

**Minutes of the Maintenance Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 23 June 2014 at 8pm
in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: G Heaney (chair) DJ Chamberlain H Smith A Bradnam M Perkins.
The clerk

1. **Election of Chairman:** G Heaney nominated by DC, Second MP All in favour.
2. **Apologies for absence received and approved.** No apologies received.
Declarations of interest and dispensations
a) **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.**
b) **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any).**
None received.
c) **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.**
G Heaney has been given dispensation for item 6 (Allotments).
3. **Public Participation:** No members of the public present.
4. **Approval of Minutes from the 24th March 2014**
5. **Cemetery**
A Black bin can be arranged for use at the cemetery, the collection fee per lift will be £4.15. Agreed that the clerk will arrange to have a bin delivered with fortnightly collections to clear the compost heap down and purchase a lock and chain. Action clerk
Items on the wild flower garden – Send a letter to the concerned persons asking for the flowers on the wild flower garden to be removed by the 7th of July. Prop GH Second MP All in favour. Action clerk
Clerk to check with Buchans that poppy seeds were planted on the wild flower garden as none visible yet. Action clerk.
6. **Allotments**
The water pump has broken frequently in the past few months, Mr T Easy has kindly fixed the problem for the parish. Agreed that the parish council would offer a £30.00 rent reduction for Mr Easy for October 2014 – September 2015. Proposed DC Second GH All in favour. The pump maintenance will be monitored over the next three months and revisited at the September maintenance meeting. Prop GH Second DC All in favour.
No representative has come forward.
Unauthorised trees / Non fruit trees. Further letters to allotment holders that have trees on their plots that are non-fruit trees, stating that failure to remove trees will endanger rights to keep the allotments. Prop GH Second AB. All in favour. GH to plan another allotment walk around.
7. **Play.**
Clerk to check the responsibilities for gym equipment.
8. **Noticeboard wall space.**
The wall at Queen Anne lodge where one of the PC noticeboards is needs to be repaired, the owner would like to know if the PC would like to make a small contribution to the repair as the PC have used the space for 20 years. GH proposed to defer this and the option of replacing the noticeboard with a new one until the PC meeting on the 14th July. All agreed.
9. **Fruit Trees.**
Item deferred. Clerk to check with Ian Tyes.
10. **Report from Village Walk around with Items to be discussed.**
Bus Shelter opposite the Waggon and Horses. Needs steam cleaning. Clerk to arrange three quotes and take to the PC meeting. Action clerk
Fromont Way / Humphries Way – Goal mouths to be levelled – Defer to September Agenda.
Fromont Way / Humphries Way – Possibility of new play equipment for older children. GH to speak to JC. Proposal GH to set up a working committee including some of the school council pupils to look into the type of equipment they might want. Table tennis tables also to be investigated. Action clerk
The Rowans play area (Telly-tubby land) Bark required.
Various overgrown hedges and shrubberies from residents in The Sycamores, The Rowans and The High street. Clerk to send letters.
Village sign on entrance from Tesco roundabout to be looked at – GH
Telephone Box damage on Coles road reported to BT by clerk. Should be fixed by W/C 7/7/14. Action Clerk.
Broken bollard. Stump to be removed and bollard replaced.
Green services box – Graffiti to be removed. Clerk to discuss with environmental enforcement at South Cambs. Acton Clerk.
The dead tree at the top of Coles Road needs to be removed. Clerk to advise Buchans

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Date of next meeting.

22nd September 2014 7.45pm.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

Signed:

Date: