

Great Milton Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs. S Harrod (Chairman), P Fewell, G Bennet and G Harris.

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

17/19 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllrs W Fox (Vice-Chairman), C Deacon and P Allen.

18/19 Variation of order of business

Business was conducted as prescribed by the agenda.

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

Although a planning application relating to Cllr Deacon's property was on the agenda for discussion, in his absence no declarations of interest were received.

20/19 Matters to Report

The monthly update from Oxfordshire County Council was received by the meeting.

21/19 Correspondence and Public Discussion

All correspondence received was dealt with elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

22/19 Planning Applications

A To consider the following planning applications received from SODC.
P18/S2573/FUL (The Oxford Belfry London Road Milton Common OX9 2JW). Description of development: Construction of 4 Detached and 2 Semi-Detached Dwellings.(as amended by drawings accompanying email from Agent dated 11 September 2018). Appeal lodged by applicant against refusal of permission by SODC. The Parish Council had no objections to the original application and therefore will not be making a representation to the appeal.

P19/S0013/FUL (Welcome Break Oxford, Thame Road, Waterstock). Amendment: as amplified by additional drainage information received 24 January 2019. FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

B To review any planning decisions received and any outstanding planning matters.
P18/S4161/HH (Haddon, Lower End, Great Milton, Oxford OX44 7NL). First floor rear extension and internal alterations to provide additional bedroom, alterations to existing dormer window and external material alterations to rear ground floor. Planning permission is GRANTED for the works described above.

P18/S4178/HH (Brannock, Lower End, Great Milton, Oxford OX44 7NL). Replacement garage, home workshop and store. Demolition of existing garage and stores. Subsequent amendment to increase size of garage, remove store and replace chimney with flue. The chimney was replaced with a flue on request of SODCs case officer for the application. Planning permission is GRANTED for the works described above.

P18/S3555/FUL (Hughendon Motors London Road Milton Common OX9 2NU). Erection of 10 dwellings with access, parking, amenity space, and landscaping following the demolition of the existing buildings (As amended by drawing PL105 showing Acoustic Fencing and amplified by responses to the local highway and planning authorities and noise technical note dated 19/12/2018 received 19 and 20 December 2018). Planning permission is REFUSED for this proposed development for the following reasons:

- Proposed development conflicts with SODC spatial strategy/core strategy
- Proposed development as a whole would be out of keeping with, and cause significant harm to, the established character and appearance of the area
- Proposed development fails to i) secure affordable housing to meet the needs of the District and ii) secure other on and off site infrastructure necessary to support the development
- Proposed layout does not provide for sufficient parking for the 2 bedroom units and fails to demonstrate a turning area to enable a fire tender to manoeuvre. The position of the visitor parking spaces at the front of the site and within the plots of units 1 and 2 would create conflict with vehicles entering the site and confusion for visitors.

P18/S4096/FUL (6 Thame Road Great Milton Oxford OX44 7HY). New detached dwelling. Application WITHDRAWN.

23/19 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21st January 2019 were signed and approved as an accurate record of proceedings.

24/19 Financial Resolutions

A To authorise cheques for payment:

Tim Darch. Salary, Tax and Expenses. £424.07

Jonathan Dudley. Bulletin production December. £240.40

SODC Dog bin emptying 1 Oct-31 Dec 2018. £65.48

SLCC/ALCC membership. £106/£40

B A full bank reconciliation was received and the latest bank statement signed. The reconciled bank balance as at 5 February 2019 was £23,421.18

25/19 Parish Clerk and Councillors' update of matters in hand

- SODC has been advised that the suggested litter-picking along Sworford Lane did not take place. Biffa were scheduled to return to do this w/c Monday 11 February but this appears also not to have been completed as expected: the Clerk will once again contact SODC for an update.
- The suggested tree maintenance will be carried out by Jenks once the necessary approvals for works within the conservation area have been sought.
- Following a local request Plastows Coaches have been contacted to ask if they would be interested in providing a link to Wheatley from Great Milton, but unfortunately they are unable to assist.
- The possibility of using the Recreation Ground parking area to alleviate pressure on on-street spaces at school pick-up and drop-off times has been investigated, but the Rec Committee advises for a number of reasons this will not be possible.
- The hedges along the right hand side of the Recreation Ground were due to be trimmed during the week commencing Monday 11 February.

26/19 Stiles: footpath from Pitts Green (Swarebrook) to Waterstock

There is no further progress to report on the updating of the stiles. Funding is to be investigated, although it is acknowledged that maintenance of rights of way is the landowner's responsibility. The ward councillor will continue to liaise with the residents concerned.

27/19 Criminal activity in the village

There has been a recent spate of burglaries and criminal damage, particularly in the Thame Road area. The police have advised that any further incidents should be reported to them in order to increase the chances of apprehending the perpetrators.

28/19 Expressway update

The Parish Council has made contact with Wheatley Parish Council with a view to co-operation on responses and actions relating to Corridor B3 of the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway, should it be named as the preferred route option.

29/19 Local Plan 2034 update

The Parish Council has responded to the Local Plan consultation: the response will be uploaded to the Parish Council website.

30/19 Litter pick

The village Spring litter pick will take place on Saturday 23 March. This will be publicised via the Bulletin, parish noticeboards, the shop, the pub and the village website.

31/19 Volunteer car scheme to Wheatley

Progress is being made with the proposed volunteer-operated car scheme linking Great Milton with the 280 bus at Wheatley. A number of volunteers have offered their services, though a co-ordinator is still sought. It is hoped that a trial period might begin fairly soon: the start date will be printed in the March edition of the Bulletin.

32/19 Suggested 50mph speed limit: Wheatley Road, Little Milton to April Cottage

A suggestion has been made by a local resident that a 50mph speed limit be sought on the section of road between Little Milton and April Cottage (junction with Sworford Lane). The Parish Clerk will contact the County Council's Highways team to arrange speed surveys both on this road and on Sworford Lane, though it is understood that a significant and persistent speeding problem will need to be observed if a change to the limit is to be supported by the County Council. The Parish Clerk will also investigate the possibility of locating a speed camera van on the A329 adjacent to the Windmill on a weekend, and the Parish Council will be borrowing a hand-held speed observation device from the police when available.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th March starting at 7.30pm in The Pavilion.