

**Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 20 March 2023 at 7:45pm held in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: P Ellwood (PE)(Chair), HM Smith (HMS), D Wildman (DW), J Coston (JEC),

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk), A Horne (Non-voting Member), P Adams (Village Maintenance Person)

1 Apologies for absence:

A Markham (personal)

2 To APPROVE the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 December 2022:

PE Proposed to approve the Minutes of the meeting of Monday 19 December 2022 as a true record –
DW Seconded **AGREED (JEC abstained)**

3 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

4 Public Participation:

No public in attendance

5 Allotments

The notes from the Allotments meeting on Tuesday 28 February 2023 were received.

Possible security measures were discussed:

Signage - Clerk to put up temporary signage – PE to source costing for permanent signage

Wildlife CCTV cameras – Possibility that they would get taken if seen. Need a secure place to install them. Down to allotment holder to provide and maintain

Solar lights – Would be taken due to lack of secure fixings

Fencing – Too expensive to fence section along the A10. To investigate planting a hedge row

Clerk's Update: 1 vacant plot and 1 one person on the waiting list

6 Paddock Wood

To plant new tree saplings on Saturday 25 March 10:30am – volunteers needed. PE to put wording together for Facebook post request

7 Cemetery

To **RECEIVE and DISCUSS** Cemetery Action Plan – To look into ways to clear and re-seed the lawn graves on the top left-hand side. PE and Clerk to meet with Buchans to discuss phases and costings of the project. To rotovate and reseed the Wildflower area

To **AGREE** to apply for Bronze level of the Cambridgeshire Churchyard Conservation Awards – **PE Proposed – ALL AGREED**

To **CONSIDER** purchasing from The Phoenix Trust: 6 x bird boxes £10 each (painted), 4 x bug boxes £15 each, 2 x hedgehog house £25 each, 3 x wildflower area signs around £25 (totally around £245) **PE Proposed to the costings – DW Seconded ALL AGREED**

8 Play Areas (Deferred from December meeting)

Faulker Close Play Area – To consider revamp ideas (previous idea to change area to wildflower grassed area with new fence surround) Clerk to ask Buchans to quote for removal or tarmac surface and replace with grass and bulbs with a new surrounding fence

- 9 To CONSIDER providing an extra dog waste bin on The Oaks/The Elms grass area**
Quote from SCDC: £414 + VAT for Topsy bin that can take general and dog waste or £479.52 + VAT for dog bin + £4 per empty **REFUSED – There are dog bins located at The Rowans play area, Hawthorn Hedge and the bottom of Butt Lane by the A10 bridge).** The proposed location is not one SCDC can collect from road side.

- 10 The Village Sign – Pond Green**
To DISCUSS possible renovation works to the post and sign – **Defer to next Maintenance meeting awaiting refurbishment quote**

- 11 Dates of Next Meeting**
Monday 19 June 2023 – 7:45pm

Meeting closed at 9pm Signed: Date: