

Great Milton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council held on Monday 15th July 2019 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion.

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

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

101/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs G Harris and G Bennet.

102/19 Variation of order of business

Business was conducted in the order prescribed by the agenda.

103/19 Declarations of member's Interest (if any)

No declarations of interest were received from councillors in items on the agenda: however for transparency the Clerk wished to advise that planning application P19/S1864/HH considered under Item 106/19A related to his own property.

104/19 Matters to Report

The County Councillor's and District Councillor's July updates were received by the meeting.

105/19 Correspondence and Public Discussion

The Clerk received a telephone message expressing disappointment that Chris Kitashima's MBE had not been publicly acknowledged by the Parish Council. The Parish Council wishes to apologise for this oversight and to congratulate Chris on the recent award of an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List for services to fostering in Oxfordshire. Chris has fostered for 27 years: this recognition is richly deserved as a result of her positive contribution to the lives of many vulnerable youngsters over the years and her role in the community.

106/19 Planning Applications

A

To give consideration to the following planning applications received from SODC:

P19/S1864/HH (Midsummer Cottage, Church Road, Great Milton). Demolition of unused garage and erection of single storey garden room outbuilding.

After discussion and consideration of a neighbour's objection to the plans as presented, the Parish Council RESOLVED that it held NO STRONG VIEWS on this application, though sympathetic to the neighbour's opinion and mindful that the planning authority may have similar concerns particularly regarding windows which overlook the garden of the property next door.

P19/S1910/DIS (Welcome Break Oxford Thame Road Waterstock). Discharge of conditions 4 - Construction Traffic Management and 5 - Surface water drainage works (details required) to application P19/S0013/FUL. Extension to existing HGV park and associated works. (As amplified by additional drainage information received 24 January 2019 and Swept Path Analysis drawing received 15 February 2019).

FOR INFORMATION: NO CONSULTATION ON DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS.

B

To review any planning decisions received and any outstanding planning matters.

P19/S1365/FUL (Crofts Furlong Farm, Lower End, Great Milton, Oxford OX44 7NJ).

Demolition of 2no. existing outbuildings and erection of a tennis pavilion. Planning permission is GRANTED for the works described above.

P18/S2995/FUL and P18/S2996/FUL (Lobb Farm, Tetsworth, Oxon OX9 7BE).

The proposed development is for a Gas Fired Electricity Generating Facility with the ability to generate up to 49.99 MW of electricity. APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN PRIOR TO DETERMINATION.

Both applications for power generation facilities between Milton Common and Tetsworth have now been withdrawn.

107/19 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th June 2019 were received and signed and authorised as an accurate record of proceedings.

108/19 Financial Resolutions

A To authorise cheques for payment:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses July and August. £434.90/£436.90

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production July. £250.50

Green and Growing. Grass cutting May: £546

SODC Dog Bin emptying £65.48

SODC uncontested election fee: £100

South Central Ambulance Service: donation for AED/CPR training. £150.

B The monthly reconciliation and bank statement were received and the Parish Council accounts for the last month approved. The reconciled bank balance as at 3 July 2019 was £26,550.92

C The receipt of a refund from HMRC of £952.63 VAT incurred in 2018-19 was noted.

D The receipt of £460 from Oxfordshire County Council from its Councillor Priority Fund, as a contribution towards refurbishment of the bus shelter at Milton Common was noted.

109/19 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

The following outcomes resulted from a site visit from an OCC Highways Officer following issues raised by various residents at the May meeting

- **Parking at the Lower End bend.** Officer felt that impact on residents parking, informal traffic calming effect from parked cars, no history of accidents, urbanisation effect of yellow lines and lack of enforcement meant that parking restrictions were probably not justified.
- **Restoration of several 'Slow' markings on Windmill Hill.** Noted and to be actioned.
- **Windmill Hill 60mph limit vs A329 50 mph limit.** There are many 'unrestricted' inhabited country roads all over the country, and many 'A' roads with 50mph stretches imposed on safety grounds so this situation is not unusual. Relatively few instances of excess speed have been observed on Windmill Hill, so no change likely.
- **Suggested signage at A329 Windmill Hill turn directing motorists to M40 north via A329.** Officer felt that much of this traffic will be from local commuters adopting what they believe is the quickest way to the M40 north, or non-locals being directed by Sat Nav. In both instances signage is unlikely to change behaviour, plus there is no obvious place to locate signage where it would be sufficiently visible.
- **Short 'unrestricted' stretches on entering Thame Road/Church Road from A329.** Legally required: only alternative is to reduce speed limit to 30mph at the junction, but unlikely to be justified given no evidence of accidents on these short stretches of road and high cost.
- **Thame Road/A329 junction.** Foliage trimmed to improve visibility for vehicles exiting Thame Road.

110/19 Defibrillator training

Training in use of the defibrillator and in CPR took place on Saturday 6 July, hosted by South Central Ambulance Service first responders Andy Long and Patsie Ellestone. The training was very informative and was gratefully received: a further session may be organised later in the year. The guardian of the defibrillator needs to be identified or appointed: the Clerk will follow this up,

111/19 September Bulletin

There is currently no Bulletin published in September, largely because there is no August Parish Council meeting to report. There have been requests for a September Bulletin to enable advance publicity of events taking place in September, but after due consideration the Parish Council agreed that there was little justification for an additional Bulletin at this time, and that as a result this would not proceed.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th September starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion. The Clerk remains available should there be any issues during the two-month hiatus between meetings.

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