

Great Milton Parish Council

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Held at the Pavilion, Great Milton, on Monday, 17th October 2022, at 7:30 pm.

Present: Cllrs S Harrod (Chair), P Allen, D Harms, M Horsley, C Deacon.

In attendance: Chris Ashworth (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

131/22 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr W Fox, Cllr C Newton (SODC) and Cllr F V Mierlo (OCC)

132/22 Variation of order of business

The business was conducted in the order prescribed by the agenda.

133/22 Declarations of members' interests

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

134/22 Matters to report

The County Councillor's monthly report was received and reviewed and is available on the Parish Council website along with the District Councillor's.

135/22 Correspondence and public discussion

No correspondence has been received in matters not otherwise covered on the agenda.

136/22 Planning applications

A P22/S3601/LB (3 Priory Bank Church Road Great Milton OX44 7PA) New chimney pot to extend height above ridge to current regulatory height for a wood burner.
Cllr S Harrod reviewed the application and consulted neighbours. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to SUPPORT this application.

Tetsworth Parish Council (TPC) has become increasingly concerned by the number of planning applications for solar arrays in our small part of South Oxfordshire. We have no desire to oppose the policies in place to provide renewable energy but are concerned that our area of the county is being asked to bear the brunt of their implementation.

The sites at Cromwell Farm and Harlesford, together with the sites proposed by the Dodwells application and that adjacent to Postcombe, could result in four large solar farms in the narrow stretch of the M40 corridor between junctions 6 and 7. The current planning procedure under which each application is considered individually does not take this cumulative effect into account.

TPC proposes that we arrange a meeting between representatives of our councils and SODC to persuade its planning department of the need to include within its framework a district-wide spacial strategy for the provision of renewable energy that would ensure an even distribution of such sites.

Great Milton Parish Council is happy to get involved in the process with Testworth Parish Council and will send a representative along to any meetings arranged in the future.

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

137/22 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the September meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 26th September, were received, reviewed, agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

138/22 Financial resolutions

A To authorise and sign the following cheques for payment:
Chris Ashworth. Salary, Tax and Expenses October: £517.22
Shield Maintenance Dog Waste October: £62.40
Jonathon Dudley Bulletin production October: £335.20
BT Office/e-mail package: £10.80 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)



Hugo Fox: web support July: £19.99 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (Budgeting): £66.00
Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils (Internal Controls): £66.00

B The monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement was received, reviewed and approved. The reconciled bank balance as of 10th October was £43,715.90

139/22 Priorities for the financial year 2023/24

The Parish Council discussed their financial priorities for the forthcoming financial year. It was agreed to a 0% increase on the precept again for another year.

140/22 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- Work on the 20mph scheme is ongoing. Great Milton's scheme has been implemented.
- Work on the gateway features has been raised with the signing contractor. It will take a few weeks for the necessary materials to be acquired then we will be given a date of installation.
- The Great Milton Christmas Carols around the tree on the green, followed by mince pies in the pub, will take place on Tuesday 13th December, at 18:00.
- There will be a Christmas tree collection point set up within the village, adjacent to the entrance to the Rec. Posters will be produced with the details. The trees will be collected on w/c 9th of January when the normal garden waste collection begins.

141/22 Security in the village

Residents are encouraged to please continue to report any incident that they witness or experience to the police via the 101-telephone service or online via the police.co.uk website.

142/22 Funding for the youth club

The Councillors discussed the potential for helping fund the youth club in the village. A representative for the youth club attended the meeting and gave details about what they have achieved so far and what the plans are with more funding. They hope to be able to offer an affordable, safe and enjoyable place for 8–13-year-olds. Funding would help with the purchase of equipment for the children to use, help cover the hall hire fees and get all staff/volunteers first aid trained.

It was agreed that a donation of £500 would be made immediately. A further £500, less the amount of any funds received from other Parish Councils, would be paid in the New Year. The Parish Council will also investigate providing Wi-Fi at the Pavilion.

143/22 Warm welcome campaign

The warm welcome campaign was discussed with places that could be used and talked through, and the Councillor's suggested the local Pub as the best place to provide this, which will be discussed with the tenants. The Parish Council is going to invite a member of the warm welcome campaign to come along to the next meeting, if possible, to discuss this matter in further detail.

144/22 Thame food bank initiative

A collection point was talked about at the meeting, along with its viability. This item will be talked about further at the next Parish Council Meeting, when we hope to have a representative of the initiative attending.

145/22 Code of conduct

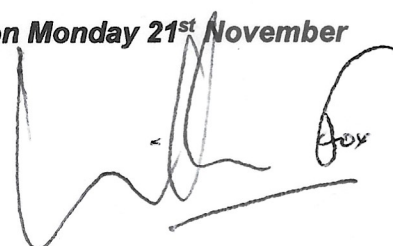
The new code of conduct was read by the Councillors, and all agreed in favour of supporting it.

146/22 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

The CIL was mentioned and agreed that it would be saved for a project in the future as one comes up.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 21st November 2022 at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion.

Meeting ended at 20:06

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