Little Milton Parish Council
Minutes of Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2026

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

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

Parish Forum

A resident asked if the developer of the Milton House site had been contacted about restoring the verges on Gold Street. Cllr Wakeling will arrange a site meeting with the developer and asked residents for photos and evidence of the verges prior to commencement of construction work to share at the meeting.

Cllr Wakeling reported that following a conversation with the developer, the bench promised by them as part of the Milton house development has been installed.

Rev'd Lucie Spiers, Rector of St James's Church, extended her thanks to the Parish Council for their agreement to fund repairs to the church clock which was extremely generous. It should not have been presumed that the parish council would pay for the annual service of the clock and for this Lucie apologised. It was joyful today to hear the clock strike when the children were in church. The church and churchyard are community spaces for everyone of faith or no faith to be enjoyed.

01/10//26**Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Ed Horwell and Adam Sheppard.

02/10/26 **Declaration of any pecuniary interests of members**
No pecuniary interests were declared.

03/10/26 **Approval of Minutes**
Resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2026.

04/10/26 **Orchard Preschool**
A representative from the preschool addressed the meeting. It was noted that BT Openreach are scheduled to install fibre broadband at the premises shortly. The resignation of the previous chair was also noted, and that the preschool is in the process of appointing a new chair.

The preschool was not in dire straits as reported during the parish forum in July, has sufficient funds and is not at risk of closure. Details of the structural condition of the building was incorrect.

The orchard would be extremely grateful if the parish council could consider offering additional support and asked for an opportunity to be able to put forward a proposal together with information requested by the parish council at a future meeting.

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05/10/26 **Report by District / County Councillor**

County Councillor Edwards submitted her apologies.
District Councillor Heritage's monthly report was noted.

It was further noted that Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) has taken the formal step of issuing a legal letter to Government ahead of a potential judicial review regarding Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) in Oxfordshire and West Berkshire. The council has been asking government to provide the evidence and analysis that informed its minded-to decision in July to create three unitary councils across the area.

Councillor Heritage stated she had been doing everything possible to push the contractor who will operate the waste vehicle site in Great Haseley to publish the draft traffic management plan.

06/10/26 **Planning**

P26/S4222/HH – Stonecroft, Haseley Road, Little Milton, OX44 7QE
Loft conversion including raising of the existing ridge by approximately 1.1 metres, alteration of the roof pitch to approximately 40 degrees, two rear dormer windows, front-facing rooflights, installation of solar panels and replacement external cladding.
Resolved to **Support** the application

07/10/26 **Quiet Lanes Programme**

The residents of Haseley Road had, as requested at the last meeting, drafted a consultation document to gauge resident's views on the proposal to make Haseley Road a Quiet Lane as part of OCC's scheme. Cllr Ireland to circulate the draft to Parish Councillors.

District Councillor Heritage suggested the first step was to complete an Expression of Interest form and submit it to the Quiet Lanes team at OCC. Data and evidence must be gathered in support of an application. If there is local support for the proposal the third step is for OCC will hold a public consultation through Let's Talk Oxfordshire inviting members of the public to submit comments.

It was agreed to hold a public meeting to share information on the proposal and invite residents to share their views. Cllr Ireland will contact the Quiet Lanes team to ask if an Officer can attend the meeting to help answer questions.

08/10/26 **Finance**

Approved Council Expenditure

Andrea Oughton (Clerk): Month 7 2026/27	£324.89
Raymond Fergusson (Editor): Month 7 206/27	£109.70
M P Printers (October newsletter)	£288.00
Turneround Gardens (balance for fence)	£380.00
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (2x trainings)	£234.00
Open Green Spaces (C Turner)	£90.85
Silent View Windows (Deposit French Doors – Village Shop)	£2453.35
HMRC VAT (1st – 31st August)	£502.48
HMRC PAYE Months 4-6 2026-27	£375.80

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Direct Debit

Intuit: Accounting software October 9th – November 9th 2026	£19.20
Microsoft 365 Bus. Basic & Standard Accounts 1st-31st October 2026	£17.90
Scribe Accounting software 1st-31st October 2026	£39.60

Bank reconciliations circulated.

09/10/26 **Reports from Councillor Representatives**

Playground – Two bulk bags of bark have been delivered to the playground.

Village Shop - It was noted that the deposit to replace the French doors to the rear of the shop has been paid from grant funding held by the parish council on behalf of the shop.

The chairman of the village shop requested that the parish council consider making a financial contribution towards the replacement doors. **Resolved** that the parish council pay 50% towards the cost. Funds to be taken from Community Infrastructure Levy monies held by the Parish Council.

10/10/26 **Correspondence**

It was noted that the landowner has erected posts on the path behind the church to on which gates will be hung. The landowner is aware that permissions are required from OCC.

11/10/26 **Exchange of Information**

Nothing to report.

12/10/26 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 11th November 2026 in Pine Lodge.

The meeting finished at 9.25pm

Signed by:
Chairman.....**Date**.....11/11/2026.....