

# Great Milton Parish Council

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Minutes of the Great Milton Parish Council meeting held on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010**  
at **7pm** in the **Pavilion**.

Present: Cllrs Mr. Ken Rogers (Chairman), Mr. Phil Ashworth, Mr. Doug Colley,  
Mr. Peter Fewell and Mrs. Christine Pepperell. Mr. Ian Bradley arrived  
later in the meeting.

In Attendance: Joanna Botha (Clerk)  
Pat Cox (Bulletin Reporter)  
David Turner (County Councillor)  
John Nowell-Smith  
7 Members of the Public

**41/10 Apologies for Absence**

**Action:**

Stephen Harrod (Vice-Chairman)

**42/10 Register of Interests for this Meeting**

None

**43/10 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> and the Planning Meeting held on Monday March 22<sup>nd</sup> were confirmed as a true and accurate record. This was proposed by Christine Pepperell (CP), seconded by Doug Colley and agreed upon unanimously.

**44/10 Matters to Report**

The Clerk had prepared and circulated a written report in advance of the meeting which are attached as an appendix to the Minutes.

John Nowell-Smith said he has ensured that the current Views Farm planning application will go to Planning Committee because he feels it should be approved and SODC may be objecting.

David Turner reported that the county Fire Service had received a national award for diversity and equality, the County Council had succeeded in being awarded a £45,000 grant for vulnerable children. He added that the police and OCC have been prosecuting people for illegally using the Icknield Way in 4x4s. It has now been barricaded.

**45/10 Correspondence and Public Discussion**

To receive items of correspondence and take questions from the public.

The Clerk had received various correspondences from Environmental Health regarding the Parish Council's letter about fly-tipping. The local problem areas will be put under hidden camera surveillance.

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It was reported that the corner of the Forties and Little Milton Road is yet to be cleared. The Clerk said she would report this.

JB

A letter had been received from Simon Longbottom, Managing Director of Greene King responding to the Parish Council's letter of concern about the future of The Bull. It stated that Regional Manager Peter Knowles was currently working to recruit 'the very best licencees to re-establish The Bull as the hub of the community' and that Mr. Knowles would be in touch within the next 7 days.

JB

John Howell MP had also written to Greene King in support of the Parish Council's concerns.

The Parish Council had also received a letter from Adrian Duffield, Head of Planning at SODC in response to recent concerns expressed by various Parish Councils about the loss of influence implied by the recent changes to the Planning referral process. This was yet to be circulated. There was a brief discussion about this. It was felt that planning has a long-term effect and should be taken at a reasonable pace.

JB

A letter had been received from the Neighbours Hall thanking the Parish Council for its financial support of the recent Touring Theatre event.

A donation request had been received from Oxfordshire Ryder Cheshire Volunteers which will go on a later Agenda.

JB

## 46/10 Planning Applications

### A Great Milton Parish Council considers that the following planning applications should be APPROVED by South Oxfordshire District Council:

The Old Stores, The Green, Great Milton. P10/W0366/LB & P10/W0104  
Replacement of asbestos roof with slates to domestic storage building. Replacement of doors and addition of roof lights.

The Priory, Church Road, Great Milton. P10/W0312/LB & P10/W0311  
Minor single storey extensions to kitchen.

Tudor Cottage, London Road, Wheatley. P10/W0397  
Demolition of single storey concrete garage at rear of property. Replacement garage/workshop on building line of dwelling. (*Stephen on Ken's behalf*)

### Great Milton Parish Council considers that the following planning applications should be REFUSED by South Oxfordshire District Council:

Lantern Service Station, London Road, Milton Common. P10/W0318  
Proposed new LPG fuel facility for privately owned vehicles.

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## **B The following Planning Decisions had been received:**

Planning permission has been GRANTED by SODC for Chilworth House School, Grooms Farm, Thame Road, Wheatley (In the parish of Great Milton) OX33 1JP. P10/W0157 . The provision of an artificial grass all-weather playing area with perimeter fence.

## **C Updates were reported on the following applications:**

Great Milton C of E Primary School. County Council reference R3.0188/09. District Council reference P09/W0843/CC.

A letter had been received from The Secretary of State stating that he has decided NOT to call in the Children's Centre application.

Land at Coombe Farm, Chilworth Road, Great Milton, OX44 7NZ. R3.0035/10  
Change of use from pasture to parking area for use by Great Milton CE Primary School for a temporary period until 31st January 2012.

SODC had OBJECTED to the Land at Coombe Farm temporary parking application and the Planning & Regulation Committee will be looking at Coombe Farm on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## **47/10 Donation requests**

This item was carried forward to a future meeting.

**JB**

## **48/10 Hard Surface Play Area**

The Parish Council had been asked to consider a proposal by the Hard Surface Play Area Committee to grant a new 20 year lease for this area of land now, rather than waiting for the existing one to expire in 2013, in order to make grant applications for extending the surface more agreeable to potential funders.

The HSPA Committee was asked to provide a proposal in writing for full discussion at a future meeting.

Due to the confidential nature of the next item, the meeting was suspended at 8pm until after the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

## **49/10 Recreation Ground Grass Cutting**

The meeting was re-opened at 9.40pm with the public excluded due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed. Andrew Noble was asked to remain in his capacity as Chair of the Recreation Ground Management Committee.

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Due to the departure of Enterprise Highways as grounds contractor for the County Council, the Parish Council needed to recruit its own contractor for the Recreation Ground at short notice. Berinsfield Community Business, currently contracted to cut the verges, had provided an interim cut and also quoted for the work as had Altom Tree and Countrywide Grounds Maintenance. It was agreed that Countrywide Grounds Maintenance were the preferred supplier and that Andy Noble would have a site meeting with them, and provided all were in agreement about the details and the schedule, they would be awarded the contract. This was proposed by Phil Ashworth and seconded by Peter Fewell.

AN/JB

## 50/10 Financial Resolutions

A The following payments were authorised, proposed by PA, seconded by DC and agreed upon unanimously:

- Gillett & Johnson Ltd. Church clock service - £179.78
- Sylvia Kirby. Hospital Car Service phone calls - £5.85
- Parochial Church Council. Grass cutting grant - £500
- Mike Henson Presentations. Modifying 2 x web pages - £35.25
- BT. Payphone sponsorship - £352.50
- Oxfordshire Rural Community Council. Membership subscription - £30
- Thames Water. Allotments supply - £7.54
- Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils. Annual subscription - £130.30
- SODC. Dog bin emptying. £133.58
- Joanna Botha. Clerk's Salary. £307.33
- Manuel Stone. Editorial Services for April Bulletin. £50.00
- Jonathan Dudley. March & April Bulletin Production. £482.40

B Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated the quarterly accounts and bank reconciliation to Councillors. It was proposed by IB that these be approved. This was seconded by PF and agreed upon unanimously.

## 51/10 Any Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 9.57pm.

The next meeting of Great Milton Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Council meeting and will be held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.30pm** in the Pavilion.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_