

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 8th April 2025
At Raynsford House immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting

PRESENT: Cllr Edmund James, Chairman Cllr Janet Winchester, Vice Chairman
Cllr Brenda Jenks Cllr Paul Heath
Cllr Katie Spruels Cllr Jerry Forskitt

ATTENDING: 2 Members of the public, Cllr Andrew Grant, WNC candidate

IN THE CHAIR: Cllr Ed James, The Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting reminding Councillors & Parishioners that meetings can now be recorded as long as it did not disturb the smooth running of the meeting.

1. **QUESTION TIME - for the public**

- Two members of the public showed an interest in joining the PC team after 1st May.

2. **APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence: B. Cook (work)**

3. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interest & nature of interest to be declared.**

J. Forskitt – planning application ENS/2023/0022/FUL – neighbouring property

4. **REPORTS FROM WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

Cllr. A. Addison, Cllr. Adam Brown, Cllr K. Cooper

- WNC elections on 1st May 2025. Residents are reminded to take photo ID if casting their vote at the polling station.
- Green bin annual collection fee @ £60.00 per bin.
- New Ward called Hackleton & Roade covering the following villages: Ashton, Roade, Hartwell, Hackleton & Piddington, Quinton, Courteenhall, Stoke Bruerne, Shutlanger, Blisworth, Milton Malsor – map given to all PC members
- The new Ward is a WNC two member Ward.
- List of WNC candidates for the new Hackleton & Roade Ward received. 9 candidates for the 2 seats.
- There will not be an election for the Parish Council as to date only 6 Parishioners have applied for the nine seats. The PC has 35 days from the 1st May to coopt 3 more members.

5. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

These had been previously circulated and were duly proposed seconded and signed by the Chairman as a true record with the following amendments:

- Typing errors corrected on pages 270 & 271
- Collingtree Rd. VAS sign is facing the Church not the bridge
- Number of vehicles travelling on Collingtree Road is per week not per day.

6. **MATTERS FOR REPORT – New matters & those arising from the previous Minutes:**

Highways – P. Heath

- Barn Lane will not be resurfaced at the moment. There will be no resurfacing work in the village for the next three months,

Lighting – J. Forskitt

- All lights in the village are working.
- PC is still waiting for the 4 new antique lamps.
- Quotes for lighting work to be sent to J. Forskitt.
- J. Winchester to send Forde & McHugh information to J. Forskitt.

Village Maintenance / Environment Issues, Churchyard – J. Winchester

- War Memorial – Work delayed.
- Leaning headstones – stonemason to quote for repairs
- Fogg Cottages
- a) Constant reports of vandalism.
- b) WNC will sanction regular patrols
- c) PC has requested a timeline on when restoration work will be undertaken.

Grass Mowing – J. Winchester

- Query regarding payment of invoice 2356. Clerk has replied: invoice paid on 11/3/25.
- No problems with the village mowing contract.
- Brambles – Cut Crew to be asked to quote for the work.

Village Park – N. Jagger

- Offer to help with tree work in the park by N. Jagger & B. Sumpton
- ROSPA have offered to make an inspection of the play equipment in June/July 2025.
- PH has undertaken an inspection of the play equipment.
- Seesaw needs to be transported back to the park.
- The tunnel – concerns regarding BMX riders.
- Agreed: PH to look after the play equipment, JW to look after the greenery.

VAS Signs -K. Spruels

- Faulty sign for Rectory Lane now repaired & waiting to be reinstalled.
- New post to be installed.
- Collingtree Road sign registered 31k vehicles from 28/2 to 6/4.

Website – K. Spruels, C. Neal

- Posts to KS for inclusion.

Facebook

- Adverts for trades people – ‘at your own risk’ note to be posted.

Newsletter – B. Jenks, J. Winchester, K. Spruels

- Next edition – printer to be found as Champion School unable to print until the September Term.
- Concern raised by the high cost of printing.
- KS has been looking for a temporary printer.

Dog Warden – J. Winchester to take this on board.

- Village Hall dog bin is being well used – now full.

Footpaths – Ed James to take responsibility

Flower Planters – J. Forskitt

7. CORRESPONDENCE – Received & Sent

Received from

1. Update on activities at the Compass Pub.
 - a) Man seen looking through glove boxes in unlocked cars.
 - b) Motorcyclist taking photographs through the pub windows.
 - c) Pub sheds are being used/visited.
2. WNC – Car Cruising information – sent to all members
3. Planning Inspectorate – Grand Union Canal information – sent to all members.
4. B. Thorpe – concern regarding the state of the public seat by the bus stop at the crematorium. Reply sent – this seat is not in Milton Malsor Parish. Possibly East or West Hunsbury or Northampton Town Council.

5. Highways – Concerns received regarding the M1/J15 traffic lights are favouring M1 traffic causing delays for local users. Highways state they have received no significant complaints.

Sent to

1. WNC Democratic Services – request for P. Heath to speak at the planning committee meeting on the 3rd April 2025. Agreed by WNC.
2. Danielle Stone, Police & Crime Commissioner – Query regarding availability of Immediate Justice Team workers.

8. FINANCE:

Bank Balances	Current A/C	£200.00
	Savings A/C (24/3/25)	£67,426.76

Money Received:

To Note:

- Annual VAT reimbursement @ £3,687.55 applied for on 2/4/25
- Clerk's salary & working time arrangements for 2025/2026 financial year:
 - a) 10 hours per week @ £17.00 per hour. Agreed
 - b)

Accounts to be paid:

It was proposed, seconded & resolved to pay the following invoices:

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
2818	HMRC	Clerk's PAYE	147.33		147.33
2819	G. Mooney	Lower Road shrubs	60.00		60.00
2820	Hawk Pest Control	Park rabbits	30.00		30.00
2821	E. ON	Lighting maintenance	269.50	53.90	323.40
2822	Mrs. A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & expenses	789.34	39.00	628.34
2823	Mr. R. Fletcher	Cleaning bus shelters x 2	150.00		150.00

To Note:

- **Unity Trust Bank Account**
 - a) Bank signatures – EJ to complete

9. PLANNING

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
2025/0972/FUL	Stone Gables, 22 High St.	Replace existing leaf gates with new. Existing wooden piers to be replaced by 2 stone piers with sandstone coping stones. Repoint perimeter wall with lime mortar mix.	WNC case officer: Rebecca Wilkinson-Foster. PC comment
2025/1108/FUL	19 Stockwell Road	Erection of garden outbuilding Retrospective	Case officer - Alex Powell PC comments: To note the large shed built in the rear garden.

To Note:

- P. Heath attended the South planning committee meeting on 3/4/25 on behalf of the PC to speak against application WNS/2023/0022/FUL.

SEGRO J15 SRFT

- Minutes of liaison group meeting – sent to all members
- Date of next liaison meeting – 6.00 pm, 3rd June 2025

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor’s & Clerk’s Reports & actions to be taken:

- Letter received from Sarah Bool MP to Angela Raynor MP regarding the DHL planning application for a large warehouse along the A5.
- Clerk to contact Mr & Mrs Madan regarding removing the empty shop litter bin.
- Clerk to contact Hawk Pest Control regarding foxes in the village park.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 8.57 pm

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: [Tuesday, 13th May 2025, 7.30 pm, Raynsford House](#)

To note, The May meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the new Council

Signed: **Dated:**