

Milton Lilbourne - Parish Meeting Minutes:

Venue: The Village Hall

Date: Thursday 29th March 2018

Time: 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Present:

Cllr Paul Oatway QPM (Chairman), Cllr Jerry Kunckler (WC Councillor) Sarah Spanswick (Clerk), Cllr David Fall, Cllr Ann Maconie, Cllr Jamie Cayzer-Colvin, Cllr Anthony Wells, Cllr Liz Minnear

Apologies:

Cllr Ray Edwards

Parishioners in attendance:

None

Chairman: - Approval of minutes from last meeting:

The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record of the last meeting by Cllr. Jamie Cayzer-Colvin. This was seconded by Cllr. David Fall. All councillors then voted in support of the motion.

The Chairman of the Parish Council stood down and handed the meeting over to the clerk.

Nomination of Council:

Clerk asked for nominations for the post of Chairman for the period 2018/19 and Cllr Wells proposed and seconded by Cllr Fall that Cllr P Oatway be re-instated as Chairman of the Parish Council. The vote was unanimous and there were no other nominations

The clerk then handed the meeting back to the chairman.

The Chairman then asked for nominations for:-

- The Vice-Chair of the Parish Council. Cllr Fall was proposed by Cllr Oatway and seconded by Cllr Wells
- The Chairman of the Finance Committee. Cllr A Wells was proposed by Cllr Oatway and seconded by Cllr Fall
- The Chairman of the Planning Committee. Cllr A Maconie was proposed by Cllr Oatway and seconded by Cllr J Cayzer-Colvin
- The Chairman of the Community Committee. Cllr D Fall was proposed by Cllr Oatway and seconded by Cllr A Maconie.

Matters Arising:

Actions from the 25/01/18 were discussed and treated as finalised or brought forward.

Declarations of Interest:

None

NB – Members are bound by the provisions on the National Code of Conduct and are where required to declare either personal or prejudicial interest and where necessary, leave the meeting during consideration of any relevant matter/s.

Parishioners Questions:

None

Wiltshire Police Report:

Members were advised that the lack of this months Police Report was largely due to the Police resources being stretched due to the recent Salisbury incident. 180 officers have been assigned to this incident with 15 forces assisting. It is hoped that a Police Officer will attend the AGM in May but for the time being they are unlikely to attend the general PC meetings held in between.

Wiltshire Councillors Report:

- JK attended the Salisbury Cabinet Meeting attended by the Police, Wiltshire Council and the public following the recent incident on Salisbury.
He advised that the counter-terrorist unit will be shortly be handing the day to day operation back to Wiltshire Council.
The Police praised and thanked the local community on the way they have handled the recent events
It is expected that the matter will take a further 4-6 months to complete.
- JK advised that the Adult Social Care Levy will continue to rise in the Council Tax charges by 3% again this year. The 3 year 6% rise has been managed by Wiltshire Council by deducting 3% last year and 3% this year rather than 2% over a 3 year period. Therefore there will be no deductions for this 'Better Care Fund' in next years bill. JK reminded the members of the importance of this levy due to the fact that over a third of Wiltshire's population is over 65
- JK advised that WC are extremely busy with maintaining roads and patching up pot holes caused by the recent extreme weather conditions. It was confirmed that surface treatment at Milkhouse Water has been approved
- CATG has been allocated £12.5m for 2018/19
- The Pewsey Leisure Complex (Health and Well Being Centre) development is hoped to be completed late Summer
- Crime is down slightly and 2 new PSO's have been appointed.
- Metro Count - an application will be made again in the very near future.
- Pewsey Railway Station - JK carried out a survey last year to log how many people walk to the station from the Pewsey side with the objective of building a new walkway leading to the train station. This planned walkway will also be wheelchair friendly. Whilst this walkway will be a slightly longer route taking an additional 1 minute 15 seconds to walk it will be a far safer option. Clare Perry will be meeting with the Railway Board to progress matters and subject to there being no objections, work will proceed.

Planning Committee Report

Cllr Ann Maconie presented the recent applications as follows:

<i>Awaiting Approval:</i>		<i>Decision:</i>
18/01117/LBC 18/01047/FUL	Havering House, Havering Lane Milton Lilbourne, SN9 5LQ Demolition of potting shed and greenhouse and construction of garage & greenhouse on the same site within the curtilage of the listed building	<i>Supported by Parish Council</i> <i>Approved on 22/03/18 (with conditions)</i>

NB Further details re planning application can be found via the website <http://miltonlilbourne.org.uk/planning>

Finance Committee Report:

Cllr Wells outlined the current expenditure as the Parish Council nears the end of the financial year and advised Councillors that the Parish Council required to move £1,000 out of its reserve to keep the operating account in credit.

Parish Clerk continues to liaise with the Bank regarding the Bank mandate to reflect the new committee members and signatories.

MLPC Bank Accounts confirmed as follows as at 29/03/18:-

Current Account	£ 368.48
Reserve Account	£9,000.00

Village Hall

- Cllr Anthony Wells advised the PC that he had attended the recent Village Hall AGM and confirmed that Peter Miles continues to stand as Chairman of the committee and that Peter Parsons stood down.
- A committee member also brought up the matter of the loop system which they felt either does not work or do not know how to use it.

The PC wish the VH committee to be reminded that two members of their committee were in attendance when the loop system was fitted and had tuition on how the equipment works and that they are responsible for this system which they paid for.

They have a key to access the equipment box so that they are able to get access to the desk microphone.

Community Committee Report:

Footpaths

- Cllr David Fall briefed the meeting on the Eastern Area Planning Committee of WC on the 22nd March where he represented Milton Lilbourne in seeking the designation of new public rights of way declared on paths straddling the Parish Boundary between Milton Lilbourne and Pewsey.
Flyers and Maps were issued to all houses in Milton Lilbourne and the hamlets of Littleworth and Fyfield and responses were received from 17 households as follows:-
12 - supportive of all or part of the application
11 supported the southern spur (7 of whom had walked the route for more than 20 years)
3 supported the northern spur (2 of whom had walked it for more than 20
1 opposed the application on principle
1 was neutral

MLPC supported the application for the southern spur given that there was evidence it had been walked for more than 2 decades and that it was a natural easy access route from Easton Royal, through Milton Lilbourne and on to Pewsey, avoiding the dangerous B3087

The opinions on the Northern Spur was varied and the MLPC therefore adopted a position neither in favour nor against the proposed route.

At the EAPC meeting, the councillors supported the routes 7 to 1 in a vote. The Landowners maintained their objections.

The matter will now go to an independent tribunal and all parishioners who responded in favour will be written to urging them to write to the Rights of Way Officer to extend their support

Cllr Paul Oatway paid special thanks to Cllr David Fall on behalf of the Parish Council for all his work, time and effort in dealing with this footpath issue. He confirmed that he too attended the EAPC meeting and although he had to declare an interest as he was Vice-Chair of Wiltshire Councils Planning Committee which the application would be referred to, he was permitted to engage in debate and allowed to vote.

- Cllr Fall confirmed that the flagpole socket behind the war memorial had installed by Ben Rhodes
- The flagpole beside the tree needs painting and he would instruct Ben Rhodes to do so.
- Progress appears to have been made at the Scrapyard with the partial construction of a railway sleeper and RSJ fence around the southern boundary.
- It was noted that the bench in memory of the loss of the Row family's first child is falling apart. Cllr Oatway will discuss this with the Village Hall committee.
- The Play Area Safety Inspection Report carried out by ROSPA was discussed. The overall rating was medium. It was agreed that Playforce would be asked to quote to replace the surface under and around the see-saw area.
- Dates in May are currently being agreed with Playforce to attend the recreation ground to finalise details of the activity equipment being sought. Should this proceed it is hoped that the S106 monies will be used to pay for this.
- Cllr Fall raised the invitation to enter the Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition 2018. Entries are to be received by Friday 20th April. The area to be judged is measured from the crossroads, down through The Street, and into Havering Lane. There is no financial cost in entering and it was agreed by the committee that the village would submit an entry.

- The damage to the grass on the corner of Forge Close was recently caused by 2 heavy vehicles mounting the curb. It was agreed that the PC would fill the damaged land with top soil, level it and sow with grass seed.
- 2 x dog waste bins will be purchased upon receipt of the 2018 precept (mid - April) and will be located in Old Severalls Lane and Havering Lane. Cllr Oatway will liaise with Wiltshire Council with regards to having them emptied.
- The Parish Steward has not attended the village for some 4 months now. The Parish Steward activities have been suspended for the current time as they have been instructed to 'find and fix' potholes in the Wiltshire Area and we will be notified once the normal parish visits resume. It was raised that MLPC were not happy with the productivity of the Parish Steward serving our area. When the visits resume there will be a heavy work load to be scheduled in.
There has been a large amount of litter found on the byway at the top of Milton Hill. Gerald Osbourne is clearing this regularly and has reported that litter is often dumped in the Chalk Pit too. It was suggested that this could be added to the Parish Stewards work load.
- Cllr Fall suggested setting up a Footpath Maintenance Work Party team to ensure that all footpaths were kept clear and trimmed and trees kept back now that we were entering growing season. He suggested that Work Party dates could be set and perhaps advertised in The Messenger.

Chairman's Notices

- The chairman advised that 15 oak saplings had been ordered from Wiltshire Council (of which 11 will be planted) to commemorate the end of WW1 anniversary. The Parish Council were asked to give it some thought as to where the oak trees should be planted. An initial suggestion was to plant them along the line of a footpath.
- There is Change in the Data Protection Act currently taking place and Parish Councils are required to comply with the legislation determined by an EU directive. This will require a Data controller to be employed at an annual cost of c. £800.00. This matter is currently being reviewed by Wiltshire Council and MLPC0
- 1Cllr Wells was thanked for clearing the snow through the village during the recent heavy snow falls. This was particularly well received by parishioners.

Councillors Questions Time:

It was suggested that a member from each of the Parish Councils at Wootton Rivers, Eastern Royal and Milton Lilbourne attends the Parish Council meeting of each others council to hear about information, ideas and issues we all share. It was thought that if we all work together it may help the broader community.

PARISH AGM MEETING TO BE HELD ON:

Thursday 24th May 2018

Start 7.30pm – Village Hall

Minutes submitted by: Sarah Spanswick

Minutes approved by: Paul Oatway Chairman