
MILTON BRYAN PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Milton Bryan Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 27th October 2021 in the Village Hall

Present: 14 members of the public, Peter Horrocks – Chairman,
Karen Barker – Clerk, CBC Cllr John Baker,
Matthew Neilson- Woburn Estates Manager

652 **Apologies:**

Apologies were given from Steve Harris, Craig Gibson, John Hinton, Shirley Nicholls and David Nicholls

653 **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the Parish Meetings held on 24th February and 26th May were approved and agreed by all those present. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record of events.

654 **Matters Arising:**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

655 **Reports and Representations:**

655.1 CBC Cllr J Baker

CBC: CBC Cllr Baker said that it is difficult to get CBC to do anything due to the layers of bureaucracy. He is working to get wasteful spending under control for children's services and trying to get road sweepers in the village but there is only one vehicle in operation at the moment.

Drains: CBC Cllr Baker is battling with CBC to get the drains/ditches cleared at Church End.

Schools: CBC Cllr Baker said that he has suggested a Cllr led working group be set up with particular consideration given to school transport.

CBC Ward Cllr fund: CBC Cllr Baker said that he has a small amount of money and that the village should give some thought to applying for funding towards a project in the village.

655.2 Woburn Estate – Matthew Neilson

Matthew Neilson was welcomed to the meeting as the new Estate Manager for Woburn Estates. He said that Paul Williams retired at the beginning of the pandemic. He is new to the area and took on the job very recently to connect various parts of the business including property and the Abbey.

656 **Open Forum:**

A resident asked whether there was any update on the proposed changes to the flight path. Peter Horrocks said that he submitted some comments after the consultation and is not aware of any update.

A resident said that there should be more signs indicating the location of the defibrillator in the village.

657 **Village Matters:**

657.1 Village Hall

John Harris spoke about the importance of the Village Hall. He said it is an important asset for the village and has been hardly used in the last 18 months due to the pandemic. The hall received a grant from the Government of £10,000 in the first year of covid which has kept the hall functioning. The AGM will be held in November and the committee would like more volunteers.

657.2 Speed limits

Robin Friend said that he has not yet organized a petition regarding speed reductions in the village.

657.3 Verges/Pond – South End

Robin Friend said that vehicles are still parking on the pond verge in South End and churning up the grass and there is also a problem with blanket weed in the pond. Matthew Neilson said that he would take a look at the area.

657.4 Stile – accessibility

The Woburn Estate has agreed to replace the stile on the footpath by the entrance to Battlesden Avenue.

657.5 Military Intelligence Museum

An update was provided by John Hinton and this was read out. The Museum in Chicksands opened again in September. So far, the Trustees are seeing some interest, but business is very slow. They are not progressing any plans for Milton Bryan at present and continue to look for alternative options for what they might do with the Museum in the light of the new situation.

658 **Finance:**

658.1 Accounts to 31st August 2021

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Barclays Current Account	3,374.01
Barclays Savings Account	2,330.78
Less unrepresented chq no's 668, 669	40.00
TOTAL	5,664.79
B/F 2020/21	3,821.87
Receipts to 31 st August 2021	2,875.06
Payments to 31 st August 2021	1,032.14
TOTAL	5,664.79

658.2 Internal Audit Report

The Clerk reported that the internal audit was carried out remotely and all available information was examined. The Parish Meeting currently complies with the publication requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and has opted to comply with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities 2015. This would be enhanced by posting the itemized details of the receipts and payments on the website. The Clerk said that she will put the excel spreadsheet she produces on the website in future. This was noted by the Parish Meeting.

658.3 Budget/Precept 2022/23

The Clerk said that the precept will remain unchanged from the previous year at £2,710 which will be submitted in January. A sum of £54 to be included in the reserves each year and carried forward, if not spent, for the defibrillator to cover replacement pads and batteries. The allotment income exceeds what the Parish Meeting pay in rent so this amount will also be carried forward for any future maintenance. This was noted by the Parish Meeting. **(Action Clerk)**

659 **Planning:**

Nothing to report.

660 **Correspondence:**

No correspondence

661 **Date of next meeting:**

Meetings will be held in October, February and May each year. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 starting at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed: (Chairman) Date: