

Minutes of the Community Care Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on 14 October 2010 at 11.05am in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: IF May (chair) R Day TA Drummond HM Smith RT Summerfield D Chamberlin
T Ebbon – Warden Community Care Scheme
D Driver – Manager Barnabas Court
The Clerk to the Council
Mr Charles Clay

- 1 Election of chairman** – Ian May was elected chairman.
- 2 Apologies for absence** – M Ellwood RLE Waters L Harding.
- 3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial** - none.
- 4 Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting of 10 June 2010 were approved and signed as a true record
4.1 Lifeline alarms (CC3/06-10) – all lifelines were now distributed.
- 5 Barnabas Court update (CC4/06-10)**
Reported to Council Min PC7/09-10: – from C Clay SCDC: Barnabas Court – “qualifying persons from Milton should have priority so far as practicable.”
Noted that the last housing needs survey carried out in November 2005 identified a need for a further 75 affordable homes over the next 5 years - 19 of which were for sheltered accommodation. There had not been any affordable housing provision in the village since the survey was undertaken.
A list of applicants was not available as it was data protected.
At present there was no one on the Cambridge Housing Society waiting list. Applicants should still apply through ‘Homelink’.
As some possible clients might be concerned about the financial side of moving into sheltered accommodation the clerk would seek advice from ‘Age UK’. **Action: the clerk**
- 6 Mobile Warden Scheme**
There were now 25 clients.
Policy on accepting gifts (CC5/06-10) – to be discussed by Staffing Committee. **Action: Staffing Committee**
Possible ‘conflict of interests’ (CC5/06-10) – as the clerk had been unable to elicit a response from Care Network he would contact Age UK. **Action: the clerk**
- 7 Donation – to consider how best to distribute the funds (CC6/06-10)**
4.2 Wheelchair (CC3 and 6/06-10): HMS had met with the new Tesco manager who needed to refer Council’s request to a higher authority (despite an email from the previous manager offering a wheelchair).
Committee agreed with the sentiments expressed by a resident:
“If this donation was intended to help people in the village hit by the economic downturn, then I fail to see how a new wheelchair will help. The money could be spent on, e.g. some advice sessions via Citizen's Advice, help with job hunting for unemployed villagers, CV writing sessions, money management workshops etc etc.This doesn't mean that the Parish Council shouldn't buy a wheelchair, just that it doesn't fit with the purpose of the gift.”
The clerk would ask the resident for advice and suggestions about possible courses for the unemployed. **Action: the clerk**
- 8 TV Switch**
There was concern that the switch to Digital TV next March in this region would confuse some elderly people.
As Cambridgeshire ACRE had the contract for that part of a project designed to identify and help any such persons the clerk would find out more details from ACRE. **Action: the clerk**
- 9 AOB** – none.
- 10 Date of next meeting** – Thursday 17 March 2011 at 11am.

The meeting ended at 11.40pm.

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