

MILTON MALSOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MINUTES of the **Annual Parish Meeting** held on Tuesday 8th April 2025 at 7.00 pm,

PRESENT: A. Grant, prospective WNC candidate

ATTENDING: 10 members of the public

IN THE CHAIR: Edmund James

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming members of the public, explaining that the Annual Parish Meeting was not a Parish Council meeting but was for parishioners to discuss matters relating to the village. All items raised could then be reported to the Parish Council and other relevant bodies for action to be taken.

1. APOLOGIES None received

2. MINUTES OF THE APM 2024 – To be agreed by those present & signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no objections & were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT for 2024/2025

- The Chairman brought the following matters to the attention of the meeting:
- The budget had worked out well and the bank account looked healthy.
- The village park was well maintained with the children's play area equipment being looked after monthly & inspected by ROSPA annually.
- Mowing contact is looking after both the village & helping in the Churchyard.
- The Council has attracted both S106 funding from the SEGRO rail freight terminal and from CIL monies.

4. REPORTS FROM:

The Poor's Trust – A. Treharne (Trustee)

- £550.00 had been received from the land rent.
- Retired residents who had applied, had received a £20.00 Christmas gift.
- Notice given of a Trustee's retirement.
- No input from the Vicar. He is difficult to contact.

The Parochial Church Council – G. Franklin (Church Warden)

- Church building in a fair state with some interior work undertaken.
- An attempted break-in caused minor damage to the Sargeant window.
- Churchyard has become overgrown with ivy & it is hoped the scouts will help to remove it.
- The boundary wall is bulging due to a tree & will need attention shortly.
- Fund raising & coffee mornings continue.
- Canon Richard Stainer is planning a pilgrimage to Walsingham on the 27th May 2025. A coach has been arranged.
- The Monday Club continues for bereaved & is well attended.
- Strong links have been forged with the school.
- Thanks go to the P. Council for their help with the grass mowing & space in the newsletter.

The Village Hall – P. Howell

- Hall has had a busy year
- No increase to hire charges.

- Repairs still expected to take place. Insulation has been updated.
- Have joined a village hall group.
- CCTV has been installed both inside & outside.
- Booking officer is retiring.
- Vaccine van visits the car park from time to time.
- Hall AGM on 25th April.

Police – A written report received & placed I the minute book

Football Club – written report received.

5. **DRAFT ACCOUNTS – 2024/2025**

- Clerk is waiting for up to date bank statements.
- NCALC Internal Audit to take place on Friday, 25th April
- Final accounts to PKF Littejohn no later than 1st July 2025.

6. **REPORT FROM WEST NORTHANTS COUNCIL – WNC Cllr A. Grant**

- Elections on 1st May 2025. Resident are reminded to take photo ID if attending a polling station.
- Milton Malsor will be in the new Ward of Hackleton & Roade with two Councillors instead of three.

7. **PARISHIONERS QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR**

- Regarding the Poor’s Trust & the lack of contact with the vicar. GF asked if anyone had been in contact with him. It was reported that the Clerk & Vice Chairman of the PC had held a meeting with him but to no avail. The resident vicar is obliged to be be a Poor’s Trust Trustee.
- The Church Warden will speak to him.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 7.39 pm

The meeting was immediately followed by the April Parish Council meeting.

Signed: **Dated:**