

Great Milton Parish Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Great Milton Parish Council held at the Pavilion on Monday, 17th July 2023, at 7:30 pm.

Present: Cllrs S Harrod (Chair), B Fox (Vice-chair), S MacMahon and S Illingworth.

In attendance: Chris Ashworth (Clerk), Cllr G Heritage (SODC) and two members of the public.

77/23 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllrs P Allen, D Harms and M Horsley. Cllr F Van Mierlo (OCC) conveyed his apologies.

78/23 Variation of order of business

Item 87/23 broadband in the Pavilion was discussed during item 81/23 correspondence and public discussion.

79/23 Declarations of members' interest

No Declarations of members' interest were made.

80/23 Matters to report

The County Councillor and District Councillor's reports were received, reviewed, and available on the Parish Council website.

Cllr G Heritage (SODC) wanted to make GMPC aware of the community grant fund available, with applications open until 20th October 2023. The community grant fund is £5000 spread across the Ward.

Cllr G Heritage (SODC) also wanted to make GMPC aware of Planning surgeries that are available to Parish Councils. These are online meetings with a planning officer who can offer advice on any planning applications/issues. Cllr G Heritage (SODC) will forward the link so GMPC can book a session if needed in the future.

81/23 Correspondence and public discussion

A member of the public raised the subject of Broadband to the Pavilion. They commented that the Village is already plagued with telegraph poles and overhead cables, and we should not support a project that would demand more. It was questioned why GMPC wanted this project to go ahead when groups like the Great Milton Youth Club should encourage attendees to be away from screens.

A member of the public also raised the point that the Village plan from 2012 was in that plan to investigate electricity cable burial in the Village and that if the project for Broadband to the Pavilion were to go ahead, then it would mean more telegraph poles and overhead cables.

Cllr Harrod confirmed that the Broadband to the Pavilion had been stopped and that the building would be withdrawn from the OCC initiative. Cllr Harrod said that GMPC wanted this project to future-proof the building while OCC funded it. Cllr Fox added that it was a countywide initiative to get places connected. Cllr MacMahon raised the fact that OCC could turn away from offering Great Milton future projects.

Cllr G Heritage (SODC) mentioned that in her Village, overhead cables are everywhere, and they are going through a battle to get cables buried underground; it is not an easy battle and is still ongoing.

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GMPC will speak to Cllr F V Mierlo (OCC) at the next meeting regarding overhead cables.

Cllr Fox noted that the problem Hornbeam tree is being chased, and GMPC is doing all they can at this stage for the tree to be moved/removed correctly.

82/23 Planning applications

A No new planning applications have been received in the period from SODC.

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

83/23 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the June meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday, 19th June 2023, were received, reviewed, agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

84/23 Financial resolutions

A The following cheques for payment were authorised and signed:

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

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Shield Maintenance Dog Waste June: £62.40

J M Dudley June Bulletin: £359.00

Great Milton Freecycle: £90

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 monthly bank reconciliation, accounts and bank statement were received, reviewed and approved.

85/23 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- We are still looking at suitable places for the Hornbeam tree within the Parish.
- The Clerk will begin research on getting .gov.uk email addresses for all Councillors and report back at the next meeting in September.
- The Councillor Priority fund has been applied for to help with costs for the Speed Indicator Devices, and OCC has been contacted regarding the installation of SID poles.
- Jenks have completed the yearly tree survey. The report shows there is only one high-priority item. The high-priority item identified by Jenks in the tree survey concerned tree T7, a field maple, and involved removing the stakes and a 2 ft diameter of turf around the base and installing strimmer guards.
- Cllr Harrod asked if work could be done on the bush on the small Island between The Forties and Church Road to prune the brambles out and keep it maintained. The Parish Clerk will enquire about prices for this work to be completed.

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86/23 Security in the village

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

Cllr Harrod asked if the Clerk could contact the Neighbourhood Watch to ask if they could attend the September meeting of Great Milton Parish Council.

87/23 Broadband in the Pavilion

This item was discussed during item 81/23 correspondence and public discussion. There was a meeting between GMPC and the Great Milton Recreation Committee on Tuesday, 11th July, where it was agreed to stop the process of connecting The Pavilion.

88/23 Parish Clerk Laptop update and discuss a new laptop budget.

The GMPC Clerk's laptop was purchased in November 2017 for £400.

The Clerk uses the laptop regularly to keep up to date with all the administrative side of GMPC. As such, it is now becoming rather slow and crashing from time to time. Recently there were a couple of days when the laptop would only boot into safe mode meaning the Parish Clerk couldn't complete tasks.

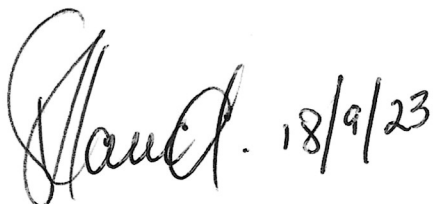
The Parish Clerk would like to discuss a budget for a new laptop so they can continue to research the correct laptop for the job.

GMPC agreed on a budget of £500 for a new laptop. The Parish Clerk will research and agree on a suitable replacement laptop with GMPC.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday, 18th September 2023, at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion.

There is no meeting in August, but the Clerk remains contactable in the event of any issues or queries.

Meeting ended 20:06



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