

**Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 8 June 2021 at 7:30pm held in the Bowls Pavilion
(Deferred from Monday 7 June 2021 – Planning meeting over-run)**

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

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk)

1 Election of Maintenance Chairman

JEC Proposed AH as Chairman – DW Seconded **ALL AGREED**

2 Apologies for absence

None – Full Committee

3 To APPROVE the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 March 2021

AH Proposed to accept the Minutes of the meeting of Monday 15 March 2021 as a true record – DW Seconded **ALL AGREED**

4 Declarations of interest and dispensation

To receive declarations of interest from councillors for items on agenda: None

To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any); None

To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate; None

5 Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak

No public attended

6 Allotments

Update AH/Clerk: 5 people on the waiting list. Tenants have been asked to be seen to be cultivating their plots not just maintaining them. **Allotment Rents review to be carried out at September's Maintenance meeting.**

SCDC have completed the required repair works to the allotment culvert and bridge installing a new pipe and sandbags to re-support the bank sides. It was agreed to send thanks to Lee and his team from SCDC for the great work carried out on the allotment bridge/culvert and clearing the award drains around the village.

7 Orchard

AH: Rabbits are still causing caused slight damage to some of the saplings. Bark chip has been placed around the base of the saplings to help and deter weeds. Clerk to ask Buchans to cut the Orchard area.

8 Cemetery

Clerk: Letters were sent to the owners of the 3 unauthorised benches placed at the Cemetery. 2 of the 3 unauthorised benches have now been removed. **DW and AH to arrange to remove the third bench.**

Memorial tople testing has been carried out by R S Memorial and any works required were passed on to family members to rectify.

Clerk to source additional quotes for repainting of the Cemetery gate

9 Landbeach Road Bus Stop – Extension of tarmac area

To **CONSIDER** amended quote from GW Shelter Solutions £4,800 + VAT to reposition the bus shelter (as per DW suggestion at the March Maintenance meeting), extend the hard standing tarmac area, retarmac the current shelter area. **AH requested that GW Shelter Solutions are asked to confirm their quote and that Murfitts are asked to re-quote for the amended work to compare costs.**

10 Rubbish Bins

To **CONSIDER** a request to replace the existing bins with Duo use (general use and mixed recycling sections). **Clerk to ask if SCDC are considering changing their bins in the village to duo use bins. Check with Cambridge City Council the process they use to empty duo use bins.**

11 Highway Verges

To **CONSIDER** the future management of grass verges. Cambs County Council have asked the Parish Council to consider the number of times that the verges are cut. CCC suggest reducing the cut to once or twice a year, to encourage biodiversity and the growth of wildflowers. There are further benefits if the cuts are collected. Buchans have not been approached to determine whether their present equipment can collect grass cuttings as well as just cut. The County have not yet stated that this approach should be applied to the verges in their ownership, as of course this will affect the areas that are maintained for them under the Parish Council contract. **Clerk to write to Cambridgeshire County Highways regarding their policy for wildflower verges and their views on wildflowers areas in the village. Suggestions for MPC land: Reseed the Cemetery wildflower area, verge at the top of Humphries Way, slip road by Tesco and the possibility of the Orchard around the new trees to be a wildflower area. Clerk to ask Buchans the practicality of growing wildflower areas and costings.**

12 Zero Carbon Communities Grant

To **CONSIDER** any project that may be applicable for a submission to Round 3 of the Zero Grant Application process. The Grant will be open 10 May to provide funding between £1,000 and £15,000 to parish councils for projects that support the shift to zero carbon emissions by 2050. Applications closing date is 30 July.

The main themes are:

- Community Buildings (40%)
- Nature (40%)
- Other Projects (20%)

Suggestion by AH: Clear fallen and dead trees from The Sycamores bund and replace with new trees. **Clerk to source quote from Town and County.**

Suggestion by AM: Installation of car charging points in the village possible the MCC car park. **Clerk to check with Cambridgeshire County Council for possible locations in the village and if they have any drive on this project. Pass information onto Milton Community Centre for suggestions.**

13 Dates of Next Meeting

Monday 20 September 2021 – 7:45pm

Meeting closed at 9.18pm Signed: Date: