

# Great Milton Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council**

held at the Pavilion, Great Milton on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Cllrs S Harrod, W Fox, P Allen, D Harms, M Horsley and S Illingworth.

In Attendance: Chris Ashworth (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

## **The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council**

### **AGENDA**

#### **51/23 To elect a Chair**

After a unanimous vote, Cllr Steve Harrod was elected unopposed as Chair of Great Milton Parish Council for the coming year, with the Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed.

#### **52/23 To elect a Vice-Chair**

After a unanimous vote, Cllr Bill Fox was elected unopposed as Vice-Chair of Great Milton Parish Council for the coming year, with the Declaration of Acceptance of Office signed.

#### **53/23 Review of existing committees:**

The membership of the various committees affiliated to the Parish Council was reviewed, and their representatives confirmed as follows:

- The Sheppard Trust – Simon Cronk, Jane Willis
- The Hard Surface Play Area Committee – Mark Nethercleft (Chair), Dan Bennett (Treasurer), Sarah McMahon (Membership Secretary)
- Great Milton Recreation Ground Management Committee – James Cunningham (Chair), Michele Block (Vice-Chair)
- Neighbourhood Watch – Rod Snowdon
- The Kent & Couling Charity – Simon Cronk, Tricia Treanor, Sue Denham
- The Old Field Charity – Adrian Buckmaster (Chair), David Mackrory (Treasurer)
- Neighbours Hall – Mike Robinson (Chair), Christine Donnelly

#### **54/23 To vote on the co-option of a new Parish Councillor**

The Parish Council unanimously voted in a new Parish Councillor, Sarah MacMahon. Cllr MacMahon attended the rest of the meeting as a Councillor. The Parish Council discussed the two wards created by vacancies and have agreed that Cllr Illingworth will have the ward from North End cottage to the Old Garage and Cllr MacMahon will have the ward Thame Road from Green Hitchings to A329.

#### **55/23 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr F Van Mierlo (OCC) and Cllr G Heritage (SODC)

#### **56/23 Variation of order of business**

Business was conducted in the order prescribed by the agenda.

#### **57/23 Declarations of members' interest**



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No declarations of members interest were made.

## **58/23 Matters to report**

The County Councillors' report was received and reviewed and is available on the Parish Council website. No report was received this month from the District Councillor – apologies for this were received.

During a discussion for the county councillors fund, a notice was mentioned about a telegraph pole being erected near the Pavilion. This appears to be a permitted development which may raise some local objections. Cllr Horsley has contacted Cllr F Van Mierlo to find out more information regarding this notice.

## **59/23 Planning applications**

**A** To consider the following planning applications received from SODC:

**P23/S1469/FUL** (Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PD) The installation of a stainless-steel sculpture to the north-eastern and south-eastern elevations of the Le Manoir Manor House for nine months, and subsequent removal. The Parish Council **SUPPORTS** this application.

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

**P22/S4121/AG** (Heath Farm Thame Road Great Milton) Prior notification for the erection of a steel portal framed clear-span agricultural building. Has been **approved** by SODC.

## **60/23 Minutes of the previous meeting**

To approve the minutes of the April meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

## **61/23 Financial resolutions**

**A** The following cheques for payment were authorised and signed:

Chris Ashworth. Salary, Tax and Expenses April: £562.72

Shield Maintenance Dog Waste April: £62.40

J M Dudley April Bulletin: £311.40

McCracken and Sons: £402.00

AJG insurance: £445.49

Three villages car service: £130.00

OALC yearly subscription: £167.52


BT Office/e-mail package May: £10.80 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

Hugo Fox: web support May: £23.99 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

**B** The bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement were received, reviewed and approved.

## **62/23 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand**

- Cllr Fox and Parish Clerk met with Jon Beale on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May, to discuss the area of concern around the bottom of Thame Road near The Green. After a discussion at the site, it was agreed that a single white line would be installed along the bottom of Thame Road to deter cars from



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parking where the road gets narrow, hopefully. This would allow buses, cars and other users of the road to be able to pass without disruption.

- A hornbeam tree was planted by OCC, and Cllr Fox met with the arboriculture officer from OCC. They will relocate the tree, but the tree has to be on OCC land. Once a suitable spot has been chosen and agreed upon, the tree will be moved.

## **63/23 Security in the village**

Residents are encouraged to please continue to report any incidents that they witness or experience to the police via the 101-telephone service or online via the [police.co.uk](http://police.co.uk) website.

## **64/23 Great Milton Freecycle Pavilion hall hire.**

The Great Milton freecycle team have asked the Parish Council if they would fund the fee it costs to rent the Pavilion for four events running over the next year. The cost would be £180.

The most recent freecycle event was successful, with 97 people attending and 340kg of items freecycled.


The Parish Council discussed the Freecycle events are agreed to fund £90 towards the hire of the Pavilion for the Freecycle events, with a view to reviewing this after 6 months and possibly providing the additional £90 for the remainder of the year.

## **65/23 No Mow May**

OCC has cut back on its verge cutting and mowing during May to support this scheme but has been unable to stop all cutting and mowing due to the sheer amount that needs to be done. OCC has updated its schedule to prioritize biodiversity. This item will be discussed at April 2024 meeting in preparation for May 2024.

***The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023, at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion.***

***The meeting ended at 20:10***

  
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