

Milton Lilbourne - Parish Meeting Minutes:

Venue: The Manor House (Location changed at short notice due to the heating not working at The Village Hall)

Date: Thursday 6th February 2020

Time: 7.00pm

Present:

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

Apologies:

Cllr Ray Edwards

Parishioners in attendance:

None

Parishioners Questions:

None

Chairman: - Approval of minutes from last meeting:

The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record of the last meeting by Cllr. Anthony Wells. This was seconded by Cllr. Liz Minnear. All councillors then voted in support of the motion.

Matters Arising:

None

Declarations of Interest:

Declared by Cllr Anthony Wells:-

- Footpath and hedgerow cutting
- Supplying wine for the PC AGM

Wiltshire Police Report:

Cllr Oatway advised that whilst it was unlikely that we would see a police officer to our regular meetings we would invite the PCO to the AGM in June

No crime to report of in the parish of Milton Lilbourne

Wiltshire Councillors Report:

- WC would be setting the new Council Tax budgets for 2020/21 on 25th Feb 2020.
- It is likely that it will be increased by 1.99% based on Band D properties
- There will be a 2% increase for social care
- Based on Band D properties this will be an average increase of £58 pa.
- Pewsey will be increasing their levy by 25%
- Area Board meeting will be on the 9th Feb 2020. On the agenda will be a Climate Change presentation - currently declared as an emergency.

WC have taken steps by installing LED street lighting

Curbside Collections will also be discussed introducing a plastics only container. There will be new vehicles to accommodate the process. Lack of food waste containers will be discussed.

Boundary review has now been completed and will be ratified.

Housing site allocations will be ratified (there will be no impact on the Pewsey area - only need to build 30 more houses before 2026)

Pot holes will be discussed (not specific but a general discussion) on how to deal with them. Parish Stewards are currently filling them but this is not ideal or long lasting.

Cllr Kunkler suggested that he will recommend the whole of the B3087 to be given attention rather than suggest individual potholes.

£88k was allocated to improving the Sunnyhill Road but the work hasn't been done yet.

More people are being prosecuted for fly tipping, however there is no real increase being reported. CCTV have been capturing culprits. If it is responded to quickly to is less likely to spread.

Planning Committee Report

Cllr Ann Maconie advised that it had been a quieter couple of months and only the following applications received since our last meeting in December.

19/11243/FUL	23 The New Severalls, SN9 5LL	Proposed side and rear extensions, new roof and conversion of roof space. Proposed dropped kerb and off road parking
20/00033/CLP Cert of Lawfulness	Cobetts Way, The Street, SN9 5LQ	Installation of roof light, rear extension including roof light and bi-fold doors, conversion of part of garage to living accommodation
19/11796/FUL	Dell View, Milton Road, Little Salisbury, SN9 5NB	Conversion and extension of existing garage to form a single residential unit

The application for Cobetts Way was discussed. The application was registered with WC on 3rd Jan with MLPC receiving advice on the 17th Jan 2020. This was followed swiftly by the decision being approved by WC on the 23rd Jan 2020 without Milton Lilbourne Parish Council's input. The proposal includes aesthetic changes that impact the view of the village. The Planning Committee to query this with Wiltshire Council as the process needs to be improved as a matter of principle.

Finance Committee Report:

Cllr Wells advised that the balance of the MLPC Bank Accounts were confirmed as follows as at 06.02.2020

Current Account	£ 3,920.68
Reserve Account	£ 10,000.00

The Precept request for 2020/21 has been submitted based upon a 7% rise in the Precept to cover the cost of the defibrillator (£2,160.00 to be paid this month covering a 4 year period) at an additional cost of £3.31 for those in Band D.

The Parish Council originally wanted to raise the Precept by 3% but to cover the additional cost of the defibrillator fee which had to be paid in full this financial year it was raised by 7%.

Cllr Wells previously queried the Wiltshire Council Precept Calculator as he felt their calculations weren't correct. WC responded by confirming that the number of houses within Band D had increased by 5.56 houses therefore we were able to make a larger increase to the precept without so much of an impact on the individual households. As such if we had in fact raised the precept from £12,770 (19/20) to £13,033 (20/21) there would not have been a rise at all.

Village Hall

- The minutes to the Village Hall meetings are now being sent to the ML Parish Clerk as well as the VH representative
- Cllr Anthony Wells attends as many meetings as he can. In his absence he was urged to ask another member of the PC to attend.
- The treasurers report confirmed a healthy position.
- The VH had received a request from neighbouring residents to have the Cherry Tree cut back. The residents have also offered to contribute towards the cost. The Village Hall will request a quote.
- Complaint made by Eastern Royal PC regarding the condition the section of Bridleway EROY22 after the Rough and Tumble run in January with it being left like a quagmire and not safe for horses and walkers. ERPC threatened to apply to WC for a temporary Closure Order to allow the track time to recover. The organiser of the run put a work party together to restore the path to a usable condition and have offered to monitor its improvement over the coming weeks and put a maintenance programme in place to keep the track in a usable condition all year round as a gesture of good will. This has been acknowledged by ERPC and the improvement to the path following the work party's efforts, noted. It was agreed that it was good to see so many people coming to enjoy the countryside and that the event benefitted the VH by c. £300. The Terminator race has now negotiated a different route which will be able too to cope much better with the volume of entrants and is expected to recover more quickly.
- Key to the media box has now been given to the Parish Council.

Community Committee Report:

VE DAY celebrations 2020

- Cllr Fall outlined the plans so far for the Village Celebrations to be held at the Village Hall on Saturday 9th May 2020 which received the Full Parish Council's approval.
- Funding may be available from Wiltshire Council for such celebrations.
- Village Hall has been booked for the entire day.

Footpaths

- The designation of the new Rights of Way on the Parish's Western Boundary were discussed at the Planning Inspectorate Inquiry 14-16th January. Cllr Fall spoke on behalf of the MLPC and the Inspectors report is expected within 6-12 weeks.
- Byway 22 which runs south from the end of the tarred road on Milton Hill towards Everleigh is in a poor state, badly overgrown, deeply rutted and, in parts, difficult to navigate on foot let alone horse or a wheeled vehicle. Cllr Fall met Stephen Leonard, the Countryside Access Officer for WC) on 16th Dec '19 who agreed that it was in a terrible state. He suggested that firstly the vegetation needed cutting back to allow the byway to dry out some what and that converting the byway to a restricted by-way would cost a lot of money. Cllr Wells agreed to take his machinery up to the by-way to see if he could hack it back.

Village Plan

- The Village Plan in the VH Notice Board has been replaced with a plastic covered plan which will hopefully not fade. Delivery drivers to be directed to this plan to locate houses.

Play Park

- A quote has been requested to replace the split Rock and Roll Log at the Play Park.
- Repairs to the Tower have been carried out by Active Garden under their warranty.

Action - Cllr Fall

WW1 Commemorative Trees

- Cllr Oatway to source a Sarsen Stone to be laid beside the Copper Beech trees
- The trees are looking healthy but will need watering in the Spring and Summer. Cllr Wells was happy to water every couple of weeks.

Action - Cllr Oatway
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Heritage Signposts

- A company has been sourced to supply Heritage Signposts made exactly to the original 1920's specifications with solid oak posts and traditional painted metal lettering fitted with solid brass screws. Each signpost would cost £1,674 and is expected to last for 25 years. A quote has been provided and an enquiry will be made to see if there is any room for reduction should 2 or more posts be ordered at the same time. Proposal to proceed with Littleworth Signpost first and then New Mill thereafter. This was agreed by Cllr Oatway and Seconded by Cllr Cayzer Colvin ([www. fingerpostsigns.com](http://www.fingerpostsigns.com))
- It was suggested that a flyer would be circulated to see if any parishioner would like to sponsor or make a contribute towards the posts.

Action - Cllr Oatway

Severalls Lane Signage

- Cllr Oatway to discuss at the February CATG meeting the issue of delivery bands and emergency services continuing to use this route as a way into the New Severalls finding that they cannot manoeuvre around the bend at the end of the lane. Cllr Oatway to arrange a meeting on site with Mark Stansby, Senior Traffic Engineer, to discuss appropriate signage to be installed at the top of the road (opposite the Village Hall)

Action - Cllr Oatway

Maintenance and Repair

- Cllr Fall has instructed Ben Rhodes to repair/restore the phone box, playground equipment, repair styles & benches at the Recreation Ground and the Notice Board at New Mill. It is expected that this will be carried out in the Spring when we get some better weather.

Action - DF (Comm Cttee)

Best Kept Village Competition

- It was decided not to enter the Competition this year.

Defibrillator Training

- SWAS have chased us for a date to carry out the Defibrillator Training. They suggested we held the training on a different day given the lack of attendance in the last couple of years. It was suggested to hold it during term time and mid week in September when there were likely to be more people about.

Action - SS to arrange with SWAS

Redundant Flagpole

- A parishioner has recently enquired what was happening to the old flagpole. It was decided to keep the flagpole in situ for occasional use (eg. for VE Day commemorations). Cllr Oatway to speak to the Village Hall Chairman about having it refurbished.

Action - Cllr Oatway/Parish Clerk

Re-Shuffle

- A Committee re-shuffle has been arranged to best position the Councillors to broaden and strengthen the overall knowledge of Parish Council business. These changes will take place with immediate effect.
- Cllr Wells will move from Finance to Planning
- Cllr Cayzer Colvin will move to Chair the Finance Committee supported by Giles Clayden and Cllr Minnear

- Cllr Edwards will move to Community Committee chaired by Cllr Fall and supported by the Cllr Oatway and the Parish Clerk.
- Cllr Maconie continues as Chair of the Planning Sub Committee supported by Cllr Wells and Cllr Oatway

Chairmans Notices

- A member of the Parish Council was recently stopped by a resident of New Mill expressing their disappointment with the lack of inclusion and work carried out in the Hamlet by both the Parish Council and Parish Steward
- The resident was urged to e-mail the Parish Clerk with her concerns so that they could be recorded and noted and to attend tonights Parish Council meeting. To date no e-mail has been received.
- Giles Clayden will be the voice for New Mill and will advise all residents that he has joined the Parish Council

Councillors Question Time

- Cllr Oatway advised that the Policing Precept will go up by £10 pa (£0.84pm) bases on the average Band D property to allow the force to invest in critical areas to tackle crime and drive the recruitment of new officers across the county.

Next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd April at 7pm at the Village Hall, followed by the VE Celebrations Meeting on Thursday 30th April, also at 7pm.
The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 4th June 2020.

Finally the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 9.20pm

Minutes submitted by: Clerk, Sarah Spanswick
Minutes approved by: