

Minutes of the Maintenance Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 24 March 2014 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: G Heaney (chair) WD Booth (Left at 8.20pm) J Mowatt DJ Chamberlain RT Summerfield
The clerk
Cllr I Tyes (attending as a member of the public) left at 8:05pm

1. Apologies for absence received and approved from:

2. 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:

The minutes of the Maintenance committee meeting held on 17 December 2013 were approved.

4. Cemetery

To NOTE Command Pest Control reports (Jan) –very little rabbit activity, all burrows treated, three moles caught, one trap left;

GREEN WASTE Clerk to look into cost of purchasing a green bin from SCDC and fortnightly collection costs.

To Cemetery policy will not be reviewed at this time, and will be looked at next year. Proposed DC, Second GH. All agreed.

Margaret Basden Headstone. Cambridge Memorials has confirmed that the overall height from ground level will be 2'6". Proposed GH, Second DC, all agreed. **APPROVED.**

Louise Smith headstone design and dimensions discussed. GH proposed to agree headstone, plinth and kerbing only. Vases, books and rose baskets to be deferred until the Chairman has visited the cemetery for further inspection. Second DC. **ALL AGREED.**

A resident called to say there is a hole next to her husband's headstone (big enough to get your foot in) and is worried that there might be some movement. She asked if someone could look at it and fill the hole in. GH agreed to look at this when visiting the cemetery.

Gale Headstone with overall height will be 2'9" from the ground, after taking advice from the stone mason, this is apparently standard for Cambridge cemeteries. Council refused application as not to the correct guidelines as advertised on website.

**Action
Clerk**

5. Allotments

ALLOTMENTS: Derek Booth spoke about the amount of non-fruit trees still on plots that have yet to be removed, which go again our terms and conditions. The conifers around the plots E4 and E5 are still in place and there is a large amount of rubbish on the plots including tyres and sinks. GH to view letters already sent out to tenants and follow the Parish Council process to progress with this issue. A quote has been received from Buchans to remove up to 6 trees from different plots that have been inherited by the current tenants. DC Proposed to accept the quote for removal, GH Second **ALL AGREED**

Plot D11 (previously a friends of the church plot) has been handed back. To be leased by a waiting tenant who owns the other half of the plot. Proposed GH, Second DC. **ALL AGREED**

HORSE GRAZING: The field is rented out until 31 March 2014 at reduced rent (£20/month) due to the poor state of the grazing. Clerk to discuss up with tenant if they wish to continue and raise fees at the next meeting.

PEST CONTROL: CWA have not been able to supply a quote for pest control. Quote from Command Pest Control for one-off treatment £660+VAT for one day of gassing plus additional £330+VAT for follow-up treatment 10 days later for a total of £990+VAT – To be taken to full Parish Council meeting to agree.

Clerk to review budget figures for available funds.

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6. Play – update

It has been reported that new bark is required in both the Rowans and Froment Way play-areas. Clerk to obtain quotes.

The dog fouling sign on the Froment Way Park has been removed and needs replacing and on the Humphries Way site is hidden in the bushes. Clerk to find replacement and arrange bush trimming.

7. General Maintenance

Bus shelter by the chapel has a broken seat, the previous clerk has arranged for this to be fixed by Queensbury. Completed on 18th March.

8. Fruit Trees for Milton.

As requested by Milton Primary School – To be carried over to the next meeting.

9. Date of next meeting – Monday 23rd June 2014

The meeting closed at 8:35 pm

Signed:

Date: