

**Little Milton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Present:** Cllrs Giles Denby, Francois van der Merwe, David Wakeling

Mrs Andrea Oughton (Parish Clerk)  
Members of the public: Two

**Parish Forum**

A resident asked if the general waste bin on Haseley Green can be moved away from the bench. The Chairman responded saying this has been discussed and agreed to relocate the waste bin to the other side of the telephone box and remove the smaller bin. It was noted that dog waste can be disposed of in general waste bins with a blue liner.

The resident also asked if a water supply can be installed near the seats at the memorial. The Chairman replied saying the cost would prohibitively expensive.

A further resident asked if the results of traffic surveys had been received. The Chairman replied that the survey data had been received today. The intention is to analyse the data and present it to residents at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

The resident asked if a charging scale for using the MUGA had been agreed. Receipts from bookings can, in part, help offset maintenance costs. This will be added to a future meeting for discussion and approval.

The village shop has received a letter from the District Council regarding business rates, stating that the shop no longer meets the criteria to receive rural business rate relief. The shop has written to the District Council requesting that they consider discretionary business rate relief for the shop.

**01/03/26 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Harrison, Horwell and Sheppard.

**02/03/26 Declaration of any pecuniary interests of members**

Cllr Wakeling declared an interest in planning application P26/S0217/LB as the applicant and did not take part in discussion or vote on the item.

**03/03/26 Approval of Minutes**

**Resolved** to approve the minutes of council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**04/03/26 Report by District / County Councillor**

County Councillor Edwards submitted her apologies.  
District Councillor Heritage submitted her apologies and circulated her monthly report.

**05/03/26 Planning**

P26/S0217/LB – Betts Farmhouse, Church Hill, Little Milton, OX44 7QB

Replace the existing porch with a similar lean-to tiled porch made from oak with slightly larger footprint. **Resolved to Support** the application.

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It was noted that the planning application below has been granted permission by the District Planning Authority:

P26/S0059/S73 – St James View (former Milton House), Gold Street, Little Milton, OX44 7FJ - Variation of conditions 2 (Approved plans) and 19 (Preclusion of fencing) on Planning Application ref P24/S1147/S73 - to change the wording of condition 19 to allow for the fencing shown on submitted drawing 7766\_fencing. (Variation of conditions 2 (Approved plans), 3 (Construction Traffic Management), 4 (Archaeology), 6 (Tree Protection), 7 (Surface water drainage works), 8 (District Licence certificate), 12 (Vision splay protection) and 13 (Parking & Manoeuvring Areas Retained) on application P22/S1241/FUL (Demolition of existing dwelling. Redevelopment of existing site to provide 4 dwellings with associated development including access works to Gold Street access)).

**06/03/26 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

It was noted one of the potential projects raised at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2024 and discussed last month, to install goal posts on the recreation ground and Multi Use Game Area, have been purchased using funding from the District Councillor Community Grant. The balance will be funded by CIL money. It was agreed to add CIL to the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**07/03/26 Emergency Plan**

**Resolved to Approve** the revised Emergency Plan as circulated. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Denby for reviewing the Plan.

**08/03/26 Finance**

Approval of Council Expenditure

Clerk (A Oughton): Month 12 2025/26	£263.51
Editor (R Fergusson): Month 12 2025/26	£89.00
M P Printers (March newsletter)	£288.00
Oxfordshire County Council (Installation of two poles for SIDs)	£3,399.67
Postage – Newsletter (Oct 25 to Mar 26) & Domain Name Renewal	£93.90
Seed and Fertilizer for Haseley Green	£39.60
Goal Posts	£1,752.00

Direct Debit

Intuit: Accounting software March 9 <sup>th</sup> - April 9 <sup>th</sup> 2026	£19.20
Microsoft 365 Bus. Basic & Standard Accounts 1 <sup>st</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026	£18.24

Bank reconciliations circulated.

**09/03/26 Citizens Advice Oxfordshire**

**Resolved** to donate £200 to Citizens Advice Oxfordshire.

**10/03/26 Reports from Councillor Representatives**

Playground / MUGA

Cllr Wakeling has repaired the bottom of the entrance gate to the playground. The small bin on the fence at the MUGA has been removed along with the plastic containers.

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Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee has agreed that the Parish Council can share the fire safe in the village hall to store important documents.

Utilities / Highways

The invoice for installation of two poles for the Speed Indicator Signs has been paid. Oxfordshire County Council to confirm installation date for the poles at which point the signs will be purchased.

**11/03/26 Correspondence**

The Editor of the monthly Newsletter has written to the Parish Council notifying them of his intention to step down from the role at the end of the year. The Editor expressed a wish for a smooth transition to a new editorial team which the Parish Council echoed.

It was agreed the Editor will write a piece for the Newsletter describing the role and what is involved, encouraging people to come forward to take over. The Parish Council expressed their sincere thanks to Raymond Fergusson for all his hard work as Editor over many years.

**12/03/26 Exchange of Information**

Nothing to report.

**13/03/26 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026, commencing at 7.30pm at Pine Lodge.

The meeting finished at 8.28pm

Signed by:  ..... Date: 8 April 2026 .....

