

Milton Lilbourne - Parish Council Meeting Minutes:

Venue: Village Hall

Date: Wednesday 15th September 2021

Time: 7.00pm

Present:

Cllr Paul Oatway QPM (Chairman), Sarah Spanswick (Clerk), Cllr Liz Minnear, Cllr Anthony Wells, Cllr Ann Maconie, & Cllr Ray Edwards, Cllr Giles Clayden

Observing:

Mrs Melanie Gordon

Apologies:

Cllr David Fall, Cllr Jamie Cayzer-Colvin, Cllr Jerry Kunckler (WC Councillor)

Parishioners in attendance

Mr Alan Lance, Mr Michael Williams

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting were covered and the committee updated accordingly:-

- We have now taken delivery of 2 Heritage FingerPosts (New Mill and Littleworth) and are awaiting for the 3rd (Crossroads) to arrive. Wiltshire Council have agreed to install the posts as part of the replacement programme. They are of a superb quality made in solid oak. Once the first tranche have been installed the Community Committee will be formally requesting replacement of the posts at Clench and Fyfield.
- Cllr Oatway is awaiting another quote to trim the Cherry Trees on the corner of Forge Close. The first quote has come in at £600
- Cllr Oatway has contacted Wiltshire Council Highways find out who is responsible for the maintenance of the by way on the Old Severalls. WC have no capacity at present to repair the road but have offered the residents materials as a temporary measure.
Cllr Oatway confirmed that the railings at New Mill have still not been repaired but was due to see with Highways in the coming week. Cllr Clayden advised that a plastic covering has been used as a temporary measure but remains a Health and Safety Risk.

The Minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record of the last Parish Meeting held on 17th May 2021 by Cllr Liz Minnear and seconded by Cllr. Ann Maconie. All councillors then voted in support of the motion.

Declaration of Interest:

Cllr Anthony Wells confirmed the following interest:-

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

Wiltshire County Councillors Report:

Cllr Kunkler was unable to attend the meeting but provided the following message:

Apologies for tonight somehow I didn't put this in my diary in May and I have another commitment tonight. By way of short update. The next area board will be held online next Monday 20th at 7.p.m. On the agenda is an introduction of the new Police commissioner Philip Wilkinson. The 5 year Highway maintenance plan presented by Diane Ware. A few grants and normal reports from the normal partners. If there are any difficult questions or issues that you cannot deal with then do not hesitate to either email or call me and I will be able to assist you. I will enter the date of next meeting now.

Cllr Jerry Kunkler

Parishioners Questions

Mr Alan Lance raised the poor quality of the road and how badly the holes had been filled leaving the man hole covers dangerously raised. He was also concerned about the speed vehicles continue to travel along the B3087 through Little Salisbury and how the overgrown verges hamper visibility when driving out from the Farm lane and the entrance from the development at Little Salisbury.

Cllr Oatway advised that speed is a continuing problem in Little Salisbury and is a matter for Wiltshire Police. Traffic tends to drive faster through Little Salisbury on the straight stretch of road and the PC would be happy to move the speed device back as a deterrent.

With regards to the poor quality of the roads, Cllr Oatway will refer this back to Cllr Kunkler who will be responsible for taking this up with Wiltshire Council. He also noted that 2 drains appear quite sunken

Action: Cllr Oatway to raise this with Cllr Kunkler

Wiltshire Council have adopted a policy of grass verge maintenance and are only cutting visibility splays and not grass verges. This is causing a big problem and County Councillors are taking this up with Wiltshire Council as a bad decision. Again this is a matter for Wiltshire Council and will be raised with them.

Mr Martin Holland was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following e-mail:-

Due to unforeseen circumstances I need to be in Chippenham on Wednesday so will not be able to attend the Parish Council Meeting

Could I ask the Chairman to read out the following:-

As a resident of Little Salisbury I am very concerned about the extreme speed of all types of vehicles traveling along the road from Pewsey to Burbage as they seem to accelerate once they pass through Milton Lilbourne and with the continuing congestion caused by the recycling yard a serious accident is likely to happen should the speed not be reduced on this road.

Secondly can the county councillors who may be in attendance to the meeting like to comment on the very shoddy condition of the recent repair and re-surfacing work done especially where man hole covers have been left protruding and the large pools of water when we have prolonged periods of heavy rains.

Thirdly, as previously suggested could WCC not offer the owners of the recycling yard the opportunity to relocate to the now Empty Everleigh site with a suggestion that their yard could be offered to a building company to redevelop into residential homes.

Thank you

Martin&Alison Holland

All issues raised were covered off by the Chairman when addressing Parishioners questions and added:-

The Option to convert the Little Salisbury scrap yard to residential falls outside of the core strategy for Milton Lilbourne and suggested that Mr Williams would not be happy to move the site to Everleigh as he has operated out of ML for generations. In any event Wiltshire Council would not be able to release the ground in Everleigh as it is deemed to be contaminated.

Mr Michael Williams read out a statement requesting help, guidance and support from the Parish Council to either buy or lease a parcel of land (owned by Gerald Osbourne) adjacent to the scrap yard to keep lorries off the road and for customer parking whilst waiting to tip as he is concerned about how increasingly busy the road has become and is worried that one day there could be a serious accident. This would allow vehicles to drive straight in and allow customers and staff to park up and safely wait their turn. He assured the committee that he would not store any kind of scrap metal on the land under the EA guidelines and would plant trees around the perimeter to make it look aesthetically more pleasing.

Cllr Oatway thanked Mr Williams for attending the meeting. Whilst this is a personal matter between Messrs Williams and Osbourne, Cllr Oatway agreed to speak with Mr Osbourne. Mr Williams confirmed that his intentions were to make it safe and better visually. The committee generally agreed that anything we can do to help resolve this ongoing problem is a positive. Cllr Wells confirmed that he would be happy to join Cllr Oatway in speaking with Mr Osbourne and urged the council to approve the proposal from Mr Williams.

Mr Williams acknowledged that the scrap has been too high at times and is in the process of installing concrete lego block bays so in the event of a fire, it wouldn't be able to spread.

There would be issues including change of use from Agriculture to Parking Area and Mr Williams was urged to contact Mike Willmott, Head of Development Management and Planning at WC for his advice.

Assuming there will strictly be no scrap on the land and that the height of the scrap in the yard continues to reduce then the Council would do their utmost to support this proposal.

Cllr Oatway, thanked Mr Williams for coming down as road safety is one of the biggest issues faced.

Finance Committee Report:

The Clerk advised that the balance of the MLPC Bank Accounts were confirmed as follows as at 15.09.2021

Current Account	£ 2,284.83
Reserve Account	£ 15,000.00

The second precept payment for 2021/22 of £6,810.00 was due at the end of September.

The first 2 fingerposts have now been paid for in full and the final payment of c. £850 will be due on the delivery of the 3rd post.

Planning Committee Report

Cllr Ann Maconie advised the following applications had been submitted since our last meeting, some of which have now been determined:-

PL/2021/06437	Fyfield Manor, Fyfield, Pewsey,	Proposed works to Mature Horse Chestnuts and removal of Scamore and Poplars
PL/2021/04907	1 Vale View, The Old Severalls, Milton Lilbourne	Rendering front and side elevation of end of terrace house. Erecting car port in rear garden

PL/2021/05832	Bourne House, The Old Severals, Milton Lilbourne	Single storey rear extension, minor alterations to window/door openings of the existing house and garage
PL/2021/06288	Littleworth Cottage, Littleworth	Alteration to Littleworth Cottage. Demolition of dilapidated detached garage and annex
PL/2021/07206	Somerset House, Milton Lilbourne,	Erection of a powder coated aluminium glasshouse sited on a dwarf brick wall
PL/2021/07440	Snowdrop House, Havering Lane, Milton Lilbourne	Fell to ground of Plum Tree located to the west side of Snowdrop House
PL/2021/06832	1 Lawn Farm Close, Milton Lilbourne	T1 & T2 Birch Trees Fell
PL/2021/07586	1-2 Milkhouse Water, Pewsey	Proposed loft conversion with dormer windows, single storey entrance porch and veranda.
PL/2021/07416	The Old Vicarage, Milton Lilbourne	Remove a 9.5m section of existing boundary wall, construct new concrete foundation and rebuild
PL/2021/07834	Lone Cottage, Littleworth	Demolition of existing extensions and outbuildings, erection of extensions to house, vehicular access & change of use of part agric field to domestic curtilage
PL/2021/08378	Havering House, Havering Lane, Milton Lilbourne	Leylandii Fell, Poplar x 2 Fell at ground level , Larch Fell at Ground level, Ash Fell
PL/2021/08375	Havering House, Havering Lane, Milton Lilbourne	Ash Tree - pollard at 20 feet

Cllr Maconie also advised that the application to remove and rebuild the boundary wall at The Old Vicarage had been received and there would be no objections from the PC. The wall is vulnerable and extremely wobbly and unsafe. The footpath would be blocked off whilst the works are in progress.

The plans for the refurb and build at Lone Cottage were distributed and discussed at length. The main concern was to preserve the frontage and it was suggested that wood cladding should replace the proposed hanging tiles on the extension to be more in keeping with the local environment and neighbouring properties. There was concern regarding the area of land currently pegged out which is not mentioned in the application and that this must not become a precedent for future development and should remain a garden area.

Village Hall

The Clerk updated the committee from the minutes of the last Village Hall Committee held on 18th August 2021:-

- Pub Nights would be held to coincide with the Feisty Fish mobile visits.
- Heating repairs are now complete and the boiler seems to be running fine.
- New Security Grill is installed behind the bar area
- Shalbourne Cleaning have been employed to do a deep clean of the VH every fortnight
- Grist to be instructed to provide 2 bins (one general waste and the other glass only) to be kept and emptied from the back of the VH. Contract with Hills to be terminated
- Dangerous Ash Tree on boundary of the Recreation Ground has been removed
- Village Hall charges to be increased in line with other neighbouring VH's
- Lighting upgrade to be carried out in November.
- Bar can now accept card payments and has 2 x card reader machines.

Community Committee Report:

- Cllr Fall was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following report:-

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations June 2022

1. On 25 August PO and DF met Peter Miles (representing Village Hall), Simon Vandaleur (PCC), and Anna Wilson (who has agreed to coordinate children's activities) to discuss proposals for celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Mark Wilkinson (who will help with music) was unable to attend. Paul and Sarah have outline proposals.

Public Rights of Way

2. **Clay Lane (ML1)** is currently passable by walkers and riders but muddy in places and can be expected to flood again after heavy and continuous rain. One load of wood-chippings was delivered in early summer and spread at the entrance to the bridleway from the road. Seem to be working well. A pedestrian path on high ground along the fence was cleared in the Spring but is now likely to be overgrown in places. No sign of any road scrapings from Wiltshire Council.
3. The lane continues to be encroached by vegetation (brambles, nettles, shrubs etc.) at the western end and especially after crossing the farm track. It needs to be cleared to the required width of 3 metres for bridleways.
4. **Bridleway (ML18)** from Fyfield Drove to Fyfield barns is just passable by walkers and riders but is heavily encroached by vegetation and needs cutting back.
5. **Footpath (ML3)** at rear of Manor grounds. Work needed to trim back seasonal growth.
6. **Suggested action:** Invite tenders for remedial work this winter to clear a 3 metre path along ML1 and ML18. (The work will require some heavy equipment and is beyond the scope of a volunteer working party.)

WW1 trees on Milton Hill

7. All the copper beech saplings have survived and surrounds were weeded this summer. PO & DWF still need to identify a saracen stone.

Flooding

8. PO has been in touch with Wiltshire Council about work needed to alleviate seasonal flooding at the bottom of ML village and at Brewer's Cottage, Clench.

Fingerposts

9. Fingerposts have finally been delivered and are stored in PO's garage. PO has been in touch with WC about erection of posts.

Playground

10. Order yet to be placed for new swings.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations June 2022

A Sub committee has been formed consisting of village partners from the Church, Village Hall, & Parish Council to play a role in organising a successful 4 day event with the following format:-

- Weds 1st June** Union Flags to be hung along The Street
- Thurs 2nd June** National Beacons to be lit throughout the UK with a beacon lit on Martinsell Hill (the highest point in Wilts) at c. 9.15pm as part of a timed rolling program starting at Buckingham Palace
Hog Roast at the Recreation Ground with a choir/band
- Fri 3rd June** Main Event - Band, live entertainment, VH Bar, Firework Display
- Sat 4th June** Anna Wilson will be bringing together the youth of the village for a Village Day with team games for children of all ages and abilities.
Village Photograph
- Sun 5th June** Bell Ringing at St Peters Church between 10.30 & 11am followed by a Communion Service
Possible Cricket event with Cream Teas

A letter will be issued to all homes in the Parish outlining the 4 day programme including the Hog Roast seeking financial sponsorship for specific events.

All committee members were in favour of the proposed suggestions.

Chairmans Notices

- Cllr Oatway inspected the bad flooding reported in Clench by the T Junction with Richard Dobson, WC Highways Engineer. Considerable water is collecting and has no natural exit with huge amounts of mud collecting preventing pedestrians getting through.
Cllr Oatway confirmed that WC are fully aware of the extent of the problem and is arranging for the ditch and piping to be addressed. He has forwarded the parishioners photographs on to the Highways Engineer so he is aware of the urgency of the problem.
- Cllr Oatway advised that there would be no salt delivery this year as we were unable to transport the salt from the Depot in Devizes but would get the Parish Steward to make sure the bins are full when he does his rounds.
- Cllr Oatway referred to the Village Hall and commended Peter Miles' leadership and the fantastic job he continues to do. Every Village Hall has received substantial grants throughout the lockdown to keep the upkeep viable in view of the fact that the building was empty and non income generating. The VH committee has made the most of the down time and carried out some extensive works all to benefit our community.
- Cllr Edwards advised that the speed device appears to have almost died despite stripping it and replacing its batteries. It was agreed that when it is working it most definitely does slow trading down.
A speed assessment was suggested but the data suggests that the speed of vehicles wasn't high enough to meet the criteria for a further reduction in speed at the Crossroads, however another speed assessment will be requested closer to Little Salisbury.
Action: Cllr Edwards to find out replacement costs and to contact local PC's with solar powered speed devices
- Cllr Minnear asked if the Parish Steward could cut back the verge on the Pewsey side of the crossroads to give clearer visibility when crossing the road by foot or pulling out of the Littleworth side onto the crossroads.
- Cllr Minnear asked if the trees on the right hand side of the road heading towards Littleworth could be cut back as they were so overgrown that traffic had to pull over to allow only one vehicle through at a time.
- Defibrillator Training - SWAS are starting their community training again from Sept 2021 and it was suggested that this time we would offer an evening midweek training session during the school term.
Action: Clerk to arrange with SWAS
- Cllr Oatway advised that the B3087 through the crossroads used to have a 70 mile an hour speed limit. Over time this was reduced to 60 and down to the existing 40 limit. The speed limit is governed by the number of roadside properties, hence only being able to secure 40 at the crossroads.
Action: Cllr Oatway will review the speed limit with CATG and bring it to full Council

- Cllr Clayden mentioned the heavy milk lorries which thunder through New Mill at 2/3am every morning and wondered if a speed limit could be introduced.
Action: Cllr Oatway would raise this with the Highways Engineer when he meets next week
- The dangerous Ash Tree has now been felled in the Recreation Ground and two further Ash Trees have been identified to come down.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9pm. The date of the next meeting is to be held on Wednesday 24th November 7pm

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