

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

Present: A Horne (AH) (Chair), A Bradnam (AB), J Coston (JEC),

In attendance: S Corder (Clerk)
P Adams (PA) (Village Cleaner)
G Heaney (Advisory)

1. **Apologies for absence**
D Owen (personal),
2. **To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 December 2017**
The minutes of the Maintenance Committee meeting of 18 December 2017 were approved as being a true record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Declarations of interest and dispensations:**
 - (a) **To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.** - None
 - (b) **To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any).** - None
 - (c) **To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.** – None
4. **Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak.** – None attended.
5. **Allotments**
AH updated the Committee – all allotments are in good order and B10 has now been cleared by Buchans and will be monitored over the next year before use.
Allotment labels are now ready to be attached to each plot – Clerk to meet with GH to attach labels.
To **DISCUSS** rent increase (£30 whole, £22 3/4, £20 half, £10 quarter - as Jan 2014). It was mentioned that there has not been a rent increase since 2014 and MPC still have the lowest rent in Cambridge. AB Proposed that an increase of 10% should be applied (£33 whole, £24 3/4, £22 half, £11 quarter) – AH Seconded **ALL AGREED. To go to full Council for approval.**
To **CONSIDER** quotes for repair of the entrance road and to install bollards either side of the culvert. C J Murfitt £1,500 + VAT for tarmac tracks to be laid and rails installed either side of culvert. Stearn Constructions £5,447 + VAT to replace the full path and install rails. **AGREED to accept CJ Murfitt quote – to go to full Council for approval.**
Plot A1 – Community Allotment suggestion received – Further information required: what are the plans for the allotment, who looks after it, who benefits from the produce and how to encourage community involvement.
To go to full Council for approval.
6. **Cemetery**
Update – The Clerk and PA visited the cemetery to carry out checks, all was in good order. 3 memorial headstones due to be erected. Flowers have now been removed from the boundary ditch after complaint received. It has also been reported that there is ivy growing up some of the boundary trees which is becoming a concern – to be investigated on October tree walk.
7. **Play Areas**
To **CONSIDER** quotes received for safety rubber grass matting for football goals at Humphries Way and Froment Way – Allplay £650.65 + VAT free installation, Wicksteed £1,670 + VAT, Fenland Leisure £630 + VAT. **AGREED to accept Fenland Leisure quote – To go to full Council for approval.**
To **CONSIDER** quotes received for replacement Maypole at Froment Way play area – Fenland Leisure Duel Swing £5,100 + VAT, Wicksteed Saturn 4 seat swing £8,797.50 + VAT, The Cantilever Swing (basket) £7,452.01 +VAT, The Hurricane Swing 2 button seats or trapeze bar £5,364.75 + VAT. **To go to the Playground Working Group for preferred option and to come back to full Council for approval.**
8. **Grass Cutting and General Maintenance**
To **DISCUSS** going out to tender for grass cutting maintenance quotes. **Meeting date to be arranged to agree grass cutting areas now that confirmation has been received from Cambs County Council on areas MPC cut for them.**
To **CONSIDER** request received for tree removal on Old School Lane (strip of land behind Pearson Close). **It was AGREED to tidy up and trim around the tree and not to remove it at this time.**

- 9. **The Bund (The Sycamores to Humphries Way)**
To **DISCUSS** Signage informing residents this is Milton Parish Council land, no fly tipping and cutting of shrubs. **Clerk to look into costings and suitable signage.**

- 10. **Hawthorn Hedge Boundary**
Who is responsible for land behind 199 The Rowans – request for a new fence
AH and GH to investigate who is responsible.

- 11. **Correspondence**
To **CONSIDER** suggestion received for a Community Fridge in the village.
Waiting for further information and Tesco’s feedback for a possible location and the need for a community fridge.

- 12. **Dates of next meeting**
18 June 2018 at 7:45pm

The meeting closed at 10:25p.m.

Signed:

Date:

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