**MILTON BRYAN PARISH MEETING**

**Minutes of the Milton Bryan Parish Meeting**

**held on Wednesday 31st May 2023**

**in the Village Hall**

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

Karen Barker – Clerk, CBC Cllr John Baker

704 **Election of Chairman**:

Nigel David proposed that Peter Horrocks be elected as Chairman of Milton

Bryan Parish Meeting. This was seconded by John Harris. There being no

other nominations and Peter Horrocks being willing to accept, he was duly

appointed as Chairman of Milton Bryan Parish Meeting.

705 **Apologies**:

Apologies were given from Clare Francis, Shirley Nichols, Jean Harris

706 **Minutes of previous meeting**:

The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 22nd February 2023 were approved and agreed by all those present. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record of events.

707 **Matters Arising**:

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

708 **Reports and Representations:**

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

**Elections**

CBC Cllr Baker said thanks to all those who voted for him in the recent elections. He said that he received 90% of the vote and was overwhelmed by this outcome. The result was on a turnout of 54% of voters. He thanked the team of people who have supported him over the last four years. CBC Cllr Baker said that he will carry on working for the village to ensure that CBC delivers the service expected. Adam Zerny has been made leader of the Council, the first ever Independent Leader of CBC. Cllr Zerny has appointed a team of Independenct Cllrs who will lead the various departments. CBC Cllr Baker said that he was appointed the lead Cllr for finance and constitutional reform.

**Modernisation**

The new administration will be addressing many issues including introducing more evening meetings, a greater focus on technology and a review of allowances. There will be an immediate cut to allowances typically paid to Cllrs forming the administration which will free up over £110,000 for spending on priorities. The roles of the Scrutiny Committee will be shared proportionally amongst the political groups.

**East West Rail**

Whilst the Oxford to Bletchley phase is well underway and due for completion within the next two years, the plans for the two remaining sections, Bletchley to Bedford and Bedford to Cambridge are being opened up for public consultation. The proposals for the local area include the Woburn Sands and Aspley Guise stations remaining as currently located and the level crossings to remain open although there is some discussion regarding the sheer amount of road traffic using the Woburn Sands level crossing. A consultation event will be held in the Summerlin Centre in Woburn Sands on 30th June at 2pm.

**Milton Bryan matters**

CBC Cllr Baker said that he is aware of the need for road surface dressing at Church End and that some pipes need fixing before this is done as well as the gulleys/drains that are full. Verge cutting has been done but this is not up to standard. Pond Lane has not been cut at all. CBC Cllr Baker said that he will obtain a detailed map of all areas that should be cut and discuss this with the Chairman.

709 **Open Forum:**

Resident John Harris said that in the past he has cut the grass at the village pond. He asked whether the Parish Meeting could arrange a contractor to cut it. The Chairman said that when a map has been obtained showing areas of grass cut in the village, there will be more clarity on which areas CBC are responsible for and it may be possible to add the pond area to the schedule or the Parish Meeting may be able to pay towards the cutting out of its reserves.

710 **Village Matters:**

710.1 Village projects/highways

The Chairman said that the highways works and drain clearance as previously discussed will be done. Other matters that have been raised are road markings but this needs further discussion. Before the Parish Meeting can make any commitments to any projects it needs to be ascertained what CBC are prepared to pay for, eg the village gates.

710.2 Kings Coronation

Thanks were given to Mr and Mrs McCann at the Manor House who kindly allowed the use of their garden for a Village celebration. This was much appreciated.

710.3 Re-election of Charity Trustees

John Harris proposed the re-election of Clare Francis and Robin Friend as Trustees of Milton Bryan Charity. This was seconded by Craig Gibson and agreed by all present.

711 **Finance:**

711.1 Accounts to 31st March 2023

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| --- | --- |
|  | £ |
| Barclays Current Account | 2,283.15 |
| Barclays Savings Account | 2,336.06 |
| Less unpresented chqs | 0.00 |
| **TOTAL** | 4,619.21 |
|  |  |
| B/F 2021/22 | 4,216.08 |
| Receipts to 31st March 2023 | 2,880.10 |
| Payments to 31st March 2023 | 2,476.97 |
| **TOTAL** | 4,619.21 |

711.2 Other finance matters:

711.2.1 2022/23 Accounts for approval/exemption certificate

The Parish Meeting was agreed as exempt from the External Audit and the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement were proposed as correct by Robin Friend, seconded by John Hinton and agreed by all present. The Chairman signed the Annual Governance Statement, the Accounting Statement and the Certificate of Exemption to confirm approval by the Meeting. The Clerk to place the final finance documents on the website and send the Exemption Certificate to the External Auditor. (**Action Clerk**)

711.2.2 Internal Audit Report

The Clerk read out the Internal Audit Report and this was noted:

No audit issues were identified and having tested all the aspects of the meeting’s internal controls, based on the information made available, in all significant respects, the internal control objectives were achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the meeting’s needs.

712 **Planning:**

Nothing to report.

713 **Correspondence:**

No correspondence

714 **Date of next meeting:**

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 25th October 2023 starting at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm

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