**MILTON BRYAN PARISH MEETING**

**Minutes of the Milton Bryan Parish Meeting**

**held on Wednesday 22nd February 2023**

**in the Village Hall**

Present*:*  15 members of the public, Peter Horrocks – Chairman,

Karen Barker – Clerk, CBC Cllr John Baker, Cricket Club - Ben Clark

694 **Apologies**:

Apologies were given from Stuart Bamford, Nigel David, Sharon Norton-Marshall

695 **Minutes of previous meeting**:

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 26th October 2022 were approved and agreed by all those present. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record of events.

696 **Matters Arising**:

 There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

697 **Reports and Representations:**

 **697.1 CBC Cllr J Baker gave a report:**

 **Highways:** Some of the roads in the village have been gritted over the winter and hopefully they have now been added to the gritting schedule. Milton Bryan has been added to the schedule for some road resurfacing to take place as a priority.

 **CBC:** There is no increase in council tax.

 **Planting of trees:** CBC has been randomly planting trees in the County, some of which have been planted too close to the highway in Milton Bryan and this has been queried with CBC. CBC are trying to assess what trees have been planted and where.

 **697.2 Milton Bryan Cricket Club – Ben Clark**

Mr Ben Clark attended the meeting to talk about the Cricket Club and to establish a stronger relationship with the Village and the Club. The Club has a new Committee and are keen to become more involved with the community. The Club are in a strong position and they hold various social events. They will make the village more aware of these events. Current members come from the surrounding villages including Milton Keynes and Toddington and the Club will be contacting local schools to encourage new members to join the Club. A new website has been set up and will be available soon and a contact number will be circulated. Resident, John Harris said that the Cricket Ground is very well kept and is a credit to the Club and the Parish Meeting concurred this statement. The Chairman thanked Ben Clark for attending and welcomed the Clubs desire to be more involved in the Community.

698 **Open Forum:**

There were no comments from members of the public.

699 **Village Matters:**

699.1 Village projects/issues for consideration

The Chairman said that he took a walk around the village with other villagers to look at projects or issues that need consideration. Items identified included:

**Village Issues:**

-Highways - road safety and reducing speed are priorities. Issues such as drainage problems and pot holes are the responsibility of CBC and would need to be reported via ‘fix my street’. Issues regarding street cleanliness, fly tipping etc are the responsibility of Environmental Services and should be reported via their section of the Council website. Any issues with land owned by the Bedford Estates will need to be reported to the Bedford Estates for them to look into.

-Road markings - ‘dragons teeth’ when entering the Village and white lines outside the Red Lion Pub to ensure vehicles stay on the correct side of the road, CBC are looking into both issues.

-Layby - on the corner of Church End which should not be in existence. CBC are looking into this issue.

-Hedges – a number of overgrowing hedges have been identified as intruding onto the highway which landowners will need to deal with.

-Grass triangle near Meads Close – the saplings have been removed but the roots also need removing.

-Gritting – a formal request for a review has been submitted to CBC.

**Village Projects:**

-Entrance Gates for all 3 entrances to the Village. CBC Cllr Baker will ask if CBC are able to make a contribution.

-Planters - for various locations in the Village.

The Chairman said that the next step is to obtain formal quotes for the Entrance Gates and Planters and to await a response from CBC to the various items they are looking into. Further discussions to be held at the next meeting.

699.2 Kings Coronation

It was noted that Mr and Mrs McCann have kindly offered the use of their garden at the Manor House for a Village celebration. The date is to be agreed.

699.3 Parish Meeting Policies

The Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Risk Assessment and Asset Register were reviewed and agreed with no changes.

700 **Finance:**

700.1 Accounts to 31st January 2023

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|   |          £  |
| Barclays Current Account  | 2,788.16 |
| Barclays Savings Account  | 2,333.16 |
| Less unpresented chqs £10.53, £87.00, £20.60 x 3 | 159.33 |
| **TOTAL**  | 4,961.99 |
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| B/F 2021/22 | 4,216.08 |
| Receipts to 31st January 2023 | 2,877.20 |
| Payments to 31st January 2023 | 2,131.29 |
| **TOTAL**  | 4,961.99 |

 700.2 Other finance matters:

The Village Hall confirmed that they do not require the £400 donation from the Parish Meeting for 2022/23.

701 **Planning:**

Nothing to report.

702 **Correspondence:**

No correspondence

703 **Date of next meeting:**

Meetings will be held in October, February and May each year.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 31st May 2023 starting at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.19pm

Signed: ……………………………………. (Chairman) Date: ………………………….