

Great Milton Parish Council

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Held at the Pavilion, Great Milton on Monday 16th January 2023 at 7:30 PM.

Present: Cllrs S Harrod (chair), P Allen, D Harms, M Horsley, C Deacon, Cllr F V Mierlo (OCC)

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

AGENDA

1/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr B Fox and Cllr C Newton (SODC)

2/23 Variation of order of business

There was no variation of order of business.

3/23 Declarations of members' interests

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

4/23 Matters to report

Cllr Mierlo reported as follows regarding OCC matters:

Reduced bus fares for 3 months, bus passengers can enjoy a £2 cap on bus fares. Pa Anti-sewage motion passes, and there is now a live Thames Water website that updates where sewage is being discharged.

Three in four street lamps are now LED. OCC makes sure we have the warmest possible LED lights. Streetlamps will also only be installed in places they are needed. Street lamps will be turned off at times they are not needed.

Over 450 trees are being planted over the winter period.

Successful bid for children's homes: OCC has successfully bid for a £5.2m grant to part fund four new residential children's homes. The homes would provide accommodation and support for children requiring solo provision or who can only share with one other child, children with autism, and children who have had adverse childhood experiences.

The budget for children's services is going to be increased above the inflation rate to help such areas as improving EHCP speed.

There is a new CEO Dr Martin Reeves of OCC, who has previously worked for Coventry City Council.

Some schools are replacing the Oxford School Bus Partnership with smaller partnerships.

Cllrs Harrod asked about the A329 near the Oxford golf club as the road is subsiding again, Cllr Horsley noted the road needs to be dug up and remade not just resurfaced. Cllr F V Mierlo will ask Cllr K Gregory about the road.

Cllr Harrod raised the issue regarding fixmystreet not allowing fly-tipping to be reported.

5/23 Correspondence and public discussion

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

6/23 Planning applications

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P22/S2220/FUL (Dodwells Solar Farm Land north of the A40 near Cuddesdon) Underground cable route to connect Dodwells solar farm to Cowley substation. (as amplified by additional information received 21 December 2022).

After due consideration, the Parish Council agreed to continue to **OBJECT** to the application.

P21/S3915/FUL (Dodwells Solar Farm Land north of the A40 near Milton Common) Installation and operation of a Solar Farm together with all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure (as amended & amplified by information received 8 July 2022 and 21 December 2022).

After due consideration, the Parish Council agreed to continue to **OBJECT** to the application.



Both applications were discussed at length with input from the member of the public.

It was noted that an additional area of solar panels (Field 9) was now added, and this would have a significant visual impact, including glint and glare on a nearby property, with no mitigation in place. The solar panels will be going over a large area, so any mitigation against the visual impact will be very difficult. The viewpoints taken to consider the visual impact was noted by the member of the public to have been selectively placed and did not cover how properties would be affected.

The member of the public also raised the issue of the cable being laid for the solar farm and the potential damage and disruption to wildlife the cable would cause.

It was also discussed that the distance the cables would cover and whether there would be any loss of voltage over the proposed distance.

Cllr F v Mierlo noted that OCC's role is to require a traffic plan for the proposals, but they can't stop it from happening.

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

7/23 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the December meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 12th December 2022, were received, reviewed, agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

8/23 Financial resolutions

A The following cheques for payment were authorised and signed.

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

Shield Maintenance Dog Waste October: £62.40

J M Dudley November Bulletin: £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)

Church clock services: £216

Great Milton Recreation ground 21-22 maintenance grant: £400

Tim Darch domain name reimbursement: £11.98

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

9/23 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- 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.
- 3 quotes for the Mowing contract are being found. The date for renewal is 28th February 2023.

10/23 Security in the village

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

11/23 King's Coronation plans – 6th May 2023

To discuss any plans to put in place for the Coronation of King Charles III.

Cllr Horsley raised the question if the Parish Council should organise something for the King's Coronation. Cllr Deacon asked about issues with health and safety if the event is run by the Parish Council.

It was decided that the Parish Council would ask for volunteers to organise an event for the King's Coronation, potentially in conjunction with the local pub.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 20th February 2023, at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion.

MEETING ENDED 20:12

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