

Great Milton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council held on Monday 18 March 2019 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

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

In Attendance: Tim Darch (Clerk), Caroline Newton (SODC) and 3 members of the public.

33/19 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

34/19 Variation of order of business

Business was conducted in the order prescribed by the agenda.

35/19 Declarations of member's Interest (if any)

Cllr Clyde Deacon declared an interest in planning application P18/S4096/FUL (6 Thame Road, Great Milton. Oxford OX44 7HY) within Item 38/19 as it relates to his own property. Cllr Deacon removed himself from the meeting while discussions were ongoing relative to this specific application.

36/19 Matters to Report

The County Council's and District Councillor's monthly updates were received by the meeting and are available in full on the Parish Council website.

37/19 Correspondence and Public Discussion

An e-mail from a resident regarding discourteous and illogical driver behaviour in the vicinity of the school when in charge of a horsebox was received and discussed. The comments were taken on board: the school is aware of the issue and the Parish Council will seek an update on how it will be addressed as part of dealing with the issue of school-related parking.

A resident commented upon the bypass proposed for Stadhampton as part of measures to deal with traffic resulting from the Chalgrove development should it go ahead, and the apparent absence of similar mitigation for Little Milton. Cllr Harrod advised that the likely significant traffic impact on Little Milton has been flagged up by OCC, but that as yet there are no concrete proposals for a similar scheme.

A resident commented on small pieces of plastic (possibly from discarded plant pots) contained in compost obtained from SODC's recycling centre and produced from domestic garden waste. This is being deposited in the soil and is unlikely to degrade. Cllr Caroline Newton promised to look into this as the District's portfolio holder for Waste Management.

38/19 Planning Applications

A To consider the following planning applications received from SODC:

P19/S0013/FUL (Welcome Break Oxford, Thame Road, Waterstock). Further amendment: as amplified by swept path analysis plan received 15 February 2019. The Parish Council had no comments on this amendment.

P19/S0372/LDE (Milton Pools London Road Milton Common OX9 2NU). Existing use and development for all things associated with a Recycling and Skip Hire business, including: Storage, sorting and processing of scrap metal, end of life vehicles (ELVs), recyclable materials and batteries; Waste transfer, storing, sorting and processing of skip waste and loose waste; Storing of vehicles, machinery and equipment for resale or dismantling; Storage of waste tyres; Shearing, shredding, baling and crushing of all the above; and Storage of skips, containers and equipment in connection with all the above. This application is for continuation of existing use rather than development or changes. Residents have been consulted and the landowner was kindly represented at the meeting by his son, but no issues were raised.

P18/S2995/FUL and P18/S2996/FUL (Lobb Farm, Tetsworth OX9 7BE). Major Amendment : No. 1 - dated 19th February 2019. 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 18 January, and supporting documents received 5 February 2019 and 19 February 2019. As amended by plans received 19 February 2019).

Strong opposition from local residents in Milton Common has been noted and is appreciated, and the Parish Council's continuing OBJECTION to the application remains unchanged and was agreed.

P18/S4096/FUL (6 Thame Road, Great Milton, Oxford OX44 7HY). Re-submission of planning application. New detached dwelling on infill plot.

This application is essentially the resubmission of the initial application following conflicting advice from individual planning officers over the suitability of the scheme as proposed. The Parish Council's original position of FULL SUPPORT remains unchanged.

P19/S0713/T28 (Holloway Farm, Milton Common, Oxfordshire). Installation of an additional 300mm transmission link dish to be installed to a new leg mount at height of 15 metres. FOR INFORMATION ONLY: PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT (COMMUNICATIONS).

- B To review any planning decisions received and any outstanding planning matters.
P19/S0011/FUL (Crofts Furlong Farm, Lower End, Great Milton). Alterations to part of the existing equestrian building to form stables. Planning permission is GRANTED for the works described above.

39/19 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th February 2019 were signed and approved as an accurate record.

40/19 Financial Resolutions

- A To authorise cheques for payment:
Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £432.11
Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production March. £252.65
OALC membership. £146.57
PCC annual grass cutting grant 2018-19. £600
ICO data protection fee 2019-20. £40
Green and Growing: Recreation Ground hedge trimming. £540
- B A full bank reconciliation was received and the latest bank statement signed. The reconciled bank balance as at 6 March was £22,713.63.
- C The Council's Fixed Asset Register was reviewed, discussed, amended (with regard to the wording pertaining to the lease of former allotment land to the school), and subsequently approved.
- D Consideration of the Council's Risk Management Document was deferred until the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- E To note revised salary scales resulting from the new NJC agreement, with a resulting increase in the Parish Clerk's hourly rate to £10.37 per hour from April 1 (previously £10.11 per hour).

41/19 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

- The verges along Sworford Lane have been litter-picked, though sadly rubbish can be seen to be returning already. A further SODC deep-clean is scheduled for mid-April, in addition to the imminent litterpick.

- The Parish Council met with representatives of Great Milton Primary School and the Recreation Ground Committee on Thursday 14 March to discuss parking issues at school drop-off and pick-up times. Although parking at the Recreation Ground is not possible due to the constitution and other practical considerations (including access arrangements, limited parking spaces and insurance), the school and the Parish Council will work collaboratively to explore other options, including:
 - ❖ **Asking residents if they wish to volunteer to allow school parking on vacant drive space (please contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to assist in this way)**
 - ❖ **Trialling 'walking buses' from some or all of Potts Close, Fullers Field and the vicinity of The Bull (subject to approval from the pub committee and tenants)**
 - ❖ **Seeking a PCSO presence to warn/fine drivers for poor parking (allowing insufficient width for an emergency vehicle to pass)**
 - ❖ **The school focusing on parking in their newsletter and to having a monthly 'school update' in the Bulletin**

A further meeting will be held in late June to further discuss the school parking issue and to assess progress.

- The Parish Council has been monitoring vehicle speeds in the village in recent weeks with a Speed Indication Device borrowed from the police. This will extend to Milton Common shortly. Registration numbers of vehicles travelling above the speed limit are recorded and sent to the police, who then respond accordingly. Monitoring will continue for as long as the device is available to the Parish Council.

42/19 Stiles: footpath from Pitts Green (Swarebrook) to Waterstock

Cllr Harris reported no further progress on the issue of the replacement stiles.

43/19 Litter pick

A reminder that the village Spring litter pick will take place on Saturday 23 March at 1000.

44/19 Volunteer car scheme to Wheatley

The pilot scheme has been put on hold pending more volunteers, and will therefore not be starting in March. Please see the piece in the March Bulletin for more information, and contact Kate Pattinson at katepattinson@yahoo.co.uk or on 01844 279204 if you would like to join the list of volunteer drivers.

45/19 Suggested 50mph speed limit

Speed surveys have been requested from OCC on Wheatley Road (Views Farm area) and Sworford Lane (Lower End to April Cottage) in response to residents' requests.

46/19 Parish and District Council Elections

Parish and District Council elections are taking place on Thursday May 2nd. At the time of writing, all 7 existing Parish Councillors have confirmed that they will be standing for election. The Council has 7 seats to fill, so if no-one else is standing there will be no need for a contested Parish Council election: however anyone whose name appears on the electoral register is able to stand. A Notice of Election will be placed on the village noticeboards and on the village website as soon as it is received from SODC, which runs the election process. Details of candidates for the District Council elections are not known at present. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you need any further information on the election process.

47/19 Telephone box

The telephone box has been repainted in advance of 're-purposing' as the location for a defibrillator. The Parish Council is very grateful to Greenford Ltd. for this significant contribution to village life.

48/19 Crime in Milton Common

The Parish Council has been made aware of increased criminal activity in Milton Common. The police have been contacted to ascertain what measures they have put in place in response. Residents are asked to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to the police.

49/19

Development at Milton Lodge (Ives Gate Lane opposite Red Roofs)

Concerns have been raised by residents in the vicinity of Milton Lodge over the appearance of the area of land which has been laid to hardcore in preparation for creation of a parking area, which is contrary to the terms of planning permission as granted. The Parish Council appreciates these concerns: SODC advises that a further planning application for the parking area is expected and that no enforcement action is being taken for the time being. However, the situation will be kept under review.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th April 2019 immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting, which will start at 7.30pm and to which all are welcome.

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