Great Milton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council held on Monday 18th June 2018 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

Present: Clirs. S Harrod (Chairman), W Fox, P Allen and P Fewell.

In Attendance: Tim Darch (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

83/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr G Bennet. C Deacon and G Harris.

84/18 Variation of order of business

Business was conducted in the order defined by the agenda.

85/18 Declarations of member's Interest (if any)

Non-pecuniary interest was declared by Clirs S. Harrod and W. Fox regarding Item 88/18, specifically the planning applications under consideration for works at The Bull public house. Given the status of these councillors as committee members of The Great Milton Community Pub Limited, the Parish Council will abstain from comment on the planning applications relating to The Bull to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

86/18 Matters to Report

OCC's Parish Briefing for June was received by the meeting.

87/18 Correspondence and Public Discussion

A complaint was received from a resident detailing unauthorised strimming of plants, and general dissatisfaction with the quality of verge maintenance and mowing in the village. Council agreed that the standard was not acceptable: the Parish Clerk will discuss the matter with the contractor shortly.

88/18 Planning Applications

A To give consideration to the following planning applications received from SODC: P18/S0958/RM (Land on the South Side of London Road Adjacent to Great Expectations Milton Common). Approval for Reserved matters (Access, Layout, Scale, Appearance and landscaping) pursuant to outline application (P17/S4227/O) for the erection of up to eight dwellings with associated access, parking and amenity space (as amended by additional plans submitted on 31 May 2018).

Revised plans have been submitted with the houses facing the A40, each with their own drive. After brief discussion the Council stated that it had no strong views on the amended plans.

P18/S1842/FUL and P18/S1843/LB (The Bull, The Green, Great Milton). Proposed decking behind pub to provide improved external drinking/dining option. Given that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council are also members of the Committee of The Great Milton Community Pub Company Limited, the Parish Council will not comment on these applications to avoid any potential conflict of interest. However local residents are encouraged to submit their own comments directly to SODC.

To review any planning decisions received and any outstanding planning matters. P18/S1184/HH (Demolition of an existing single-storey conservatory and erection of proposed 2-storey front and side extensions and single storey rear extension and outbuilding. Yew Tree Cottage Lower End Great Milton OX44 7NF). Planning permission has been granted for this application.

89/18 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and the monthly meeting of the Parish Council, both held on Monday 21st May 2018 were signed and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

90/18 Financial Resolutions

A The following cheques were signed and authorised for payment:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £416.07 Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production. £269.20 Green and Growing. Grass cutting June. £630

Castle Water. Allotment supply March to May: £7.53

GM Parochial Church Council. Servicing of St Mary's Church clock 2018: £206.40

- B Full bank reconciliations were received and the bank statements for May and June were signed. The reconciled bank balance as at 4 June was £27,167.10.
- C The Parish Council's quarterly accounts were received and reviewed.
- D Submission of the Parish Council's AGAR return and the Exercise of Public Rights period (4 June to 13 July 2018) were noted.
- E Receipt of the refund of £1379.60 VAT incurred between April 1 2017 and March 31 2018 was noted.
- F The request to close the Santander Business Account in light of negligible interest rates was noted.

91/18 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

- The broken bench near the school entrance has been replaced.
- White lines have appeared around several potholes in the village which should mean that they will be repaired shortly.

92/18 Great Milton Bulletin

The decision to continue with full distribution of paper copies of The Bulletin has been well received. To improve the chances of sustainability much of the front page has been made available as a premium advertising space.

93/18 Great Milton School: land for new modular classroom

The detail of the draft lease for the land upon which the modular classroom will be located continues to be considered. Footings for the building are in place and the new classroom will be delivered in July. The content of the lease has been agreed and copies are expected for signature shortly.

94/18 Ann Price BEM

The Parish Council wishes to congratulate Ann Price on the richly deserved award of the British Empire Medal for services to the community in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 23rd July starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

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