

**Little Milton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025**

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

Mrs Andrea Oughton (Parish Clerk)

Members of the public: Five

**Parish Forum**

See Planning Application P25/S1653/FUL below.

**01/07/25 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Horwell and Sheppard

**02/07/25 Declaration of any pecuniary interests of members**

Cllr Wakeling declared as interest, as a near neighbour, in planning applications P25/S1511/HH and P25/S1495/HH. Cllr Wakeling provided an overview of each application in his capacity as Councillor responsible for planning and withdrew from discussion or voting on either application.

**03/07/25 Approval of Minutes**

**Resolved** to approve the minutes of the council meeting 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**04/07/25 Report by District / County Councillor**

County Cllr Edwards had submitted her monthly report.

District Cllr Heritage had submitted her monthly report.

Both Councillors spoke during discussion of planning application P25/S1653/FUL (see item below)

**05/07/25 Planning**

P25/S1653/FUL - Former Ariens Factory Site Haseley Trading Estate Great Haseley OX44 7PF

Redevelopment of the site as a Vehicle Depot retaining one of the buildings as a workshop to contain offices and welfare. Works to include all associated external works. **Resolved to Object** to the application, the main concerns centred on traffic and waste water / sewage. A full response to the application is being drafted and will be submitted to the District Council.

A great deal of discussion, mainly centred on major concerns about traffic and waste water / sewage took place during the public participation item ahead of the application being considered together with contributions from County Councillor Edwards and District Councillor Heritage. All were against the application.

Cllr van der Merwe reported that the Chairmen of Little Milton, Great Milton, Great Haseley and Stadhampton Parish Councils have met regularly over the last few weeks to gather information and formulate a strategic response to the application. This will be done using every opportunity available, not just the formal response to the application.



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Conversations with La Manoir, and Freddie van Mierlo, MP have taken place (a letter from Freddie has been received by SODC today), consideration has been given to involving the press and submission of a number of Freedom of Information requests to try to get to the heart of the decision making process and why SODC considers siting a Waste Vehicle Hub at Haseley Trading Estate a good idea.

The Parish Council expressed its deep disappointment that during pre-application District Council Officers were specifically requested to consider the A329 but nothing was included in the application. Disappointingly, despite lobbying Oxfordshire County Council Officers and Councillors about the adverse impact the development will have on the A329, no mention is made of Little Milton's traffic issues in the County's formal response to the application.

P25/S1511/HH - Old Belchers Cottage Church Hill Little Milton OX44 7PU

Erection of cottage to be used as residential annex following removal of existing bin store/enclosure & dovecot. Replacement doors to existing cottage and replacement of brick wall to existing dwelling to stone. **Resolved to Support** the application with the following comment; the Parish Council assumes if granted permission, Community Infrastructure Levy will be applicable.

P25/S1495/HH - Old Belchers Farmhouse High Street Little Milton OX44 7PU

Extension from main farmhouse, works comprise of extension and connecting link structure to adjacent barn. **Resolved to Support** the application

P25/S1917/HH - The Old Vicarage Church Hill Little Milton OX44 7QB

Alterations and replacement of existing structures with a new addition. **Resolved to Support** the application.

The following application was noted having been granted permission by South Oxfordshire District Council.

P25/S1539/HH - The Old Vicarage Church Hill Little Milton OX44 7QB

Alterations to the south and east elevations of the cottage to improve the visual appearance. Alterations include new windows and doors, re-cladding of the dormer, replacement of the rooflights, replacement of the guttering and the removal of a lean-to.

**06/07/25 Finance**

Approval of Council Expenditure

Clerk (A Oughton): Month 4 2025/26	£255.65
Editor (R Fergusson): Month 4 2025/26	£86.00
M P Printers (July newsletter)	£308.00
BGG (Playing Field & Triangle area x 2 cuts)	£300.00
BGG (Verges)	£474.00
Adexa Direct (Chillers Village Shop)	£733.20
Smith of Derby (Church Clock Service)	£277.20
Kompan (Aerial Runway)	£374.40
HMRC – PAYE Months 1-3 2025-26	£363.60

Approval re August Salaries

Clerk (A Oughton): Month 5 2025/26	£255.45
Editor (R Fergusson): Month 5 2025/26	£86.00



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Direct Debit

Intuit: Accounting software July 9 <sup>th</sup> – Aug 9 <sup>th</sup> 2025	£19.20
Intuit: Accounting software Aug 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sept 9 <sup>th</sup> 2025	£19.20
Microsoft 365 Bus. Basic & Standard Accounts 1 <sup>st</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> July 25	£18.24
Microsoft 365 Bus. Basic & Standard Accounts 1 <sup>st</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> August 25	£18.24

Bank reconciliations circulated.

Following a discussion at a previous meeting regarding investment of reserves to gain higher interest, Cllr van der Merwe carried out due diligence and investigated the options available.

**Resolved** to open an investment account with CCLA. The minimum amount required to open an account is £25,000. It was noted that once open there are no penalties if the account balance falls below £25,000.

It was agreed to keep a minimum balance in the National Westminster Bank account equivalent to 60 days cash flow and transfer remaining funds to the new CCLA account. A draft policy on the amount transferred and authority to manage cash flow back and forth between the CCLA account and National Westminster Bank account will be presented to a future meeting for approval.

**07/07/25 Reports from Councillor Representatives**

Recreation Ground /Open Green Space

Cllr Harrison reported that following the sewerage pipe burst in Hasley Road raw sewage had entered the stream and into the sediment. Cllr Harrison will contact Thames Water and lobby District Councillor Heritage and County Councillor Edwards to ensure action is taken by Thames Water to clean up the stream.

The gulleys in the village have been cleaned by Oxfordshire County Council who has confirmed this will now be an annual task rather than take place every four years.

Playground

Kompan who installed the play area has retentioned the aerial runway.

**08/07/25 Correspondence**

Newington Parish Council has offered to lend support to Little Milton Parish Council in opposing the Haseley Trading Estate application. Cllr van der Merwe will respond.

The manager of the village shop has written to the parish council to request that the tree behind the village hall and shop is pollarded. The main reasons for this are that it attracts pigeons which daily leave all their droppings on the cafe patio and furniture which are unsightly and a potential health hazard, and it blocks light to the recently installed solar panels. **Resolved** that the parish council will obtain quotations for the tree to be pollarded.

**09/07/25 Exchange of Information**

Nothing to report.


**10/7/25 Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025, commencing at 7.30pm at Pine Lodge.



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The meeting finished at 9.55pm

Signed by:  ..... Date 10 Sep '25 .....