

Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 30 March 2009 at 7.30pm in the Parish Council Office

Present: RH Chapman (chairman) JE Coston R Day M Ellwood SC Humphreys B Jefferson IF May
RLE Waters
WD Booth E Spong The clerk

- 1 **Public Participation** – no members of the public were present.
- 2 **Apologies for absence** – D Chamberlin.
- 3 **Declarations of Interest** – personal and/or prejudicial – RHC, RD and SCH cemetery - personal (relatives buried in the cemetery). RHC – lock for cemetery gate – personal (M Overall, contractor, does work for RHC).
- 4 **Minutes** – the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2008 were approved and signed as a true record.

5 Cemetery - update

The clerk and assistant clerk had met the relatives of the late Sam Smith. They wished to reserve 5 plots and pay for them monthly - £40 for example.

AGREED that they could reserve plots and that they must be paid for in full – not by instalments.

They have taken away the seat and wished to put in a marble seat fixed to the ground.

AGREED to inform them that Council used one style of (metal) seat throughout the village and therefore refused this request.

The clerk would write to the family explaining the reasons behind these decisions. *Action: the clerk*

The clerk had asked them not to drive across the grass and explained that Council intended putting up a notice saying vehicular access for disabled. As the problem was getting worse RHC had arranged for M Overall to fit a lock on the gate to prevent vehicular access. This would cost £30 + VAT. RHC had bought two padlocks £24.50 + VAT. A new sign had been made “Please respect our cemetery. No vehicular access. Milton Parish Council.”

All **AGREED** with this action.

Path – committee will discuss adding a turning area for vehicles in 2010-11. Would the church consider contributing towards putting down a hard drive in the old part of the cemetery?

Interment of ashes – request for double depth received. Fee for interment of ashes £50. The clerk would ask D Chamberlin’s advice about fee to charge. *Action: the clerk*

Review of fees

AGREED to recommend that the fees for non-residents be quadruple. (8 in favour 1 abstention)

6 Allotments – update

It was not possible to let one piece of land near the A10 because of brambles and poplar suckers. The clerk would ask Stuart Buchan to keep this area clean. *Action: the clerk*

Signs and improvements to chain on gate were in hand. (63/12-08)

Rent review

AGREED to conduct a rent review in September each year.

This would allow the clerk to give allotment holders 12 months notice – October to October.

7 Horse Grazing

Rent review – noted that three horses were grazing the land.

AGREED to increase the rent from £400 to £500 as from October.

This would be increased proportionately if the tenant grazed more than three horses.

The clerk to notify the tenant. *Action: the clerk*

8 Play – update

AGREED that the clerk ask City Services to repair those areas itemised in the latest play inspection as medium and high risk.

The clerk would ask S Buchan to “rotovate” the bark as City Services had highlighted this as “high risk” and to replace top soil in goalmouth at Froment Way.

Action: the clerk

Signs for Froment Way open space were in hand.

Noted that ACRE published a magazine “The Playing Field” which gave details of grants available for play equipment. (65/12-08)

9 Tree works and general maintenance

Stuart Buchan had pollarded hedge / trees between doctors' surgery and entrance to Tomkins Mead. As he needed to do this work mid March RHC, RD and RLEW had accepted his quote of £290 +VAT. **Action confirmed.** Noted that the doctors had requested that this work be done.

John Holder Queen Anne Lodge had asked that Council cut back the tree between his garden and the post office. RLEW had investigated the ownership of the tree. Further investigations were needed to try to ascertain the ownership. Work on this tree would be scheduled for Autumn 2009.

Firms from the industrial estates Cambridge Road had requested that the adjacent trees and hedge line Road be cut back. This had been put in the programme for Autumn 2009. (29/3-09)

Request to have trees cut back from gardens of Knights Way and Ely Road - RLEW reported that the trees in question were not on public land.

Moles in Ely Road – moles had been causing residents of Knights Way a problem. The County Council had no funds available to deal with moles on the verge of Ely Road.

10 Changes to verge opposite Tesco (6/3-09)

RHC declared a personal interest as he was a customer of the kebab van. Keith Faunch CCC had reported that his budget for 22 villages had been cut. He advised that the simplest solution to dealing with the problem was to move the van off the site. He offered to put in two bollards. M Woolhouse Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust would possibly pay towards some sort of barrier that included a sign "Milton Country Park". RHC could create a bund using spare top soil from the Park & Ride site. These actions would ensure that the kebab van would use one access point only. The clerk would write to K Faunch and M Woolhouse with these proposals. **Action: the clerk**

11 To consider new dog bin at open space The Elms

A resident had requested that Council consider a dog bin at the open space at The Elms. **AGREED to take no action.** (6 votes in favour 4 abstentions).

12 Date of Next Meeting - 29 June 2009

The meeting ended at 9.25pm.

Signed.....

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