

Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 28 March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: M Ellwood (chairman) GA Covell R Day B Jefferson IF May RT Summerfield RLE Waters
D Chamberlin WD Booth E Sponge The clerk

1 Apologies for absence - JE Coston SC Humphreys.

2 Public participation - none.

3 Declarations of interest – none.

4 Minutes – the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.
Seat at Pond Green (M10/12-10) - now repaired.

5 Cemetery – update

Ashes (M5/12-10) – area for interment of ashes had been agreed with the family.

Recent funeral – many flowers still on site from recent funeral. It would be responsibility of the family to remove them. The chairman and clerk to monitor. **Action: Chairman and clerk**

6 Allotments – update (M6/12-10)

Waiting list – there were now two spare half-allotments. All those on the waiting list had been allocated allotments. One person had recently inquired about an allotment.

Dangerous tree – had been removed that very day.

Roadway - thanks to all who helped lay the planings.

Manure - WDB/ES would speak to College of West Anglia. **Action: WDB/ES**

Bonfires – the chairman would talk with allotment holder (s) responsible. **Action: Chairman**

7 Play – update (M7/12-10)

New equipment - replacements for Hawthorn Hedge site. GAC reported that residents would like swings, roundabout and slide. Equipment and costs to be ascertained. **Action: GAC?** Grant funding would be essential.

RLEW suggested a visit to the “Saltex” exhibition at Windsor in September.

Fitness equipment – MCC had agreed that this equipment could be installed on The Sycamores recreation ground (PC5/02-11) and would liaise with Council about exact siting. Similarly grants would be needed for this equipment.

8 Village cleaning (M11/12-10)

- Appraisal completed. Council’s litter picker had agreed to litter pick High Street/Cambridge Road twice a week. It was suggested that he keep a time sheet of his hours and work done. **Action: Chairman and clerk**
SCDC schedule:

“Monday - Chesterton Fen monthly

Tuesday - week 1 - week 4 Milton, High St from Coles Road to the Lion & Lamb Pub

Tuesday - week 1 and 3 Milton, fortnightly from Tesco roundabout to Country Park entrance

Tuesday - week 2, monthly from Tesco roundabout to Coles Road, High St Lion & Lamb Pub to Willow Crescent

Fen Road from High St to Coles Road

Anything else is 6 monthly.”

- **to consider litter picking Chesterton Fen** – as SCDC were litter picking monthly it was felt unnecessary to employ a litter picker. It was hoped that Council could monitor that SCDC were carrying out their duties monthly. [Note: a member of the public attended too late for the meeting. He was grateful for Council’s input in writing to SCDC and relates the clean up of Fen Rd Chesterton once a month to our efforts].

Noted that there had been an improvement at the area around the Tesco store.

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a) Request to grub out shrubs adjacent pathway by Gunnell Close and grass seed – quote from Buchans £180.

[Noted that this piece of land was apparently not in the ownership of the resident or the Parish Council].

The resident adjoining had offered to pay £50 towards the cost.

Buchans had cut the shrubs back to the edge of the path.

It was **AGREED to ask Buchans to keep the shrubs cut back once a year as part of their contract.**

b) Request to consider planting trees along verge to Landbeach – to ‘soften’ landscape. In places along this verge there was not enough room to allow planting (5 yards from the road needed). It was for this reason that more trees had not been planted there. In addition the verge may be needed for a cycle path.

AGREED no further action.

10 Date of Next Meeting – 27 June 2011

The meeting ended at 7.58pm (precisely).

Signed..... Dated.....