

Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 26 September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: M Ellwood (chairman) DJ Chamberlin TA Drummond IF May J Mowatt RT Summerfield
WD Booth E Spong
In attendance HM Smith
The clerk

1 Apologies for absence - none.

2 Public Participation – no members of the public were present.

3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial – none.

4 Minutes of 27 June 2011 – were approved and signed as a true record.

Winter gritting (M6/06-11) – Min PC5/09-11 also refers. Awaiting responses from article in Village View for volunteers and response from M Oakman.

5 Cemetery

Minute M7/06-11 - noted that the alignment of graves had been reported to the July Council meeting (Min PC9/07-11) namely that the graves were 20⁰ out of alignment towards East South East – West North West and that it was generally agreed that all burials should be kept together.

Philip is now clearing bins weekly (see min PC5/09-11).

Command Pest Control report August – rabbits very active, all workings have been treated. No mole activity found.

It was felt that the cemetery regulations could put the clerk and/or chairman in a difficult position especially the section referring to non-residents: “Non-residents.....must demonstrate a Milton connection to be determined at the discretion of the Chairman and Clerk.”

AGREED that committee would review Cemetery Policy. (December meeting)

6 Allotments – update

Untidy allotments -No feedback received from allotment holders (M8/06-11).

The chairman explained that Council had been waiting for positive information before contacting allotment holders about the proposed move. The clerk would be in a position to update allotment holders during the following week

7 Play – update

Play repairs completed 1st August. The chairman and clerk discussed outstanding issues and asked Fenland Leisure Products to complete these repairs during next inspection.

AGREED to recommend that Council accept the following quotation:

Play inspection quotation received – 3 sites Froment, Humphries Way and The Rowans – 2 sites for MCC: 6 monthly £75 per site x 5 x 2 = £750 per year (MPC £450 MCC £300).

The clerk would ask FLP to do minor repairs during the inspections. *Action: the clerk*

AGREED that the clerk clarify the wording and report back to Council: Quotation for replacing bark at Froment and Humphries Way - £1010 + VAT

8 Tomkins Mead

AGREED to ask M Woolhouse to proceed with carved wooden signs with contribution from him towards the cost. Action: the clerk

9 Grass Cutting and General Maintenance Contract 2012

Quotation received from Buchans Landscapes. The chairman and clerk would meet with Mr Buchan to negotiate amendments to the contract and report back to the November Council meeting.

Action: the clerk

10 Correspondence - none.

11 Date of Next Meeting – 12 December 2011

The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

Signed..... Date.....