

Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 2 July 2012 at 8.00pm in the Parish Council Office

Present: M Ellwood (chairman) DJ Chamberlin JE Coston J Mowatt RT Summerfield WD Booth
The clerk

1. **Election of Chairman:** ME was elected chairman.
2. **Apologies for absence:** TA Drummond; IF May
3. **Declarations of Interest:** none
4. **Public Participation:** no member of the public was present.
5. **Approval of minutes of 26 March 2012** - were approved and signed as a true record.
Request for shrub planting Humphries Way open space – A quotation has been requested from Buchans. Planting will take place in the Autumn.
6. **Cemetery**
Command Pest Control report noted – mole activity near entrance – 2 traps set. Rabbits active.
7. **Daffodils on bund opposite Tesco's (PC 7/06-12)**
Bulbs will be planted in the Autumn and also around the War Memorial and new English Oak in Coles Road.

8. Allotments – update

Waiting list – still at 6.

AGREED to write to allotment holders who are not maintaining their allotment to see if they wish to give it up.

Noted that the Food Share scheme was still operating although M. Desvaux had now left the village.

Action:
ME, Clerk

9. Play – update

Noted new fitness equipment has been installed on Sycamores Rec and opening ceremony held on 30th June (PC 7/06-12). An article would be written for the Village View by the Asst. Clerk. JEC asked that instructions for correct use of the equipment be included and that also to state that this equipment is only suitable for use by children over 12 and adults.

JEC volunteered to create a map of the leisure facilities available in Milton that will appear on the village website. **AGREED** to use the clerks email address as a contact for this.

Noted that a working party has been set up to investigate feasibility/costs of new skatepark (PC 10/06-12).

Received inspection report from Fenland Leisure Services (for The Rowans, Froment Way and Humphries Way).

AGREED repairs to Fencing and Gates and Seesaw at The Rowans.

Clerk to contact Fenland Leisure Products to query the repair recommended to the Motorbike on the Froment Way play area as no hand or foot rests were missing.

A check by ME and an independent person had shown that no repairs to the Balance Walk and Burma Bridge, Humphries Way were required at present; the equipment was in good order.

The roof on the Multiplay Unit at The Rowans would be monitored during weekly checks carried out on play equipment.

Action:
JEC

Action:
Clerk

10. Grass Cutting and General Maintenance

Requests for tree work, to be agreed:

179 The Sycamores – trees on bund adjacent to front drive, back garden and car park area to rear – cut back.

45, 49, 65 and 69 The Sycamores – cut back trees/hedges.

Raise crown on Hornbeam trees behind bowls pavilion (on path to Barnabas Court).

All the above will be quoted for in the Autumn, work to take place in the Autumn.

Willow Crescent/High Street (green) part of a tree came down in June. Trees Officer has looked at this and Town & Country have quoted £90 + VAT to reduce height of 2 trees at this location to 7ft.

AGREED to ask Town & Country to carry out this work.

Action:
Clerk

Bus Shelters:

Bus shelter on Cambridge Road – roofing felt has come loose. A quote to replace the felt of c.£200 had been received.

Action:
Clerk

AGREED to replace felt on the roof.

11. Correspondence:

CCC – letter received – Grass Cutting: Public Rights of Way. Noted the Parish Council undertake this work and receive an allowance from CCC

Public access to allotments: Following an email from a resident asking if non-allotment holders can walk around the paths in the allotment area it was **AGREED** that the public could access the allotment site but must keep to the pathways only. No dogs are allowed onto the allotment site. A reply would be sent to the resident.

Action:
Clerk

12. Date of next meeting – Monday 24th September

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

Signed.....

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