

MILCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 JULY 2023 AT 8.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL, MILCOMBE

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor Myra Peters: Councillors Ruth Dale, Nigel Davis, Chris Hill, Mandie McCullough and Tracey Scott.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Theresa Goss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and District Councillor Andrew McHugh.

17/23 Apologies – County Councillor Kieron Mallon submitted his apologies.

Resolved that the apologies from County Councillor Kieron Mall be noted.

18/23 Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that advice on declarations of interest should be sought from the Clerk prior to the meeting, as advice cannot be given to Councillors at Parish Council meetings.

District Councillor Andrew McHugh advised that he was a Trustee of Community First Oxfordshire.

19/23 Minutes – Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2023 had been circulated to the Parish Council.

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 2 May 2023 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

20/23 Matters Arising from the Minutes of 2 May 2023 – There were no matters arising.

21/23 Chairman's Announcements

- Parish Liaison Meeting 14 June 2023 – The Chairman reported that Cherwell District Council had to make savings of £4m next year and then £12m in future years. This was because Oxfordshire was perceived by the Government as one of the most affluent areas of the Country and Cherwell was high up the list of areas for business growth, therefore funding had been reduced.
- Rickfield Farm – The resident at this property would be invited to the next meeting to discuss a possible planning application at their property. **Action TG**
- Milcombe Charities – The Charity had agreed to donate £1400 to the Parish Council for the new play equipment however, the Parish Council agreed not to pursue this for 12 months.
- Good Neighbour Scheme – There was not a Good Neighbour Scheme in Milcombe, the closest was in Banbury.

22/23 Open Forum – There were no residents present.

Councillor Ruth Dale reported that there was a lot of rubbish in The Dovecote, which a resident thought had been left by workman. However, it was suggested it could have been left by the young people hanging around the play area.

Councillor Dale also reported that work on New Road had been undertaken and the grass needed to be reinstated. The Chairman advised that this would be undertaken at the conclusion of the work.

(For information, following guidance from the National Association of Local Councils, the Parish Council did not specifically name individual residents within its minutes, unless they were speaking in an official capacity)

23/23 Reports from County and District Councillors – Prior to the meeting, District Councillor Andrew McHugh had circulated his report to the Parish Council.

Resolved that the report be noted.

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24/23 Village Matters

- i) Village Hall Committee – Councillor Nigel Davis reported that the decorating still needed to be progressed and he was researching grant funding for the Hall.

Councillor Davis was thanked for his report.

Resolved that the report be noted.

- ii) Play Area – The Chairman reported that both litter bins had been damaged by the young people who were causing the anti-social behaviour in the play area. The chains on the swing had also been wrapped around the top bar of the main frame.

There was a discussion about CCTV and the Clerk agreed to contact a local company and obtain some details on possible solutions.

The Chairman had also met with 4th Corner Ltd about weed clearance in the gutters, but no quote had been received. Therefore, the Chairman would now contact Complete Weed Control for a quote.

Resolved that the report be noted.

- iii) Weight Limit in New Road, Milcombe – The Chairman reported that the consultation on the proposed weight limit had taken place and there had not been any objections. Therefore, it would be implemented in approximately eight weeks' time.

Resolved that the report be noted.

- iv) Asset of Community Value, Horse and Groom PH – Parish Councillor Nigel Davis reported that he had completed a new application form and it would be submitted to Cherwell District Council in due course. Additional evidence was also required to demonstrate community use and support of the Horse and Groom.

Resolved that the report be noted.

- v) Proposed 20mph Speed Restrictions – The Chairman advised that the proposals for 20mph speed restrictions in Milcombe had been approved and the new signage had started to be erected.

Resolved that the report be noted.

- vi) Bollards on Main Road – The Chairman reported that a meeting had been held on 11 May 2023 with Dave Catling at Oxfordshire County Council but there had not been any further progress.

Resolved that Dave Catling be contacted for a progress report. **Action TG**

25/23 Planning

- i) Planning Applications – Since the last meeting, the Parish Council had no objections to the following application:

23/01146/F Land North West Of Lessor Grange, Milcombe
Loft conversion

Observations have been made by the Parish Council in respect of the following applications: None

Objections have been raised by the Parish Council concerning the following applications:

22/02104/F Land To The Rear Of No.12 And South Of Dismantled Railway, Heath Close, Milcombe
Erection of 35 two storey dwelling houses, construction of access off Rye Hill, together with garaging, parking, open space with LAP, landscaping and all enabling works
Amended red line received

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23/01144/OUT Land South of Bloxham Road, Bloxham Road, Milcombe
Outline planning application, together with associated access off Bloxham Road (all other matters reserved), for up to 90 homes (use class C3) together with associated infrastructure and open space, landscaping, including provision of land for new village hall (use class F2(b)) and retail space (use class E).

Resolved that the reports be noted.

- ii) Results of Planning Applications – Prior to the meeting, the results of the planning applications, determined by Cherwell District Council, had been circulated to the Parish Council and were as follows:

Cherwell DC Application No.	Identification	Milcombe PC Observations	Cherwell DC Decision
23/00583/F	Kingstones, Main Road Milcombe Re-development of builders yard to erect single storey two bedroom dwelling	Objection	Permitted
22/02104/F	Land to the rear of no.12 and south of dismantled railway, Heath Close, Milcombe Erection of 35 two storey dwelling houses, construction of access off Rye Hill, together with garaging, parking, open space with LAP, landscaping and all enabling works	Objection	Refused

Resolved that the report be noted.

- iii) Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) – Councillor Nigel Davis reported that grant funding was still not available from the grant funder, Locality, because it had not yet been released by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Resolved that the report be noted.

26/23 Parish Council Matters

- i) Vacancies – There had not been any applications for co-option onto the Parish Council.

Resolved that the vacancy continue to be advertised in the village. **Action TG**

27/23 Finance

- i) Accounts for Payment/Income/Uncashed Payments – The Clerk submitted to the Parish Council, the income which had been received since the last meeting and the accounts to be paid.

Resolved that the accounts for payments be approved and the income and uncashed payments be noted and the following payments be approved:

Theresa Goss – Salary and expenses for July 2023	
HMRC – Payments for July 2023	
S Scarsbrook – Coronation bunting	£12.99
AJGIBL GBP – Parish Council insurance	£1041.59
Playground Supplies Ltd – Play area inspections	£144.00
Nigel Prickett - Grass Cutting for May 2023	£403.20
Adderbury Parish Council – SLCC Membership	£55.50
Nigel Prickett – Grass Cutting for on 2 & 3 June 2023	£239.40
ARD Playgrounds – Zip wire repair	£270.00
Nigel Prickett – Grass Cutting (end of June)	£641.40

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Unity Trust Bank – Service Charge	£18.00
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- ii) Bank Reconciliation - Prior to the meeting, the Clerk had circulated the bank reconciliation as at 4 July 2023 for the Unity Trust bank accounts.

Resolved that the report be noted.

- iii) Budget Monitoring – Prior to the meeting, the Parish Council received a budget monitoring report for 2023/2024.

Resolved that the report be noted.

28/23 Correspondence – There was no further correspondence.

29/23 Meeting Dates - The Chairman reported that future meetings would be held in the Village Hall, Milcombe and would commence at 8.00pm.

- Tuesday 5 September 2023
- Tuesday 7 November 2023

30/23 Items for the Future Agendas

- Gigaclear Community Hub/Provision of Broadband and Hybrid Meetings
- New play area warning sign
- Rickfield Farm

(The meeting closed at 9.30pm)

Signed, Chairman – 5 September 2023