

**Minutes of the Maintenance Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 19 December 2016 at 7.45pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: G Heaney (GH) (Chair), A Bradnam (AB), D Burch (DB), J E Coston (JEC)

In attendance: S Corder Assistant Clerk
H Smith (HMS)

1. Apologies for absence

R Waters (Personal), D Owen (Personal), R Summerfield (Personal)

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations:

(a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.

G Heaney – (Item 6 - Allotment holder)

(b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any). - None

(c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate. – None

3. Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak. – None

(Item 13 on the agenda was discussed – AB left the meeting at 8pm).

4. Approval of Minutes from the Maintenance Committee meeting on 19 September 2016

It was Proposed by GH that the minutes for the meeting of the Maintenance Committee of the 19 September 2016 were approved as being a true record and signed by the Chairman - **ALL AGREED.**

5. Matters arising from previous minutes - Clerks' review

Items still need attending to:

92 The Rowans – overgrown hedges – Resident has been written to – GH to check hedge

Overgrown trees and bushes in Old School Lane – Buchans – Work is planned for January –Proposed GH

Seconded DB - **ALL AGREED**

Bicycle Rack in Coles Road – Clerk to write to Coles Road Business for support to provide a cycle rack.

To fix the Village Map opposite One Stop – To be discussed further at the March Maintenance meeting.

Tesco – Clerk to write to Tesco to ask them to cut back their hedges which are now encroaching the pathways.

6. Allotments

GH reported that the allotments are neat and tidy. Buchans will be tidying the vacant allotments in the New Year.

7. Cemetery

It was noted that further lights have been erected around some of the plots – To assess the situation after Christmas.

It has been reported that rubbish is being put onto the compost heap and not into the bins provided. GH to clear the compost pile and remove the silver bin. To discuss again after Christmas.

8. Horse grazing field

To go on hold – further discussion needed

9. Hawthorn Hedge Play Area

To ask Buchans and Town & County to quote to cut back the hedges at Hawthorn Way, The Rowans and Humphries Way play areas.

10. Playgrounds

The reports from Fenland Leisure were discussed. It was AGREED to the work to be carried out at Humphries Way, Froment Way and the Sycamores fitness equipment. The Rowans play area will not be carried out this time as it felt not necessary.

11. Buchans Contract

To ask Buchans to update their specifications and to include North Lodge.

12. Tree work to be programmed in

To CONSIDER quote for Coles Road Recreation Ground Entrance – to remove 3 branches from the Ash Tree to clear street light and to remove branches to clear telephone wires from the tree outside 73 Cambridge Road.

13. Bus Shelter – Landbeach Road

AB reported that a resident has written in asking if the Perspex window panes at the bus stop on Landbeach Road could be either swapped around or replaced with new ones. Due to previous ongoing removal of posters on the windows this has caused them to smear and become unsightly.

Concerns about the tarmacked area not being long enough when the bus has fully pulled in which is causing passengers having to get on/off onto the mated grass area instead. GH to meet with the resident to discuss possible options.

AB/HMS to contact Nicola Burden, County Highways, on what to advise and who is responsible for the surrounding land.

14. Correspondence

MHA Artificial Turf Care

Hamill Landscaping & Maintenance Services – Clerk to write back to thank them for their interest in providing quotes for landscaping work.

JEC reported that an invoice for locks and keys for North Lodge Pavilion from Acorn Architectural Ironmongery Ltd for £659.32 and a further invoice for installation will need to be paid.

15. Date of Next Meeting

20 March 2017 at 7.45pm

The meeting closed at 9.50p.m.

Signed:

Date: