

Great Milton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Great Milton Parish Council meeting held at The Pavilion on Monday, 15th January 2024 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Cllrs S Harrod (chair), B Fox (Vice-chair), D Harms, S MacMahon, S Illingworth and Cllr G Heritage (SODC)

In attendance: Chris Ashworth (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.

01/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs P Allen and M Horsley and Cllr F Van Mierlo (OCC)

02/24 Variation of order of business

06/24 Planning application P23/S3048/FUL was spoken about after agenda item 12/24

03/24 Declarations of members' interest

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

04/24 Matters to report

The District Councillors' report was received and reviewed and is available on the Parish Council website. No report from OCC was received for this month.

05/24 Correspondence and public discussion

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

06/24 Planning applications

A The following planning applications received from SODC were reviewed and discussed:

P23/S3048/FUL (The Bull The Green Great Milton OX44 7NS) Demolition of existing single and two-storey extensions, erection of single-storey side extension, single and two-storey rear extension, internal alterations, dormer window to rear, with alterations to existing parking layout (Bat roost assessment, tree protection, and plan to make changes to car park layout received 13 December 2023)

Cllr Harrod raised that the Parish Council are very keen to see the plans get going and that GMPC are all behind the development and stated that to the Parish Council, this is exceptional circumstances due to the benefit to the Village.

Cllr Heritage said she is currently trying to gather all the information regarding the planning application for The Bull. Cllr Heritage will be in contact with the Planning Department to find out where they are with the application, but the Planning Department requires an ecologist survey completed as there is too much information missing without it. Mr Hutton mentioned that he had an ecologist's report done himself, which has been completed, and the report is available. Cllr Heritage said that the Planning Department have to refer to their own Ecologist.

The main contention is that the works planned to be undertaken now do not involve the part of the property that SODC needs the ecologist to report on and that these works

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should be given the go-ahead, with ecological reports on the remainder of the property carried out later in the year, in preparation for the works planned for 2025. Furthermore, SODC requested this ecologist's report too late to conduct it in the 2023 season, thus delaying the whole project by 12 months.

Mr Hutton stressed the need to act quickly on these issues and wants to take the planning application to the committee to get approval. Cllr Heritage understands the need to act quickly and agreed to be in contact with the relevant departments on Tuesday, 16th January.

Cllr Heritage was unaware that the Planning Department was working from an outdated document and not the new National Planning Policy Framework 2023. Mr Hutton stated that it is the Local Authority that is using and quoting the outdated document, and as such, he is following those guidelines.

Cllr Heritage said she was in principle in support of the Pub and would do what she could to find out how to get things moving. Cllr Harrod reiterated the Parish Council's full support for this application.

P24/S0011/FUL and P24/S0014/LB (Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons Church Road Great Milton Oxford OX44 7PD) Erection of glass porch and external alterations to stable extension, and installation of a dummy gate, access panel and light fixture to the listed wall.

Cllr Harrod spoke to the Parish Council with regards to this planning application, as the work is not within sight of any neighbours. Cllr Harrod recommended the Parish Council support this application. The Councillors in attendance all agreed.

B The following planning decisions were received along with any outstanding planning matters.

P23/S2902/FUL (Milton Pools Fishery near Milton Common OX44 7JE) Retention of single-storey extension and its use for storage. (As amended by agent letter dated 24 October 2023). South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that planning permission is REFUSED.

P23/S2905/FUL (Milton Pools Fishery near Milton Common OX44 7JE) Continued use of the single-storey building as storage without compliance with condition 3 of P02/N0682. (As amended by the agent's letter dated 24 October 2023) South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that planning permission is REFUSED.

P23/S2906/FUL (Milton Pools Fishery near Milton Common OX44 7JE) The retention of the existing building and continued use as offices (mail order company). (As amended by the agent letter dated 24 October 2023). South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that planning permission is REFUSED.

P23/S2907/FUL (Milton Pools Fishery near Milton Common OX44 7JE) Retention of single-storey building and continued use as two office units. (As amended by the agent



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letter dated 24 October 2023). South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that planning permission is **REFUSED**.

P23/S2209/FUL (Garages at Holloway Farm Milton Common Oxfordshire) Conversion of existing garage outbuilding into two 1-bedroom flats.(Additional details received 3 October 2023 and amended red line plan and certificate of ownership received 4 October 2023.) South Oxfordshire District Council hereby gives notice that planning permission is **REFUSED**.

07/24 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the December meeting of the Parish Council, held on Monday 15th December, were received, reviewed, agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

08/24 Financial resolutions

A The following cheques for payment were reviewed, agreed and signed:

Chris Ashworth. Salary, Tax and Expenses January: £608.22

Shield Maintenance Dog Waste December: £62.40

Christmas Tree purchase: £250.00

Lion Message in a bottle (Rod Snowdon): £19.00

BT Office/e-mail package: £10.80 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

Hugo Fox: web support: £23.99 (paid by monthly Direct Debit)

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

C Budget 2024-25

The Parish Council reviewed the third draft of the budget, which includes the changes agreed during December's meeting. The budget was agreed upon.

Precept 2024-25

The precept for 2024/25 of £22,148 was approved.

09/24 Parish clerk and councillors' update of matters in hand

- Grass-cutting quotes are being found for the renewal of the Parish Grass-cutting contract. A few recently have been unable to undertake the full requirement.

10/24 Security in the village

Neighbourhood watch updated the Parish Council regarding the security in the Village and raised that recently there had been an intruder spotted in a back garden in the village. TVP turned up and did a walk-through of the Village to ensure safety. Thanks to the quick thinking of the resident in question, the offender was caught.

Residents are reminded of the benefits of security lights and cameras, especially as much of the village backs onto open land.



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11/24 Allotment/School Barrier

The Parish Council has been asked by a Foundation Governor at the Great Milton School about a barrier between the School and the Allotments. For the School to meet Health and Safety standards, the School is required to have an effective barrier along the boundary to the allotments.

The Parish Council discussed the request by the Foundation Governor for a 1.8m high barrier to be installed. The Parish Council were in full agreement and agreed to a barrier being placed on the boundary. The Parish Council would like the barrier to be as ecological as possible. Finally, the Parish Council agreed as this is a school requirement, it would be the school's responsibility to pay any costs related to the installation of the barrier.

12/24 Re-introduction of the annual Parish Walk

Clr Harrod raised that an annual Parish Walk should be introduced again, all Councillors agreed that it would be of benefit to start this annual event again. It was agreed the decision for a date would be agreed upon during the March or April meeting and the Walk to be completed during a springtime evening.

The following Great Milton Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday, 19th February 2024, at 7.30 pm at the Pavilion.

Meeting ended at 20:30

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