

Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 18th September 2006 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: PK Oldham (chairman) IL Davis B Jefferson J Payne RLE Waters
WD Booth E Spong (allotments) D Chamberlain (cemetery)
The clerk

391/06 **1 Election of Chairman** – PKO was elected chairman for this meeting only.

392/06 **2 Apologies for absence** - RH Chapman JE Coston R Day

3 Declarations of Interest – personal/prejudicial - none

393/06 **4 Minutes** - The minutes of the maintenance meeting of 27th February 2006 were approved and signed as a true record.

394/06 **5 CEMETERY:**

(353/06) **Request from the Cambridge and Suffolk Jewish Community to purchase part of Milton Cemetery sufficient for 75 burial plots.**

Committee saw a plan showing amount of land already taken up by 71 graves.

DC reported that the Church Council had discussed this and would welcome the proposal.

Questions that need to be answered eg:

- The size and style of the Ohel (prayer building) and
- The type of monuments that would be used.

District Valuer would need to value the land. Committee did not agree with the suggestion – “Right of first refusal” to the Jewish community if Council decided to sell further plots in the future. Each case to be determined on its merits.

The clerk would arrange to visit an existing Jewish cemetery with David Gilinsky secretary of the Community. *Action: the clerk*

395/06 **6 ALLOTMENTS:**

(112/06) Roadway - request received to “improve” the roadway

ILD declared a personal interest (allotment holder).

Consensus of opinion – roadway improvements were needed. The clerk would ask Balfour Beatty if they had any crushed concrete or similar that could be spread on the roadway.

Fly tipping - A gate would prevent further fly tipping. The clerk would ask Tom Nicholls to quote for constructing a gate. It was suggested that each allotment holder would have a key – (each to pay a deposit?). *Action: the clerk*

396/06 **7 Brick Bus Shelter**

(113/06) Cambridge Road - The clerk would ask Tom Nicholls to replace the top of the seat at the Cambridge Road bus shelter.

High Street - Noted that the ivy was coming back. The clerk would find out the latest position re free removal of the graffiti. *Action: the clerk*

397/06 **8 Open spaces**

The clerk would ask Buchans to quote for supplying and planting:

- on land adjacent 100 - 106 The Sycamores - holly, daphne, cotoneaster;
- along boundary fence at Froment Way open space – pyracantha;
- also along boundary fence Humphries Way open space – the same type of bushes as along the western fence.

Advice needed:

- to remove trees along the western fence of Humphries Way open space which are producing suckers into gardens of Ballard Close.

- 398/06 **9 Grass Cutting and General Maintenance Contract – review**
 The clerk would send Buchans a letter of thanks for their efforts and the care taken around the village.
 Reminder: Foliage around pump in Cambridge Road needs to be cut back and foot / cycle path from Butt Lane to Faulkner Close.
Shrubs overhanging pavements – the clerk sends out letters to ask residents to cut back shrubs from the pavements.

- 399/06 **10 Review of Bin Policy and plan for replacing**
 The type of bin used in High Street was suggested but rejected. As these bins are open topped they are liable to cause smells and become sodden with rain water.
AGREED
 to recommend that Council buy two bins for Humphries Way and Froment Way open spaces from Glasdon – the “Topsy Jubilee” dark green at £212.28 each + installation.

- 400/06 **11 Quotation to remove dead branches from willow tree corner Recreation Close**
 The clerk would ask SCDC to inspect and remove the dead branches from the willow tree overhanging Recreation Close. *Action: the clerk*

- 401/06 **12 Trees**
Near Doctor’s Surgery - Buchans had agreed to trim back the trees either side of the car park as part of their contract.
Cambridge Road - Bob Howard (County) has asked Acacia to quote for trimming back the trees from 25-89 Cambridge Road.

- 402/06 **13 Memorial Green**
Hornbeam – committee would monitor this tree in 2007.
Hole developing where horse chestnut was – the clerk understood that Buchans would put this right.

- 403/06 **14 AOB**
Wall adjacent 55 Old School Lane – the clerk would remind Bob Howard (CCC) that the wall was in a dangerous state.

The meeting ended at 8.50pm.

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