

Great Milton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council held on Monday 18th September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion:

Present: Cllrs. S Harrod (Chair and County Councillor), W Fox (Vice Chair), P Fewell, C Deacon.

In Attendance: Mr T Darch (Clerk), Mr G Bennet (prospective Councillor), 6 members of the public.

99/17 Apologies for Absence
Cllrs P Allen, G Harris

100/17 Variation of order of business

Item 14 was dealt with at the start of the meeting to enable Mr George Bennet to participate in the meeting in the capacity of Councillor once co-opted.

Item 10 was dealt with subsequently given the interest of several members of the public in attendance.

101/17 Declarations of Members' Interest (if any)

To receive declarations of interest in matters on the Agenda.

Item 104/7A: Cllr Stephen Harrod wished to record his connection with the applicant, a shareholder of The Bull Community Pub Company of which Cllr Harrod is Chairman of the Committee. There was no pecuniary interest to place on record.

102/17 Matters to Report

Report from Police and/or County / District Councillors (if in attendance).

Oxfordshire County Council's Parish Notes were received. No Police report was received and no District Councillor attended the meeting (Cllr Stephen Harrod having stood down from this role).

103/17 Correspondence and Public Discussion

To receive items of correspondence and take questions from the public.

- **Footpath along Sworford Lane**
The concept of a footpath was supported, although it was stated that the potential cost and lack of an obvious funding source was likely to be prohibitive. It was observed that the reintroduction of an attractive bus service may reduce the necessity for a footpath.
- **Other matters raised by members of the public**
The path from Fullers Field to The Green was cleared of vegetation by the Meltons, who were thanked for their hard work. This will be included in the village maintenance schedule from now on. It was reported that the one-way section of The Green was being ignored and that Thame Road needed resurfacing. Both matters will be reported to OCC Highways, with the suggestion that the road markings at the Thame Road junction are repainted and a HAMP survey of Thame Road be carried out.

104/17 Planning Applications

A To give consideration to planning applications received from SODC:
Application Reference: P17/S3081/FUL. Crofts Furlong Farm, Lower End, Great Milton, OXFORD OX44 7NJ Construction of private tennis court.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend refusal of this application on the grounds of encroachment on the Green Belt, dangerous precedent, change of use from agriculture and lack of public amenity.

To give consideration to the following planning application by OCC:

Application Reference: P17/S3810/CC (OCC ref: R3.0064/17)

Planning application by Oxfordshire County Council for planning permission for the demolition of an existing one and a half classroom prefabricated modular building and the installation of a two classroom prefabricated modular building, to include drainage and creation of fire appliance hard-standing access where the existing prefabricated modular building is located at Great Milton (C Of E) Primary School, High Street, Great Milton, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX44 7NT

It was **RESOLVED** to fully support this application subject to the required progress on the renewal of leases being made.

B To review any planning decisions received and any outstanding planning matters.
Application No: P17/S0162/FUL. Orpwoods Farm Thame Road Great Milton OX44 7JD
Change of use of part of building to B1 use. (As amended by e-mail from agent received 7 July 2017).

South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that **planning permission is GRANTED** for this application.

Application No: P17/S2051/HH. Tin Top House, Great Milton, OX44 7NR.

Detached timber clad garaging/store.

South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that **planning permission is REFUSED** for this application.

105/17 Minutes of the previous meeting

To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th July 2017 and the Planning meetings held on Thursday 27th July and Thursday 24th August 2017.

It was resolved to **APPROVE** the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17th July 2017 and the Planning meetings held on Thursday 27th July and Thursday 24th August 2017 as a true and accurate record.

106/17 Requests for funding

- History Society
It was **RESOLVED** to donate £150 towards production of the revised and reprinted Blakeston Survey.
- Request for support received from BeFreeYoungCarers.
- It was **RESOLVED** to defer consideration of the request for support from BeFreeYoungCarers to the next Parish Council meeting.
- Request for support received from Cleanslate.
It was **RESOLVED** to not make a financial contribution to Cleanslate given limited scope for donations in the current budget.

107/17 Financial Resolutions

A To authorise cheques for payment:
Timothy Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses.
Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production. £252.80.
Clerk Minute-taking course. £42.
Clerk Roles and Responsibilities Course. £78.
Green and Growing grass cutting contractor £438.00 (July), £588.00 (August)
SODC: Dog Bin emptying £62.80

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- B To receive a full bank reconciliation.
The council reviewed the full bank reconciliation provided by the clerk. The bank balance as at 10 September 2017 was £29,545.13.

108/17 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand (taken from Action Monitoring Sheet)

- Transparency Fund grant
The Clerk is to investigate opportunities for the purchase of a dedicated GMPC laptop and printer/scanner along with the potential for broadband installation at the Pavilion and website maintenance training.
External audit of accounts
- The previous Clerk has reported that no response to the final submission has yet been received from BDO.
- Bus service trial: update.
The prospects for funding a comprehensive replacement bus service were discussed. Cllr Harrod explained that to address funding constraints resulting from reduced funding from central government and the need to maintain statutory services, cuts to non-statutory provision (and the bus subsidy budget in its entirety) were unfortunately necessary given the legal requirement to present a balanced budget. Cllr Harrod reported that the cost of the previous service was £180,000 per annum. Concern was raised by members of the public about empty buses seen elsewhere in Oxford, when villages like Great Milton have no public transport. The commercial nature of these services and operational reasons for this were explained.
It was RESOLVED to continue the bus service until the end of November, charging fares after September and meeting any shortfall from the Parish Council budget. However, continuation after this date would depend upon usage and financial viability. The service would be re-publicised in the Bulletin and the timetable revised after September to include Great Haseley (subject to discussions with Great Haseley Parish Council) and with a revised timetable omitting Wheatley Surgery and Thame, and instead offering several trips to Wheatley Bridge for onward travel to Oxford, Thame and Aylesbury.

109/17 OCC and Great Milton Parish Council Grass Cutting Agreement

The agreement between Oxfordshire County Council and Great Milton Parish Council was received and signed.

110/17 Grass cutting contract: updated specification

The updated specification for the Grass Cutting Contract was reviewed and approved for use when the contract is re-tendered in 2019.

111/17 Great Milton School – Tennis Court sub-lease

This item was dealt with during discussion of Item 104/17(A) (Planning application for replacement modular building at Great Milton Primary School).

112/17 Councillor Update

- a) Councillor resignation
Cllr Malcolm Horsley has stepped down due to work commitments.
- b) Co-option of Councillor

The resulting vacancy has been advertised locally. George Bennet (the only applicant) was duly co-opted to the Council.

113/17 SODC Consultation on revised Section 106 Planning Obligations

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council had no strong views on this consultation, and that the Council was happy to defer to officers' views.

114/17 Budget 2018-19 preparation: consideration of objectives for next financial year

Discussion of budget objectives for 2018-19 was deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 8.50pm.

The next meeting of the Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 16th October 2017, starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.

Signed

 16.10.17
