

Great Milton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council held on Monday 20th May 2019 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

Present: Cllrs. S Harrod (Chairman), W Fox, P Allen, P Fewell, G Harris, C Deacon and G Bennet.

Apologies:

In Attendance: Tim Darch (Clerk)

74/19 To Elect a Chairman

Cllr Stephen Harrod was unanimously elected as Chairman for the coming year.

75/19 To Elect a Vice-Chairman

Cllr Bill Fox was unanimously elected as Vice-Chairman for the coming year.

76/19 For all Councillors to sign Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Declarations of Acceptance of Office were duly signed by all Councillors present following the uncontested election on Thursday May 2nd 2019.

77/19 For all Councillors to submit Registers of Interests

Registers of Interest were submitted by all Councillors present following the uncontested election on Thursday May 2nd 2019.

78/19 Review of existing Committees:

Arrangements for the following committees will continue unchanged with the following points of contact:

- The Sheppard Trust –
Simon Cronk, Jane Willis
- The Hard Surface Play Area Committee –
Mark Nethercleft, Jon Devitt
- Great Milton Recreation Ground Management Committee –
Andy Noble, Michele Block
- Neighbourhood Watch –
Jola Miziniak
- The Kent & Couling Charity –
Simon Cronk, Tricia Treanor
- The Old Field Charity –
Hazel Hand, Niki Patrick
- Neighbours Hall Committee –
Tony Jefferis, Christine Donnelly

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In Attendance: Tim Darch (Clerk), Cllr Caroline Newton (SODC) and 6 members of the public.

79/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Bennet.

80/19 Variation of order of business

Business was conducted in the order prescribed by the Agenda.

81/19 Declarations of member's Interest (if any)

No declarations of interest were received in matters on the Agenda.

82/19 Matters to Report

The County Councillor's monthly report was received by the meeting and is available via the Parish Council website. Cllr Caroline Newton (District Councillor) has been re-elected as District Councillor for Haseley Brook ward. Cllr Newton reported that following the elections SODC now comprised a 'rainbow coalition' chaired by Cllr Sue Cooper. Concerns were raised over the potential withdrawal of the Local Plan given differing political views on the housing targets within: this would mean that a 5-year land supply could not be demonstrated, and encourage more speculative development. It would also lead to the removal of significant funding available for infrastructure improvements.

83/19 Correspondence and Public Discussion

Two residents commented on the issue of speeding cars along Windmill Hill, and the lack of signage directing motorists to the M40 via the A329. Four 'slow' signs on road in specific locations on Windmill Hill also require repainting. The Parish Clerk will contact OCC Highways to suggest that the signs are repainted and signage for the M40 is improved to encourage motorists heading there to stay on the main road. The Clerk will also ask why other roads in area have a 50mph limit (specifically the A329), but not Windmill Lane.

A resident reinforced the suggestion that double yellow lines should be investigated at the corner at the bottom of Lower End to deter parking there. In response councillors suggested that there is limited potential for off-road parking for many village residents, that parked cars can perform a useful function as 'informal traffic calming', and that the construction of chicanes has been investigated in the past and would cost over £40,000. In addition street lighting is required when chicanes are present, to which many residents will be opposed. The Parish Council agreed to request the County Council to investigate and suggest options for mitigating the road safety issue on the bend where Lower End meets Sworford Lane.

A resident commented on the suggested replacement/repair of stiles on the footpath between Pitts Green and Waterstock, which offers a useful link to the very frequent 280 bus service and avoids the hazardous walk along Sworford Lane. Cllr Harris offered to resume discussions with the landowner and Oxfordshire County Council in an attempt to progress the matter.

84/19 Planning Applications

A The following planning applications received from SODC were considered:

P18/S2996/FUL (Lobb Farm, Tetworth, Oxon OX9 7BE). Major Amendment : No. 3 - dated 26th April 2019

The proposed development is for a Gas Fired Electricity Generating Facility with the ability to generate up to 49.99 MW of electricity. A low carbon flexible generating facility using gas reciprocating engines. The facility will generate electricity principally for the regional distribution network in times of generation shortfall and/or high demand.(As clarified by additional information about trees received 16 November 2018, ecology received 19 November 2018, archaeology received 30 November 2018, trees received 14 March, and supporting documents received 5 February 2019 and 19 February 2019. As amended by

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plans received 19 February 2019. As amplified by additional information received 26 April 2019).

After discussions it was agreed to reinforce the Parish Council's original objections to the proposal, and to add that existing noise from other sources in the area (specifically the M40) should not be used as mitigation for the creation of noise generated by the proposed power plant.

P19/S1365/FUL (Crofts Furlong Farm, Lower End, Great Milton, Oxford OX44 7NJ).

Demolition of 2no. existing outbuildings and erection of a tennis pavilion.

A semi-sunken tennis pavilion proposed in the Green Belt area of the village. No objections have been received from neighbours, and the structure would be barely visible from roads, footpaths or other properties. It was therefore agreed to respond to the planning authority with No Strong Views.

- B The following planning decisions received and outstanding planning matters were considered. Appeal Ref: APP/Q3115/W/18/3215893 (The Oxford Belfry Hotel, London Road, Milton Common, Thame OX9 2JW). Application Ref P18/S2573/FUL, dated 25 July 2018, was refused by notice dated 3 October 2018. Development proposed: construction of 4 detached and 2 semi-detached dwellings. APPEAL DISMISSED.

Notice of appeal

London Road, Tetsworth, Oxon OX9 7BB. Proposed development: Change of use from agricultural land to provide proposed traveller site with provision for twelve individual plots with individual parking, individual amenity, shared paddock / amenity space and bin storage areas. This inquiry will be heard at a public inquiry on 18/19/20/21 & 25/26 June 2019 at Tetsworth Memorial Hall, High Street, Tetsworth, OX9 7AB for 6 days at 10.00 am.

You can attend the inquiry and, at the Inspector's discretion, speak if you wish.

The written statements submitted by the council and the appellant for the hearing are now available on the council's website under the application reference P15/S3936/FUL.

You can keep track of progress on this appeal on the Planning Portal website at www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals. The decision will also be published here.

85/19 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the monthly meeting of the Parish Council, both held on Monday 15th April 2019, were signed and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

86/19 Financial Resolutions

- A The following payments were authorised and cheques signed:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £442.15

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production April/May. £264.15/£278.50

Oxfordshire County Council: speed recording on Sworford Lane/Windmill Hill. £120

- B Internal Audit Report

The internal audit report and signed Internal Audit Certificate was received from Matthew Hale, Internal Auditor. The report raised no issues or items of concern.

- C Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 2 for the year ending 31st March 2019. Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) and subsequently Section 2 (Accounting Statements) were received and approved by the Parish Council, and the documents signed by the Chairman and Parish Clerk RFO as required.

- D The Council's Risk Management document (May 2019) was reviewed and approved unchanged.

- E The intention to submit an application for the refund of £952.63 VAT incurred between April 1 2018 and March 31 2019 was noted and approved.
- F The revised Fixed Asset Register including the defibrillator was approved in advance of the commencement of the new Parish Council insurance policy on 1 June.
- G The latest bank statement, monthly reconciliation and monthly accounts were received by the Council. The reconciled bank balance as at 7 May 2019 was £27,468.05.

87/19 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

- The defibrillator has been installed in the telephone box. It is reported that some training could be vital in enabling swift action should the machine be needed: a charity can offer this, it is understood at a cost of around £10 per head and a one-off fee to cover costs. On this basis, the Parish Council suggested covering the costs element if participants are happy to pay the £10 per head for the training: the Clerk will look into this in more detail and investigate possible times and dates, then advertise the event in the Bulletin once a time and venue is agreed.
- Jenks Oxford tree surgeons has kindly donated a maple tree to replace the rowan 'whip' donated by OCC/The Woodland Trust to commemorate the Armistice centenary, which sadly failed to survive the winter months. The maple has been planted in the same location as the rowan, on The Green about halfway between the entrance to the Recreation Ground and the Village Stores.

88/19 History Society Insurance Contribution

Great Milton History Society requires insurance for the items stored in the History Room at The Bull. Neither The Bull's nor the Parish Council's insurance are able to cover these items: the History Society has sought quotes and is seeking a contribution from the Parish Council towards the cost of insurance, which is £125.20 for the first year. The council approved this contribution.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 17th June starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

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