

**Minutes of the Additional Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 8 July 2024 at 7:30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: H Smith (Chair) (HMS), J E Coston (JEC), D Wildman (DW), P Ellwood (PE), R Farrington (RF), A Bradnam (AB)

In Attendance: S Corder (Clerk)

1 Apologies for absence

D Owen (Personal), L Champion (Personal)

2 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: **All Milton Parish Councillors have been granted a dispensation to discuss and vote on finance and matters relating to Milton Community Centre**

3 Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak

No public on attendance

4 Grounds Maintenance Contract Quotes

Motion to exclude public and press

It is hereby resolved in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to meeting) Act 1960 that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the sensitive nature of the business to be transacted at Agenda item 4. Namely: Grounds Maintenance contract quotes – To consider quotes received

The public and press will be temporarily excluded from the meeting at this point and any present are herewith to withdraw

JEC Proposed to go into Confidential Session – AB Seconded ALL AGREED – meeting closed at 7:33pm

Clerk: 11 companies were approached to put in a tender. Five quotes have been received. Clerk produced a spreadsheet showing all the quotes received for comparison. The two highest quotes were rejected as was the lowest quote. Discussions on the final two was had and it was suggested to accept the quote from Cambridge Grounds Care (currently known as MC Ground Maintenance) for £35,610 (Clarification on the business required)

HMS Proposed to accept the quote – JEC Seconded: 5 In favour – 1 Against **AGREED**

(Meeting opened 8:42pm)

5 Maintenance

Cemetery

Recommendation from Maintenance:

To **APPROVE** the quote from The Environmental Protection Group (Ground water risk assessment) £7,000 + VAT

DW Proposed to accept the quote – HMS Seconded: 5 In favour – 1 Against AGREED (budget to be agreed at Finance)

To **CONSIDER** quote from Charlie Warrilow – Warrilow & Sons for £1,650 for clearance/hedge works required and general tidy up at the Cemetery **RF Proposed to accept the quote – AB Seconded ALL AGREED (from Maintenance budget)**

6 Edmund Green

Recommendation from Maintenance

To **APPROVE** 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 – **To put on 15 July 2024 agenda to consider applying for the grant and match funding up to £15,000**

7 Dates of next meeting

Monday 15 July 2024 – Parish Council

Monday 29 July 2024 – 7pm Planning – 7:45pm Finance & Administration

Meeting closed at 9:25pm Signed: Date: