

**Minutes of the Maintenance Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 16 December 2019 at 7.45pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: A Horne (AH) (Chair), D Wildman (DW), A Markham (AM) JE Coston (JEC)

In attendance: S Corder (Clerk), E T (Assistant Clerk)
P Adams (Village Cleaner)

1. Apologies for absence

None received – full committee

2. To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 September 2019

AH Proposed to approve the minutes – DW Seconded **AGREED**

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.

No public attended.

5. Allotments

Update – Rents are all paid.

Currently 11 vacant plots available for rent.

6. Paddock

Buchans have carried out the first treatment spray for Ragwort removal.

Woodland Trust Free Tree Packs – Clerk to apply for the January 2020 round for delivery in November 2020.

7. Cemetery

Update AH/SC – Unauthorised bench to be removed.

Rabbits: Night shoot due early January 2020.

Clerk to write to family regarding removal of unauthorised solar lights.

To **AGREE** the removal of burial fees and charges for under 18 years from MPC’s policy as agreed by The Minister of Justice and apply for The Social Fund (Children’s Funeral Fund for England) regulations 2019 No. 1064 – **ALL AGREED to removal of fee.**

8. Play Areas

To **CONSIDER** Wicksteed’s Inspection Report – **JEC Proposed to accept repairs required for Froment Way £297.20 + VAT – DW Seconded ALL AGREED. Clerk to source quote for replacement fitness equipment instruction sign on The Sycamores recreation ground.**

To **CONSIDER** splitting the cost with MCC for the revamp of The Sycamores Play Area £20,684.00 + VAT – Fenland Leisure. **AH Proposed in principal to share the cost with MPC. Clerk to ask Wicksteed and Fenland if the original slide can stay and to re-quote for the project.**

9. Grass Cutting and Maintenance Contract (Appendix 5)

To **CONSIDER** adding to the Buchan’s contract – clearing of leaves on: The Sycamores footpath and alleyway, 2 alleyways leading from Butt Lane to Froment Way and any other possible hotspots **AH Proposed to ask Buchans to quote for a one-off clearance of the alleyways – DW Seconded 3 In Favour – 1 Abstain AGREED. Clerk to ask SCDC and County Highways who is responsible for clearing of the alleyways.**

10. Date of next meeting

Monday 16 March 2020 at 7.45pm

The meeting closed at 9.45p.m. Signed: Date: