

**Minutes of the Maintenance Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.45pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

**Present:** G Heaney (chair) A Bradnam DJ Chamberlain J Mowatt M Perkins  
JE Coston HM Smith DM Geasor SE Wilkin

**1. Apologies for absence received and approved:**

No apologies received.

**2. Declarations of interest and dispensations:**

None received.

**3. Public Participation:**

No members of the public present.

**4. Approval of Minutes from the Maintenance Committee meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014:**

Minutes approved and signed as a true record.

**Matters arising:**

Cemetery:

Decision to move to a weekly black bin collection: Ongoing.

Compost heap in the middle of the cemetery is very full and needs clearing:  
Ongoing.

Grave digging company to mark out the plots on right-hand side as well as all non-purchased graves on left-hand side: Partially done, to be completed before Christmas.

Clerk to look into a water supply and the possibility of benches on the new side of the cemetery: Ongoing. It was **AGREED**

**G Heaney to send a letter to the Smith family to cover three issues: 1. Possibility of new bench and water supply; 2. Removal of flowers outside of grave area; 3. Clarity of headstone size and design.**

**5. Allotments**

Discussion on removal of conifers from remaining allotments. It was **AGREED**

**to contact tenants of A4 and E4/E5 to remove remaining conifers (including goldcrest conifer hedges).**

Discussion about use of tyres on plots: tyres to be used for planting purposes but not dumped/stockpiled.

**6. Play**

Discussion on repair of play equipment quote from Fenland Leisure. It was **AGREED**

**to contact Paul Capitain to review quote and see what work he can do.**

**7. Buchans**

Discussion of Buchans grass-cutting contract. JE Coston commented that Buchans has been doing a very good job for the village. It was **AGREED (propose G Heaney; second DJ Chamberlin)**

**to accept up to 1% increase in Buchans' fees for 2015.**

G Heaney and JE Coston to meet with Buchans for revised plan of all areas they tend in the village as well as discussion on grass-cutting of North Lodge Park football pitches. Item to be put on March Maintenance Committee agenda for tender of future grass-cutting contract.

**8. Budget**

Discussion of estimates for 2015 Maintenance budget. It was **AGREED (propose G Heaney; second M Perkins) to allocate**

- **£3,000 for Trees**
- **£4,000 for Play Areas**
- **£4,000 for Allotments**
- **£2,500 for Cemetery**
- **£12,500 for Grass-cutting**
- **£4,500 for Highways**

**9. Date of next meeting:**

24<sup>th</sup> March 2015

The meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed: .....

Date: .....