

**Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 17 June 2024 at 7:45pm held in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: P Ellwood (PE)(Chairman), HM Smith (HMS), D Wildman (DW)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk), P Adams (Village Maintenance Person)

1 To elect Maintenance Committee Chairman

DW Proposed PE as Committee Chairman – HMS Seconded **ALL AGREED**

2 Apologies for absence

L Champion (personal), J Coston (personal)

3 To APPROVE the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 March 2024

PE Proposed to approve the Minutes of the meeting of Monday 18 March 2024 as a true record - HMS 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

No public in attendance

6 Allotments

Update: Clerk – Allotment checks were carried out and those plots requiring maintenance work will be contacted. 2 people on the waiting list for an allotment

From previous minutes:

To **CONSIDER** request from SCDC to provide an area that could be transformed for a community food growing venture – accessible by the public. Specific funding available from SCDC – **Clerk to find out more information on this project: how will it be policed, what is the funding available and who will run and manage this project? Clerk update:** The project would be managed and run locally. The funding available is up to £500 to start the scheme and volunteers would be needed to help with the growing. The Parish Council would be required to police the project. **It was AGREED not to support the request due to concerns over who would be accessing the allotments and the support required to run the scheme**

7 Paddock Wood

Update: PE/Clerk

Clerk is still chasing up works by County Highways in relation to removal of the fallen tree and repairs to the damaged fence on both Paddock Wood and the allotments – **Clerk to send a further chase up email**

Grass cutting is due to take place in Paddock Wood. Once this has been done the tree saplings can be assessed for growth and the non-successful ones can be removed

8 Cemetery

To consider quotes received for a Ground Water Risk Assessment – The Environmental Protection Group £7,000 + VAT, AG Geo-Consultants Ltd £2,850 + other works £tbc – **It was AGREED to accept the quote from The Environmental Group for £7,00 as all works listed and costed. To go to the**

additional MPC meeting on Monday 8 July 2024 for Council to approve

Clerk to arrange for Pest Control to attend the Cemetery

9 Edmund Green

To **CONSIDER** applying for the South Cambs District Council Green Spaces – Shared Prosperity Fund – applications for a site that the Parish Council feels could be improved (for small works up to around £15,000 per site) Closing date Thursday 1 August 2024 **PE put forward a design for Edmund Green which the Committee supported the idea to improve Edmund Green – To go to the additional MPC meeting on Monday 8 July 2024 for approval to apply for the fund**

10 Play Areas

The Play Inspection Reports (Play Equipment at Froment Way, Humphries Way and The Sycamores fitness equipment) were received. PE reported that The Village maintenance Person, the Clerk and PE carried out remedial works required – raised the chain links on the swings on Humphries Way, investigated the report of a root showing under the swings on Froment Way – this could not be located and have installed plastic pigeon spikes at the Froment Way swings. **Clerk to order play bark for Froment Way and Humphries Way parks. Plastic pigeon spikes to be installed on the swings at The Rowans and Humphries Way**

From previous minutes: To **CONSIDER** applying for a Public Space Protection Order (ongoing dog fouling) **Clerk to investigate on how to apply and the costing and policing of the order – Response received from SCDC: There are currently no PSPO’s with regard to dogs in South Cambs. Currently there is not enough staff to patrol the areas so details would need to be collected by the public, which has proven to be a problem. It was AGREED not to pursue the Order**

11 Maintenance Equipment

To **CONSIDER** the purchase of a leaf blowing vacuum to assist with clearing of pathways in the village – Clerk sourced quotes for an industrial Stihl leaf blower - £375 inc VAT for a SH 56 petrol shredder, £444 inc VAT for a SH 86 petrol shredder **It was agreed to purchase the SH 86 (up to £444) – Clerk to confirm costs with a Stihl provider to include Ergo start, fuel and confirm warranty**

12 Dates of Next Meeting

Monday 16 September 2024 – 7:45pm

Meeting closed at 8:45pm Signed: Date: