Minutes of the Community Care Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on 16 July 2009 at 11.00am in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: IF May (chair) D Chamberlin GA Covell R Day M Ellwood HM Smith RLE Waters

Tracey Ebbon – Warden Community Care Scheme

The Clerk to the Council

1 Election of Chairman – IFM was elected chairman.

- 2 Co-option of David Chamberlin AGREED to co-opt David Chamberlin to the committee.
- **3** Apologies for absence Debbie Driver, Linda Harding.
- 4 Declarations of Interest personal and/or prejudicial none.
- 5 Minutes the minutes of the meeting of 05 March 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.

6 Mobile Warden Scheme – update inc lifelines and wheelchair

<u>Update</u> – there were 27 clients at present. The Warden and Deputy liaised closely and the scheme was running very smoothly.

<u>Lifelines</u>- the clerk and TE had recently installed a lifeline and were content to continue looking after those systems owned by Milton Charities. The Trustees of the Charities would need to renegotiate a contract when the warranty expires in early 2010. Noted that the Charities still did not have a clerk. The Trustees were extremely concerned at the situation.

<u>Wheelchair</u> – as the community wheelchair was broken the clerk would ask the manager of Tesco if he would be prepared to donate another. *Action: the clerk*

7 Barnabas Court update

From the manager: "To anyone waiting for a place at Barnabas Court: they should all be registered with the Homelink Scheme through South Cambs. A flat was empty recently and not one person who was on the original list bid for it."

The manager is concerned that they are not aware or do not know what to do.

HMS explained that residents interested in applying for a flat must register with "Homelink – a way of letting Council and Housing Association properties across Cambridge".

Committee was also concerned that local residents were not aware of this. In addition the system was not "user friendly" for local residents hoping to apply for a place in Barnabas Court.

HMS agreed to ask an officer from SCDC to write an article for the Village View to clarify the procedure. She would also ensure that the Parish Council office receives a regular issue of the Home-Link magazine. *Action: HMS*

The clerk would ask Cambridge Housing Society for details of the original waiting list so that these people could be made aware of the new system. *Action: the clerk*

[Note: The clerk has spoken with CHS. It is the responsibility of SCDC to inform residents of the new procedures. Kate Simpson of CHS was under the impression that SCDC had done this. CHS had no list as everything was passed on to SCDC].

8 Confidential item (F&S12/4-09)

AGREED to recommend

that in recognition of TE's valuable contribution to the success of the Community Care Scheme Council put her on Spinal Column point 19 (from SCP 18) as from 1st August 2009.

9 AOB

<u>Correspondence</u> - Notice from HM Government that the law relating to volunteers and employees working with vulnerable adults was changing as from 12 October 2009. An Independent Safeguarding Authority (ISA) has been created. All new employees / volunteers must be registered with the ISA under the **Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS).** Until they have been registered they cannot be employed. It will be the employees' responsibility to register.

The clerk would explore the implications of this legislation. Action: the clerk

10 Date of next meeting – Thursday 19 November 11.00am.

The meeting ended at 11.50am.