

# Great Milton Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council** held **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013** at **7.30pm** in the **Pavilion:**

Present: Cllrs. Stephen Harrod (Chair and District Councillor), Peter Fewell (Vice Chair) Doug Colley, Bill Fox, Rosalind Hayman and Christine Pepperell.

In Attendance: Helen Cherry (Clerk) two members of the public.

## **176/13 Apologies for Absence**

Rosalind Hayman and Caroline Newton

## **177/13 Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests for this Meeting**

None

## **178/13 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

It was resolved to APPROVE the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 as a true and accurate record, subject to an addendum to note that the grant to the Great Milton Community Pub Limited was made under Section 137 powers.

## **179/13 Financial Resolutions**

### **A Shelving for the Parish Council archives**

Quotes were provided and circulated. It was resolved to approve a cheque for £150.

### **B To authorise cheques for payment:**

- Great Milton Community Pub Limited (Grant) for development of the dining and community rooms £1500
- Great Milton Parish Clerk. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £385.91
- Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production. £343.70
- Stephen Harrod. Shelving for Parish Council archives. £150.00
- C Pepperell. Expenses. £42.83
- Thames Water. Allotment (13 September – 18 September) £2.70
- CiLCA (Training for Clerk). £150
- CountryWide Grounds Maintenance (Grass cutting at Recreation Ground, 08/08/13, 02/09/13, 05/09/13 plus Grass Cutting at verges 02/07/13, 30/07/13) £726.00

C The quarterly bank reconciliation (April – June) and analysis of actual receipts/payments versus budget was received and APPROVED.

D The Clerk apologised for not having a copy of the Bank and Accounts Reconciliation til the end of September 2013 in time for the meeting. This will be circulated prior to the next meeting.

E Christine Pepperell reported that the grant from SODC to reduce the impact of the changes to Council Tax will be lower than last year but should not have a significant affect on the precept for 2014 -2015.

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## 180/13 Matters to Report

The District Councillor provided the meeting with updates from their respective councils, to be published in The Bulletin.

- There were no reports of crime for Great Milton
- It was noted that nineteen residents within Great Milton were interested in using the 'Thermal Imaging Camera'. Councillors Peter Fewell and Bill Fox agreed to contact the residents as the Parish Council are only hiring the camera until Mid-November.

## 181/13 Correspondence and Public Discussion

- Waterstock boundary
- Steve Harrod and Peter Fewell agreed to attend a talk about "Stressed Services that we want to protect" scheduled on 21<sup>st</sup> November.
- Councillors were reminded of an allotments survey that needs to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> November. SH agreed to re-circulate the email.
- The Clerk circulated a letter she received regarding cut-backs on the community car scheme; Funding for Public Liability Insurance Umbrella Scheme and it was noted that Great Milton was not on the list. The Clerk is to contact Oxfordshire Rural Community Council and clarify what the impact would be for Great Milton.
- A member of public attended the meeting and raised the fact that village maintenance work that was agreed at the last meeting had not been done. Councillors confirmed that work would commence in due course and that the hedge behind Fullers Field would be cut on a regular basis, twice per year.

## 182/13 Planning Applications

A There were no planning applications to approve.

B Planning decisions received and any outstanding planning matters.

**P13/S2617/A – The Bull, The Green, Great Milton (Planning Decision Notice)**

**Consent is GRANTED for the display of advertisements.**

**P13/S2364/LB and P13/S2363/FUL – The Coach House – Milton Lodge Lower End**

**Change of use of dwelling. Alterations to structure. Additional windows and door. Chimney added. (WITHDRAWN).**

**P13/S0498/DA, P13/S0499/DA and P12/S2019/LDP – Land East of Crowthorne Kennels, Milton Common**

**The appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld with correction and variation.**

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## 183/13 Jenks Tree Assessment

The Parish Council agreed on tree work to be undertaken following the receipt of Great Milton Tree assessment report. The tree work was estimated to cost £1356.00 (including VAT). The Clerk to contact Jenks.

## 184/13 Chippinghurst Crossing

It was confirmed that Great Milton Parish Council has no objections to the proposed public right of way across the River Thames at Chippinghurst, as per the modification order in question. However Great Milton Parish Council would like to see the footpath diversions (proposed some 20 years ago) eventually implemented, including the installation of a river crossing about 150 metres downstream from the site in the modification order proposal. This would enable the building of a bridge at this location where the banks are narrower and higher, with a consequent lower installation cost, and would also obviate the need for a permissive footpath across the grounds of Chippinghurst Manor.

## 185/13 Consideration of Co-opting a new Councillor

The clerk received several emails of people interested in becoming a Councillor for Great Milton Parish Council, unfortunately none were able to attend this meeting.

## 186/13 Village Maintenance

It was AGREED to ask Colin Putt to do the following village maintenance jobs:

- Jobs to be undertaken:
  - Trim hedge along footpath between Fullers Field and The Green
  - Trim growth around base of trees outside King's Head
  - Trim lower branches of oaks on the Green
  - Trim undergrowth between Sunnybank House and Milton Lodge on Lower End as necessary
  - Move salt box from garden of 24 Fullers Field to grass verge next to parking area
- Jobs to quote before undertaking
  - Cut back nettles and undergrowth on footpath between Green Hitchings and the top of the Rec Ground plus cutback hedge all along Rec Ground footpath at rear of Fullers Field houses
  - Check and quote to clear all ditches at vulnerable points in and around village, especially
    - Bottom of the Forties before Church Road junction
    - Lower End at exit from village and up to sewage works
- Colin was also asked to do urgent repair work on a brick wall that had fallen down – by Red Roofs.
- The Clerk was asked to get several quotes for the cutting the hedge behind Fullers Field.

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## 187/13 Any Other Business

### A Internal Auditor

It was agreed to invite Matthew Hale, who is interested in becoming the internal auditor, to the next Parish Council meeting. The clerk to circulate Matthew's CV to Councillors in advance of the meeting.

### B Dog fouling

Stephen Harrod was contacted regarding the increase of dog fouling in the alley near Green Hitching and on the Recreation ground. It was noted that two dog bins are allocated nearby. SH agreed to write a piece in the October edition of the Great Milton bulletin.

### C Christmas Tree

The Clerk informed Great Milton Parish Council that a Christmas Tree has been donated by J.J Bark Garden Machinery. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Colin Putt regarding collection and erection of the tree on The Green.

### D Village face-book

It was discussed whether to have a face-book page for Great Milton. Councillors agreed that the new Great Milton web-site was sufficient.

### E Brown direction signs

It was agreed to raise with the County Councillor as to whether brown direction signs could be erected for The Bull Public House.

The meeting closed at 9:05pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013 starting at 7:30pm in the Pavilion.**

**Signed:**

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