mean this is a worthy sacrifice. The traffic filters will not be implemented until the Botley Road work is completed. People with a filter pass will find travel to and from Oxford much faster, along with buses and other vehicles that can use the filters. With the filters in place, it should mean electric buses will be funded.

Cllr Harrod asked a question about blue badges as they are registered to a person and not a vehicle. Cllr Van Mierlo will look into this and report back.

With the new 20mph speed limit in place in Great Milton, Cllr Harrod proposed the potential of a speed survey next summer to see the impact of the new limit.

Cllr Van Mierlo was asked about an update on the Harrington proposal. South and Vale are far away from allocating any sites. This is expected to be in 2023.

Summix will have to comply with OCC's Local Transport Connectivity plan, along with providing evidence that Summix is not creating a dormitory town.

OCC's role would be to reject the proposal on lack of transport infrastructure. It is down to the District Council concerning the planning matters.

### **167/22 Correspondence and public discussion**

No correspondence has been received in matters not otherwise on the agenda.

A member of the public is interested in becoming a councillor, and a brief outline of the role and time commitments was discussed.

### **168/22 Planning applications**

**A P22/S4121/AG** (Heath Farm Thame Road Great Milton OX44 7JD) Prior notification for the erection of a steel portal framed clear-span agricultural building. The Parish Council agreed to NO STRONG VIEWS on the application.

**P22/S4191/PDS** (The Penn Thame Road Great Milton OX44 7HX) Additional storey to increase the height of the building by 2.3 metres. The Parish Council agreed to NO STRONG VIEWS on the application.



**P22/S3852/FUL** (Milton Pools Fishery near Milton Common OX44 7EJ) Retention of single-storey extension and its use for storage. The Parish Council agreed to NO STRONG VIEWS on the application.

**P22/S3961/FUL** (Milton Pools Fishery near Milton Common Oxfordshire OX44 7EJ) Retention of an existing building and continued use as offices. The Parish Council agreed to NO STRONG VIEWS on the application

**P22/S4135/FUL** (Milton Pools Fishery near Milton Common OX44 7EJ) Retention of single storey building and continued use as two office units. The Parish Council agreed to NO STRONG VIEWS on the application.

**B** To review the following planning decisions received and any outstanding planning matters:

**169/22 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the November meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November, were received, reviewed, agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

**170/22 Financial resolutions**

**A** The following cheques for payment were authorised and signed:

Chris Ashworth. Salary, Tax and Expenses November: £562.72

Shield Maintenance Dog Waste October: £62.40

J M Dudley November Bulletin: £335.20

BT Office/e-mail package: £10.80 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

Hugo Fox: web support July: £19.99 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

Tim Darch: Cost of living wage backdated: £227.50

Chris Ashworth: Cost of living wage backdated: £136.50

Great Milton Recreation Ground Committee Insurance renewal: £1,140.95

**B** The November bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement were reviewed and approved.

**Budget 2023-24**

The second draft of the budget was approved. Since the draft budget was discussed at the November Parish Council meeting, the forecast number of households in the village paying council tax in 2023-24 has been received. This forecast shows that the number will rise by 2.5%. This means that in order to achieve the aim of keeping the Precept per household flat year-on-year, the total needs to be increased by £500.

Forecast expenses for 2023-24 total £25,930. Income from sources other than the precept is anticipated to be £5,250, while the precept is forecast to rise from £20,180 to £20,680.

**Precept 2023-24**

The precept request for 2023-24 was agreed as £20,680, in line with the final budget for that year

**171/22 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand**

- Work on the gateway features has been raised with the signing contractor. It will take a few months for the necessary materials to be acquired then we will be given a date of installation.
- Christmas tree recycling will be collected on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, so trees will need to be dropped off by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, adjacent to the entrance of the recreation ground.
- 3 quotes for the Mowing contract are being found. The date for renewal is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**172/22 Security in the village**

Residents are encouraged to please continue to report any incident that they witness or experience to the police via the 101-telephone service or online via the police.co.uk website.

**173/22 Dates for Great Milton Parish Council meetings 2022**

The following dates were reviewed and approved.

- 16<sup>th</sup> January
- 20<sup>th</sup> February



- 20<sup>th</sup> March
- 17<sup>th</sup> April
- 15<sup>th</sup> May
- 19<sup>th</sup> June
- 17<sup>th</sup> July
- No meeting in August
- 18<sup>th</sup> September
- 16<sup>th</sup> October
- 20<sup>th</sup> November
- 11<sup>th</sup> December (A week early due to the proximity to Christmas)

**174/22 Thame food bank initiative**  
Cllr Caroline Newton could not attend the meeting.

**175/22 Broadband in the Pavilion**  
OCC plan to build fibre broadband connection to the Pavilion via the contract with Gigahubs. Gigahubs are focused on community centres. However, there are many centres within the County that will be part of this project. There is the potential to speed this process up for the Pavilion by checking with the contractor if they could subcontract to AirBand. The Clerk will make this enquiry.

Cllr Van Mierlo was asked about funding for the electrics at Neighbours Hall, unfortunately, there is no fund left, but the new budget will be set in February 2023 with allocation for Neighbours Hall potential.

***The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023, at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion.***

***Meeting ended 20:07.***

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