

Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 29 March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: RH Chapman (chairman) JE Coston SC Humphreys B Jefferson RLE Waters
WD Booth E Spong
The clerk

1 Apologies for absence – D Chamberlin R Day (Apologies from the clerk who totally forgot to send Roger his agenda!) M Desvaux M Ellwood IF May.

2 Public Participation – no members of the public present.

3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial

Personal and/or prejudicial – SCH cemetery – personal (father buried in the cemetery).

Allotment and cemetery representatives – *Code of Conduct* applies to all members and co-opted members, including co-opted members of committees.

WDB wished to be a full voting member of the committee and ES a representative with no voting rights.

4 Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 December 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.

Meeting room electrical works – had been approved by Council (Min PC8/03-10). The clerk was co-ordinating a date for the works with EDF and Thompsons.

5 Cemetery – update

Seat – new seat had been approved by Council (PC10/01-10). **AGREED** that the seat should be sited towards the Landbeach Road end of the cemetery towards the ashes.

Grant from Milton Charities towards seat had been received. The clerk would send Council's thanks for the generous grant. **Action: the clerk**

Command Pest Control – pest control report Feb 10 – rabbits very active, all burrows treated. One molehill found - had been treated.

AGREED to recommend that Council pay this quarterly bill by direct debit.

6 Allotments – update (M6/12-09)

Security – written report from M Desvaux. No thefts had been reported lately.

Notice board – not yet erected. The clerk would follow this up. **Action: the clerk**

Trees – Min PC10/10-01 “RD and RLEW had inspected the trees at the allotments and felt that they were not problem (min M6/12-09).” **AGREED** that ES cut back the ivy from these trees.

Tree at entrance to allotments was a potential danger to road users. In addition trees / bushes along this verge were encroaching on to the road. The clerk to inform K Fauch CCC. **Action: the clerk**

Poplar trees along A10 were a problem – shade, suckers and saplings. **AGREED** that WDB could remove saplings.

Inappropriate trees had been planted in some allotments – to be discussed at June meeting.

It was suggested that allotment holders pay a deposit to be refunded upon giving up their allotment – to be investigated. **Action: the clerk**

Review of rents (omitted in Dec 09. Min 63/12-08 stated that rents would be reviewed in Dec 09)

AGREED to review at June meeting.

Noted that MD had produced a questionnaire for the allotment holders – to be circulated to Council.

Action: the clerk

7 Play – update

Inspections – report dated January 2010 was circulated. The clerk had asked City Services to put right “High Risk” areas. **AGREED to ask P Captain to rake the bark areas twice a year.** **Action: the clerk**

Dog fouling – complaint received about dog fouling especially at The Rowans play area and a request for a notice. The clerk had arranged for a new notice to be erected.

It was felt that dog fouling was a problem throughout the village. Noted that owners were allowing their dogs inside the play area at The Sycamores recreation ground.

8 Horse grazing rights – review of rent

AGREED during the recession not to raise this rent.

9 Request from Mr John Sweeney

Request received to provide advertising space on the bus shelters in return for maintenance costs.

AGREED to inform Mr Sweeney that Council’s Policy was not to allow any advertising on its premises. Action: the clerk

10 Highway Issues

Bus stop Waggon & Horses – recent correspondence about the difficulties at this stop reviewed at Council - (Min PC 5/03-10 refers). Glenn Edge CCC agreed to raise the issue with Stagecoach. Mr Norwell of Stagecoach had not responded to the clerk’s request for a meeting.

Verges: Ely Road – letter received about damage to the verge at business premises. The clerk would write a polite letter to the business. **Action: the clerk**

Verge damaged by lorry in Knights Way / High Street repaired by ES and resident.

Trees – the following will be printed in the Village View:

“It has come to the Parish Council’s notice that some trees on verges have been severely cut back. If you have problems with trees overhanging your garden /property from verges please contact the Parish Council office tel: 01223 861447 email: clerk@miltonvillage.org.uk.

The Parish Council tree wardens will then inspect the tree and consider putting the appropriate remedial work into a programme to be carried out during the Autumn/Winter months so that the tree can be properly managed.”

Ownership of verges – **AGREED** to ask Land Registry to establish whether land at Old School Lane and Willow Crescent is registered. Cost £5 per search Land Registry fees.

In response to a request from a resident Council would take on the grass cutting at Willow Crescent.

Bunding on verge by kebab van (PC5/11-09) – the chairman reported that would go ahead soon.

11 Any other business

Bus shelter Cambridge Road – **AGREED** to ask Thompsons to repair light at bus shelter when they do electrical works at pavilion.

12 Date of Next Meeting – 28 June 2010

The meeting ended at 8.25pm.

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