**MILTON BRYAN PARISH MEETING**

**Minutes of the Milton Bryan Parish Meeting**

**held on Wednesday 27th February 2019**

**in The Village Hall, Milton Bryan**

Present*:* 16 residents, John Harris – Chairman of the Parish Meeting,

Karen Barker – Clerk, Julian Barnard and Bill Steadman from the Military Intelligence Museum, CBC Cllr Budge Wells

581 **Apologies**:

Apologies were received from Peter Horrocks, Liz Friend, Yvonne Bell and Andrew Creamer

582 **Minutes of previous meeting**:

It was proposed by David Nicholls that the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 31st October 2018 be signed as a true record of events. This was seconded by John Hinton with all in agreement.

583 **Matters Arising**:

There were no matters arising.

584 **Reports and Representations:**

584.1 CBC Cllr Wells

Great British Spring Clean – 22nd March to 23rd April 2019:

CBC will provide sacks and litter pickers and they will collect the sacks of rubbish. The Clerk to forward the email with details about the event to David Peel and Robin Friend. (**Action Clerk**)

Budget:

CBC has approved a 1% increase in council tax. CBC has identified 14.8m in efficiencies for the coming year. Since 2009 – 2017 £100m in savings were achieved.

Britain’s EU exit:

A set of measures is in place for Britain leaving the EU such as care of adults and construction. CBC has a finance team in place to monitor any decisions from Westminster.

Oxford/Cambridge Expressway:

The proposed corridor does not affect Milton Bryan but does incorporate Aspley Guise. The actual route has not been decided but it may run north of the railway line from Bletchley to Aspley Guise.

One Way Road:

To stop traffic using Milton Bryan as a cut through, a request has been submitted to put in a one way system from the top end of Potsgrove to the roundabout by the Flying Fox. The cost to CBC would be significant.

A421 Dualling:

The levelling of the land will take place in March and the Cranfield Road bridge will be taken down in May and the road closed for 12 months.

Signage:

A dangerous bend sign has been requested on the road between Eversholt and Milton Bryan.

Potholes:

CBC Cllr Wells to report a large pothole on the road from Toddington to Milton Bryan and chase up some that have not been filled which were reported by a resident. A resident queried why highways do not fill all potholes when attending the village as this would be more cost effective.

CBC Cllr Wells left the meeting.

584.2 Military Intelligence Museum

Julian Barnard and Bill Steadman attended the meeting on behalf of the Military Intelligence Museum Board of Trustees to give an update regarding the proposed change of use to the Scout-camp area to a Military Intelligence Museum. A pre-application has been submitted to Central Beds Council. On site visits have been held with officers from the Planning Department. The submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund was unsuccessful but they are planning to make a second submission. There are, however, other sources of funding for the project which is expected to cost in the region of £10m. The Grade 2 listed Gatehouse is not part of the project but the museum board intend to renovate the building at a cost of around £35,000 for the village to use. This will allow them to assess the type of works required on the main building. The board hope that the Scouts will continue to use the facility if the renovations go ahead, but they will be sited the other end of the plot. It is hoped that Central Beds Council will give approval to the pre-application and should this be the case, a public presentation will be held which will allow members of the public to address any issues of concern that they have. The board are committed to involving the village in the plans and will take into account any issues raised when they draw up a formal planning application.

One attendee asked for considerations to be made of those villagers whose houses back onto the site, especially with regard to visual privacy and noise prevention. John Harris thanked Julian Barnard and Bill Steadman for attending.

585 **Open Forum**:

There were no comments from members of the public.

586 **Village Matters:**

586.1 Festival of Britain Sign

John Harris said that he has been contacted by a person from Luton who has taken an interest in the refurbishment of Festival of Britain Signs. He has looked at the sign in Milton Bryan and it needs refurbishing. He said that he has removed the two plaques from the board and taken them to Signs of the Times in Tebworth. They have quoted £116.16 to refurbish the Beds Coat of Arms plaque and £76.80 for the Festival of Britain plaque. They can also supply a new board/panel for the plaques at a cost of £520 plus VAT. John Harris said that he will find out whether he can obtain the board elsewhere at a cost of no more than £300. The concrete posts have shattered and cannot be repaired so it was suggested that the sign be put on the Village Hall fence instead as this is more central to the village. Robin Friend proposed, seconded by David Peel for the plaques to be refurbished by Signs of the Times and their quote accepted and that the panel/board cost be looked into further with a view to the cost being around £300, agreed by the meeting. (**Action John Harris**)

586.2 T Junction/Layby

The Clerk reiterated that the subject of litter had been raised at the October meeting when it was requested that something be put in place to dissuade people from parking in what has become a layby. This has been looked into and it was reported that the Parish Meeting are not allowed to put any obstacles in place as the Parish Meeting would be liable for injury to the public or their vehicles. John Harris suggested that the area could be tidied up and seeded. The Clerk was asked to contact CBC Cllr Wells and ask that Central Beds Council repair the embankment by levelling it out to reinstate it as an embankment and not a layby. (**Action Clerk**)

586.3 Dog Bin

It was agreed to request a dog bin on the footpath opposite 4/5 Pond Lane. CBC Cllr Wells to put in a request for a dog warden to assess the location for a new dog bin. It was mentioned that the green bins outside the hall and opposite the Church both take dog waste. It was agreed that the signs on the bins need to be refreshed as the signs are faded and not clear. John Harris to contact CBC Cllr Wells.

(**Action John Harris**)

587 **Finance:**

587.1 Accounts to 31st January 2019

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|  | £ |
| Barclays Current Account | 1,522.83 |
| Barclays Savings Account | 2,324.19 |
| Less unpresented chqs (£105.31, £55.00, £24.28) | 184.59 |
| **TOTAL** | 3,662.43 |
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| B/F 2017/18 | 5,585.97 |
| Receipts to 31st January 2019 | 2,688.23 |
| Payments to 31st January 2019 | 4,611.77 |
| **TOTAL** | 3,662.43 |

587.2 February payments were noted by the Parish Meeting:

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| Chq No | Payee | £ |
| 100577 | K Barker – salary and expenses | 105.31 |
| 100578 | BATPC – affiliation fees | 45.00 |
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|  | TOTAL | 150.31 |

587.3 Other Finance matters:

587.3.1 Budget/Precept 2019/20

The precept was submitted to CBC of £2,710, an increase of £216 over last year. This is due to an increased budget for village expenses for the pond maintenance and allotment hedging, a small increase in the payroll service and the Clerks salary.

588 **Planning:**

There were no planning issues for discussion.

589 **Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence for circulation.

590 **Date of next meeting:**

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

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd May 2019 starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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