

Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 24 September 2012 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: M Ellwood (chairman) J Mowatt RT Summerfield WD Booth
The clerk

1. **Apologies for absence:** DJ Chamberlin, TA Drummond, IF May
2. **Declarations of interest and dispensations**
 - a) **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.**
None received
 - b) **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any).**
None received
 - c) **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.**
M Ellwood has been granted dispensation for item 7 (Allotments)
3. **Public Participation:** no member of the public was present.
4. **Approval of minutes of 2 July 2012** - were approved and signed as a true record.
The repair for the motorbike on Froment Way has been adjusted to low risk – the hand and foot rests should have rubber grips on them.
The work required to trees at Willow Crescent has been carried out.
Felt on Bus Shelter roof has been replaced.
5. **Cemetery**
Noted Command Pest Control report – one area of mole activity – 4 traps set. Rabbits active in usual places.
6. **Daffodils on bund opposite Tescos** (previous min 7/07-12)
Quote received to supply and plant 375 bulbs of £416.59 **AGREED** to go ahead as quoted and to plant some bulbs around War memorial and the new oak tree in Coles Road.
7. **Allotments – update**
WDB noted both Ernie Spong and Peter Holmes had sadly passed away.
AGREED to recommend to Council that Jonathan Western be co-opted to Maintenance Committee as Allotments Representative.
WDB reported a rabbit problem at the allotments. The clerk will consult with Command Pest Control for advice and also check with retired clerk to see if any action has been taken to control rabbits in the past.
Noted 8 now on waiting list for allotments.
Notice to quit has been served on tenants of C11 (half) and B3 (half) for breach of clause 5(a) [and 5(b) for plot C11] of the tenancy agreement. Tenant of B10 has given notice and tenant of D4 has given notice that ¾ of this allotment will be available from beginning of October. Plot C5 (half) will be vacant from beginning of October.
AGREED to ask Buchans to quote to clear B10, including roots.
AGREED that until waiting list has been cleared all new tenants will be offered half size allotments with the exception of D4 which is a ¾ size allotment.
WDB advised that some plots are in a poor state. The allotment reps will conduct a survey in Spring 2013 to make sure allotment gardens are being maintained.
8. **Play – update**
A quote to replace the rotten fence post at The Rowans has been received – c.£50 from Paul Capitain.
This work will be carried out in the next week or so.
The clerk had arranged for oil on some of the play equipment at The Rowans to be removed and broken fence slats to be replaced at a cost of £55. The damage was caused by vandals.
Humphries Way – repair required to Commando Crossing – one wooden footrest has split. **AGREED** to ask Paul Capitain to quote for this.
9. **Grass Cutting and General Maintenance**
Hedge at Humphries Way: Noted application for SCDC's Hedge Pack Scheme has been successful (fee payable to SCDC £25). 100m of hedging will be supplied for planting. Buchans have quoted £234 to plant this. **AGREED** to ask Buchans to plant hedge when planting received.
NOTED that signs/bollards in Butt lane damaged by a lorry have now been replaced.
10. **Correspondence:**
Letter received from resident of Recreation Close. Clerk will consult with Trees Officer regarding the rowan tree at the rear of the Bowls Pavilion send a reply.
11. **Date of next meeting – Monday 17th December**

The meeting ended at 8.10pm.

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