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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

There will be a Maintenance Committee meeting of Milton Parish Council in the Bowls Pavilion on Monday 28 September 2009 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

1 Election of vice chairman

2 Apologies for absence

3 Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak

Request to keep bees on allotment – “early next year I hoping to get a bee hive. Is there a policy about keeping bees on the allotment?”

If there isn't one at the moment, please take a look at this recent documentary on BBC4 - "Who Killed The Honey Bees?" - the intro is only 10 minutes but pretty much sums up the bee crisis in the UK (over 1/3rd of bees died last year). With bees being essential to our food crops (1 in 3 bites of food we eat is due to bee pollination). It actually very worrying and there is a big push for more beekeepers.

Here's the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NSpOghXkxc>

4 Co-option of Mark Desvaux as an additional allotments representative

5 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial

6 Approval of minutes of 29 June 2009 (attached pages 3-4)

7 Cemetery - update

Path – response from church council

8 Allotments – update

Waiting list of 3 at present

Car accident – update

9 Play – update

Play inspection highlighted need for more bark.

10 Tree works and general maintenance

Tomkins Mead, tree adjacent post office, trees along bund at The Sycamores and north of Butt Lane, tree at The Elms.

11 Grass cutting contract review and to consider asking to take on SCDC contract

Review – any changes needed to the contract? Shall we continue to ask Buchans Landscapes to submit a tender for next year's contract?

SCDC Contract - At the Housing Portfolio meeting SCDC are discussing reducing the number of cuts by grass cutting contractors, and standards for grounds maintenance, to save money. Trees would only be dealt with when they are dangerous.

I had wondered about asking whether villages like ours that have a grass cutting contractor should be allowed to take on the SCDC work so that we could make sure it is done to our satisfaction (paying more if necessary from the parish precept).

I know we have criticised the standard of cutting by SCDC in the past, and we have had an agency agreement with the County for many years. What is your reaction to my suggestion? Do you think it is sensible?

Hazel

12 Policy re proliferation of posters on lamp posts etc

Email: Some years ago when I have been involved in charity events, I recall contacting you for permission to put up posters on lamp posts (which we took down straight after the event). I recall that permission was only granted because it was for charitable events and we agreed to remove them straight away afterwards. Recently I have noticed a number of 'Jo Jingles' posters appearing on lamp posts all round the village, advertising their classes. Have they asked permission to do this?

One such poster is right outside my house, but I just wondered how long it will be there and whether anyone will remove it after a certain time? I am just concerned in case all sorts of adverts start appearing on lamp posts.

Keith Faunch writes:

As for posters - the County Council has a zero tolerance of unofficial signs throughout the county. No signs should be allowed but where there is no complaint little will be done to remove them. If your correspondent wishes to remove the sign outside of her property she can.

13 Meeting room electrical works – update

The electricity meter box outside the bowls pavilion has been damaged. As a result MCC has asked for quotes for installing it inside the bowls pavilion. At the same time an electrician was asked to tidy up the electrical meters etc by the door and to make them safe. We expect to receive a quotation in readiness for the November Council meeting. I would suggest that if we go ahead MCC and MPC share the costs. The clerk

14 Date of Next Meeting – 14 December 2009

Jim Daniels

Jim Daniels - Clerk



Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 29 June 2009 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: RH Chapman (chairman) JE Coston R Day M Ellwood SC Humphreys
B Jefferson IF May RLE Waters
WD Booth Asst clerk

1 Election of Chairman – RHC elected chairman unanimously.

It was **AGREED**

to elect a Vice Chairman at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk (to put on next Agenda)

2 Public Participation

Request for raised table at junction of The Oaks and The Rowans – no representation.

Traffic issues: 1. Proposal to remove Give Way sign from Landbeach Road/Humphries Way junction.

General agreement that Give Way sign makes motorists stop and think before proceeding which is a benefit and should not be removed.

2. Proposal to reduce speed limit on Ely Road to A10 bypass from 60mph to 30mph.

General agreement that reduction in speed limit is warranted, however concern that reduction to 30mph may cause dangerous driving and suggest reducing speed limit from 60mph to 40mph.

Noted that both issues are action points from the Parish Plan and are due to be reviewed by the Transport Group. It was **AGREED**

to contact the Highways Authority and ascertain the accident rate at the Landbeach Road/Humphries Way junction as well as on Ely Road to A10 bypass; to pass on the information to the Transport Group and await their recommendations.

Action: Clerk

[Asst Clerk's note: The accident rate information has since been received and sent out to councillors as well as to the Parish Plan Transport Group leader.]

to contact D Booth when Keith Fauch of the County Council Highways Department was meeting with the Transport Group to discuss these issues.

Action: Asst clerk

Request to keep bees on allotment – no representation.

3 Apologies for absence – E Spong.

4 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial – RHC, RD and SCH cemetery - personal (relatives buried in the cemetery). RHC – lock for cemetery gate – personal (M Overall, contractor, does work for RHC).

5 Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on 30 March 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.

6 Cemetery - update

General agreement that non-residents who wish to be interred in Milton cemetery must demonstrate a Milton connection to be determined at the discretion of the Chairman and Clerk. It was **AGREED**

to amend the village website to reflect this policy and to monitor the interment of non-residents.

Action: Clerk

Path – no response yet from church council.

Command Pest Control report – no sign of mole activity; all rabbit workings treated.

7 Allotments – update

Waiting list of four at present.

Car accident: Noted that an e-mail had been received in which a woman claimed responsibility for the accident which resulted in damage to the allotment fence. It was **AGREED**

to reply and inform her that the parish council shall be making a claim from her insurance provider for the cost of the damage to the fence.

Action: Clerk

8 Play – update

There was some question as to whether or not Buchans had rotovated the bark and replaced top soil in

goalmouth at Froment Way. It was **AGREED**

to confirm whether or not this work had been done at the next parish council meeting

Action: Clerk

9 Tree works and general maintenance

Noted that the hedges had been cut by the Cambridge Road industrial estates and members thought it looked good. Two wasp nests had been found and temporarily prevented Buchans from finishing clearing up.

It was **AGREED**

to discuss trees at The Sycamores and at the War Memorial at the next maintenance meeting.

Action: Clerk (to put on next Agenda)

Noted that Tesco had attempted to cut grass on the rise but had not cut back hedges (by path to The Sycamores) one metre from the road as had been previously agreed. It was **AGREED**

to write and remind Tesco of their agreement to cut back these hedges one metre from the road.

Action: Clerk

10 Meeting room electrical works – update

Has not gone further. It was **AGREED**

to discuss this item at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk (to put on next Agenda)

11 Date of Next Meeting - 28 September 2009

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

Signed.....

Dated.....