

Milton Lilbourne Parish Council Meeting

Meeting Minutes:

Venue: Village Hall

Date: Wednesday 12th February 2014

Time: 7.30pm – 9.15pm

Present:

Cllr Paul Oatway QPM (Chairman), Mr Robert Jones (Clerk), Cllr Serena Sparks, Cllr David Fall, Cllr Liz Minnear, Cllr A Wells, & Cllr Ken Bryant.

Guest Speakers:

Wilts Cllr Jerry Kunckler, WPC Herbert – Wilts Police

Parishioners:

Mr & Mrs M James

Apologies:

Cllr Janine Gosling

None Attendance:

N/A

Approval of minutes from last meeting:

- Cllr Paul Oatway opened the meeting and then read the minutes from the last Parish meetings of 27th November 2013. The minutes were approved as read: Cllr L Minnear approved & Cllr A Wells seconded, carried unanimously

Matters Arising:

Matters arising dealt with or carried 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:

Various issues were raised with regards to flooding problems experienced in the village on 7th January and what could be done to ensure these do not happen again. Cllr P Oatway took time to discuss the process actioned on the day and gave an explanation of the drain arrangements as currently known. This is now to be followed up with Wiltshire Council (WC) and Steve Mathews & Christian Price to establish exactly what the drains are doing and to agree a maintenance programme with the blocking caused through silt deposits & local landowners.

Action PO / RJ

Wiltshire Councillors Report:

Cllr J Kunckler provided an update on the current unitary Council actions as follows:

- Flooding Issues generally throughout the East Pewsey Area and further afield following this unprecedented weather phase.
- Area Board Legacy – With 100 Year celebrations of the Great War WW1, WC have requested breakdown of all persons lost during this period, with a memorial to be made (small wooden crosses) and these are then to be moved onto designated space on Salisbury Plain to cover all those lost from the county of Wiltshire.

- Bus Routes – Reduction under used bus routes.
- Johnathan Seed Cabinet member for WC is to be visiting the next Area Board meeting in Pewsey, to discuss a number of areas including the proposed new campus arrangements, flooding issues in the area and also to discuss new services to be introduced.
- Council Tax – No CT increases to be introduced again this year from WC
- B3087 – To be re-surfaced in June 2014
- Local Strategic Partnership – A Feasibility study has been agreed with initial budget set at £15k to discuss the local transport arrangements with a view to completing a £250k improvement to road system to include the Pewsey Rail Station.

Wiltshire Police Report:

We were provided with a monthly update (Feb14) and this has been displayed as an appendix to the minutes and can be found on the notice boards in the parish

The main points of interest were:

- Car Thefts
- Burglary in Gt Bedwyn area
- Farmland damage – Primarily caused through Hare Coursing and the attending vehicles
- All Police alerts should be reported in the first instance via National police line 101
- Speed Enforcement – This is to be conducted along the B3087 in the near future and especially through village of Milton Lilbourne.

Planning Committee Report:

Cllr Serena Sparks presented:

No applications have been received in this period

REJECTED/WITHDRAWN		
Awaiting APPROVAL		
APPROVED:		

Finance Committee Report:

Cllr L Minnear presented current outgoing figures for Parish finances.

Less Outgoings (Since 27th November 2013 - Last Meeting)

Description:	Est Amount (£)
Village Hall Hire	100.00
Clerk Salary & Expenses	258.47
Audit 2012/13	180.00
Sub Totals:	538.47

Proposed by Cllr P Oatway & seconded by Cllr D Fall

Community Committee Report:

- **Hearing Loop** – As a result of the acoustic problems in the village hall, this project has been suspended until further clarification is received on how to rectify this issue. **Action RJ/PO**
- **Council Website** – The council website has been instructed and is currently under build and it is hoped to present at the next AGM. This will be promoted under the domain name of www.miltonlilbourne.org.uk **Action RJ**
- **Grass Maintenance – General** – The Chairman advised council that he and the clerk would within the next month confirm with senior managers from BB regarding the grounds contract for the period 2014/15, to ensure that the problems of the previous year were not repeated. **Action RJ/PO**
- **Wiltshire Highways** – A number of issues remain, and as a result of the recent flooding in the village, initial discussions have taken place with Christian Price from WC, this issue will be further progressed as soon as the county has returned to normality and council resources are available away from non-emergency essential works. The chairman has also undertaken a site visit between the village hall and Milton lodge and is of a view that apart from WC having responsibilities, likewise landowners also have a responsibility in preventing flooding
 - New Mill flooding issues
 - Drain (Outside Milton Lodge) flooding issues**Action RJ/PO**
- **Post box** – Cllr D Fall updated the position with progress with Royal Mail with regards the construction of the new post **Action DF**
- **Weather** – The recent bad weather and its effects on the village were discussed at length and the chairman advised council that WC are to provide additional funding and resources for parish councils in relation to flooding issues. The council as part of its emergency contingency planning now needs to consider flooding with the flood warden and once WC have declared the resources to be made available i.e. signage, sandbags etc and where the pc will store such items. Cllr D Fall advised council that he was more than happy to be the emergency officer.
- **WW1 Commemorative Celebrations** – This is as discussed earlier and arrangements to be made to meet legacy requirements for the Parish within the Wiltshire County – See also www.wiltshiresoldiers.co.uk/
- **Community Grant** – As part of the updating of the Village Hall and for future usage of the community a grant has been applied for to install a projector & Screen arrangements into the Village Hall for future public & private meetings

Councillors Questions Time:

Village Hall Defibrillator – This was discussed and appeals are being made via the Village Hall committee to raise additional funds. This was also noted as £500 can be provided through a community grant as well as contributions via the British Heart Foundation.

Village Hall Committee – A member to be invited to sit on the Parish Council meetings to create greater communications and integration of both Village Hall & Parish council activities

Severalls Lane – Cllr S Sparks raised the issues regarding the ongoing repair (or lack of) for this area of the village

Projector – Cllr A Wells offered to loan a projector for the forthcoming AGM meeting

Hedge Overgrowth – Arrangements to be made with local residents to make arrangements for hedge maintenance in the spring or sooner as required **Action PO / RJ**

Post box – Village entrance – Cllr S Sparks advised council again that post box should be moved for safety reasons, this is to be reviewed on an ongoing basis until works are completed in this area.

Cllr P Oatway concluded meeting with summarising comments to all in attendance and adjourned the meeting at 9.15pm

NEXT MEETING (AGM) TO BE HELD ON:

Wed 16th April commencing at 7.00pm till 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Minutes submitted by: Robert Jones / Clerk

Minutes approved by: Paul Oatway Chairman