**MILTON BRYAN PARISH MEETING**

**Minutes of the Milton Bryan Parish Meeting**

**held on Wednesday 26th October 2022**

**in the Village Hall**

Present*:*  8 members of the public, Peter Horrocks – Chairman,

Karen Barker – Clerk, CBC Cllr John Baker

683 **Apologies**:

Apologies were given from Craig Gibson

684 **Minutes of previous meeting**:

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 18th May 2022 were approved and agreed by all those present. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record of events.

685 **Tributes to HM Queen Elizabeth II**

The Parish Meeting expressed their sadness at the death of HM Queen

Elizabeth II. During the period of mourning a book of remembrance was made

available at the Church for residents to record their thoughts as a lasting

memorial and a service of prayer and reflection was held. The website main

page was also changed to express the passing of HM The Queen as a sign of

respect.

686 **Matters Arising**:

 There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

687 **Reports and Representations:**

 687.1 CBC Cllr J Baker gave a report:

 **Highways:** Some of the roads in the village have been marked up and will be surface dressed which will extend the life of the surface for another 5 to 10 years. The Ringway Jacobs contract will probably not be renewed. Road sweeping is due to be done shortly to clear the leaves. CBC Cllr Baker said that he is trying to identify all problem areas in the ward and he thanked Clare Francis and others for recording issues and passing on the information to him.

 **CBC:** The increase in council tax next year is predicted to be 2%. CBC Cllr Baker said that he will try to encourage CBC not to spend money unnecessarily.

 **New Homes:** CBC has approved in principle, 5,000 homes for the new town at Marson Moretaine. CBC Cllr Baker said that he has challenged the amount of traffic that will be generated in the area as the developers have not considered this issue.

**East/West Rail**: The Bletchley/Bedford line is only in the design stage and the funding for it has not yet been agreed.

688 **Open Forum:**

John Harris said that the Village Hall AGM will be held on Tuesday 22nd November at 7.30pm. The Clerk to circulate the details. (**Action Clerk**)

689 **Village Matters:**

689.1 Re-election of Charity Trustees

John Harris proposed the re-election of Steve Harris and John Hinton as Trustees of Milton Bryan Charity. This was seconded by Rosemary Rogers and agreed by all present.

689.2 Village projects for consideration

The Chairman said that consideration needs to be given to projects that could be undertaken in the village given that the Parish Meeting has some financial flexibility. Various ideas were discussed, including improving the entrance to the village and employing someone to undertake maintenance around the village. Further consideration to be given for discussion at the February meeting.

689.3 Battlesden Stile

The new stile supplied by CBC has not yet been installed. The Chairman said that he would chase this up. (**Action Chairman**)

690 **Finance:**

690.1 Accounts to 30th September 2022

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|   |          £  |
| Barclays Current Account  | 3,597.70 |
| Barclays Savings Account  | 2,331.86 |
| Less unpresented chqs | 20.6020.6040.00 |
| **TOTAL**  | 5,848.36 |
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| B/F 2021/22 | 4,216.08 |
| Receipts to 30th Sept 2022 | 2,875.90 |
| Payments to 30th Sept 2022 | 1,243.62 |
| **TOTAL**  | 5,848.36 |

 690.2 Other finance matters:

 690.2.1 Budget/Precept 2023/24

The Clerk said that the budget for 2023/24 has been drawn up and this will be placed on the website. There will not be an increase in the precept for 2023/24 which will remain at £2,710. This was agreed and noted by the Parish Meeting.

691 **Planning:**

Nothing to report.

692 **Correspondence:**

No correspondence

693 **Date of next meeting:**

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 starting at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.10pm

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