

Great Milton Parish Council

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To the Chairman and members of Great Milton Parish Council

Dear Councillor

I hereby give you notice that the next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held at the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Great Milton on 13th December 2021 at 7.30pm.

Public and Press are welcome to attend.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Darch

Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer to Great Milton Parish Council

AGENDA

149/21 Apologies for absence

150/21 Variation of order of business

151/21 Declarations of members' interests

To receive declarations of interest in matters on the Agenda.

152/21 Matters to report

To receive reports from County and District Councillors and other bodies as appropriate.

153/21 Correspondence and public discussion

No correspondence has been received since the last meeting which is not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

154/21 Planning applications

A To consider the following planning applications received from SODC:

P21/S4645/HH (The Penn Thame Road Great Milton OX44 7HX). Extension and conversion of roof to create habitable room within roof void.

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

Cllr Caroline Newton reports that SODC is changing its policy with regard to planning enforcement. In brief, assuming the policy is agreed by SODC's Cabinet, the administration is proposing to 'triage' enforcement cases so that the Council will only investigate those which are particularly egregious; the District Council will also no longer update parish councils or residents on the progress of an enforcement investigation. Cllr Newton feels that this change may be disappointing to residents, and is also anxious that it will serve as a green light to people tempted to exploit the planning system.

155/21 Minutes of the previous meeting

To approve the minutes of the November meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 15th November 2021, as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

156/21 Financial resolutions

A To authorise and sign the following cheques for payment:
Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £498.65
Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production November/December. £tbc/£tbc
Website hosting December (reimbursement to Clerk). £19.99
Shield Solutions. Dog bin emptying November. £62.40
Wheatley Park School annual prizegiving donation. £50
Green and Growing. Mole treatment. £30.
Christmas tree purchase. £tbc

B To receive and approve the latest monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement.

Budget for 2022-23

To discuss the second draft of the budget for 2022-23. Since the draft budget was discussed at the Council's November meeting, the forecast number of households in the village paying Council Tax in 2022-23 has been received. This forecast shows that the number will rise by about 3.5%, which means that in order to achieve the aim of keeping the Precept flat year-on-year, the total needs to be increased by £700. This amount has been added to Sundry Expenditure.

Forecast expenses for 2022-23 total £25,930, an increase of 11.1% relative to the current financial year. Income from sources other than the precept is anticipated to be £5,750 compared with £3,750 in the current year, while the precept is forecast to rise 3.6% from £19,480 to £20,180. It was noted that the General Reserve stood at approximately £33,567: reserves have increased from £29,664 in 2020-21, largely as a consequence of reduced expenditure due to the impact of the Covid pandemic.

Precept for 2022-23

To agree the precept request for 2022-23 in light of the agreed budget for 2022-23.

157/21 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- The demolished sign at the junction of the A329 and Thame Road has been reinstated.

158/21 COVID-19: update on village response/impacts

To review and discuss any significant local developments with regard to the current pandemic.

159/21 20mph zone

To update on developments regarding the potential for a 20mph zone in Great Milton village.

160/21 School pick-up and drop-off parking

To summarise the outcome of a meeting on Wednesday 1 December involving representatives of the Parish Council, Great Milton Primary School and the Recreation Ground Management Committee, at which issues surrounding school parking were discussed.

161/21 Community Governance Review

South Oxfordshire District Council will be undertaking a Community Governance Review (CGR) during 2022 with any agreed changes implemented for the 2023 elections. The council's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee will undertake the review and make the final decision on any alterations. The review will cover:

- Altering the existing boundary of a parish.
- Creating, merging or abolishing parishes.
- Changing the name of existing parishes.
- The electoral arrangements for parishes (e.g. how many parish councillors are required and parish warding).
- Grouping parishes under a common parish council, or de-grouping parishes.
- The "style" of a parish (enabling an area to be known as a town, community, neighbourhood or village rather than a parish).

SODC has agreed to undertake a community governance review every four years with changes agreed for implementation at the next scheduled parish elections – in this case 2023. The Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee will meet in early February to

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consider any requests and agree the terms of reference for the review: any requests for matters to be considered should be submitted with supporting evidence by 21 January 2022. Great Milton Parish Council wonders if Milton Common as a whole might be better served by inclusion within a single parish, rather than three as at present, which for example can lead to those on London Road being 'forgotten' in SODC's planning consultations. Any thoughts from residents on the south side of the A40 (who are currently residents of Great Milton parish) would be welcomed to help to inform a response to SODC's consultation.

162/21 Proposed '3 Villages' newsletter

To discuss a suggestion from the current producers of 'The Haseleys' magazine (who have announced that they will not continue beyond December 2022) that Little Milton, Great Milton and the Haseleys combine to produce a monthly magazine covering all three parishes instead of three individual publications.

163/21 Dates for Great Milton Parish Council meetings 2022

To discuss and agree proposed dates for the meeting of Great Milton Parish Council during 2022. The recommended dates are as follows:

- **17th January**
- **21st February**
- **21st March**
- **18th April**
- **16th May**
- **20th June**
- **18th July (Revision/cover possible dependent on Clerk's holiday arrangements)**
- **No meeting in August**
- **19th September**
- **17th October**
- **21st November**
- **12th December (a week early given proximity to Christmas)**

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 17th January 2022 at the Pavilion, starting at 7.30pm.