

## MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
At Raynsford House.

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

**ATTENDING:**

**IN THE CHAIR:** Cllr Edmund 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**

**2. APOLOGIES for absence (to include reasons for absence**

Cllr F. Cole (personal), Cllr L. Ferullo, Cllr Walsh - personal

**3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Interest & nature of interest to be declared. NONE**

**4. REPORTS FROM WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

Cllr. Fiona Cole, Cllr Adam Smith – None received

**5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

These had been previously circulated and were duly proposed, seconded and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

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

**Highways**

- Meeting arranged with Helen Howard, 12/11/25, 10.30 am to discuss village gates & traffic calming. P. Heath, J Winchester & K. Spruels to attend.

**Lighting**

- PL2 repairs completed.
- PL at 7 Chestnut Close repairs complete @ £378.00
- Russel David, Sparks Lighting information

**Village Maintenance / Environment Issues**

- Park tree work – Ellis Tree services to undertake in January.
- Cut Crew contractor has ended its contract with the PC
- Clerk has contacted other mowing contractors for the 2026 village & Churchyard mowing.
  - a) Luke Costello (HGM) – Arrangements made to make a site visit with Cllr Winchester
  - b) Complete Grounds Maintenance Ltd. No response to date
  - c) A-Star Gardening & Landscape Ltd – has made contact with JW
- Tree work on village Green – quote from G. Mooney @ £200.00

**Village Park**

- Wooden goal posts knocked down. Suggestions:
  - a) Erect short posts
  - b) Re-erect better normal size posts
  - c) Coats & jumpers to be used

Agreed to remove the remaining post and fill the holes. KS to sort.

**Website** – Clerk to send financial information to the site

KS to enquire with regard to the website fees for next year.

**Facebook** - Re-post the group rules. Items “for Sale” are not allowed and will be removed - they need to use the village selling page. Free items are OK.

**Newsletter** - latest edition has been delivered. Agreed to produce 3 copies a year - Spring, Summer and Autumn & Winter

**VAS Signs**● **Collingtree Road October information**

Total number of vehicles	18,604
Number travelling at 35 mph	7,594
Maximum speed	60 mph
AM peak	49
PM peak	62
Daily average	596
Average speed	29.13mph.

● **Rectory Lane October Information**

Total number of vehicles	34,560
Maximum speed	55 mph
AM peak	191
PM peak	94
Daily average	1,096
Average speed	26.3 mph

The Community Speed Watch Scheme is changing. Each PC will purchase their own equipment for £150, which can be used at any time within the 8 month period. Equipment has a 12 month warranty but no annual calibration and we will need to purchase our own batteries. It was agreed that we do not want to purchase our own equipment or continue in the scheme.

**Dog & Footpaths Wardens** - JW Reported the stile is broken in the Griffith's field on the footpath towards the canal - Clerk to write to the Griffiths.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE – Received & Sent****Received from**

1. K. Spruels – confirmation of cost of recharging the VAS batteries. It is agreed to reimburse KS once a quarter @ £20.52. £47.88 arrears to be paid with November payments.
2. WNC Returning Officer – PC election charges information. Invoice to be sent to all PC's shortly
3. WNC Finance Team – 2026/2027 precept paperwork.
4. Mr Bryan – concerns regarding overbearing Lime tree in Stockwell Way. Clerk has written to Amplius Housing association requesting a site visit
5. WNC highways – Queen Eleanor roundabout completion date extended to Spring 2026 due to unforeseen works
6. WNC Planning Policy – consultation document on infrastructure to complete – copy sent to all PC members.

**Sent to**

1. Hawk Pest Control – Moles in Park
2. Cut Crew – PC concerns ref grass mowing & number of cuts left in season.

3. H. Howard, highways – request for a site visit. Reply received: date available: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.
4. WNC – query regarding the Land Transfer Scheme
5. Amplius Housing ref overgrown Lime tree in Stockwell Way – reply received, verge not cut by Aplius. WNC to be contacted.
6. D. Sargeant – Concern regarding barn by public footpath. Reply received, phone call from David Sargeant – family will make a site visit to review options.
7. WNC – information regarding Parish Office change of address.

## 8. FINANCE:

<b>Bank Balances</b>	<b>Current A/C NatWest</b>	<b>£200.00</b>
	<b>Savings A/C NatWest</b>	<b>£5121.93</b>
	<b>Current A/C Unity Trust</b>	<b>£5,696.99</b>
	<b>Savings A/C Unity Trust</b>	<b>£38,560.60</b>
<b>Money Received:</b>	<b>MM Church Wardens</b>	<b>£108.50</b>
	<b>Nat West interest</b>	<b>£4.71</b>

### **Accounts to be paid:**

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

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
OL/11/01	Katie Spruells	VAS charging	47.88		47.88
OL/11/02	Npower inv MIN 2322	Lighting supply	40.00		40.00
OL/11/03	Digital Brains.io Ltd	Artwork	10.00	2.00	12.00
OL/11/04	E. ON inv1528	PL2 new LED lantern	755.00	151.00	906.00
OL/11/05	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salary & Expenses	589.27	100.96	690.23
OL/11/06	Cut Crew inv2689	Village Mowing	782.20	156.44	938.64
OL/11/07	SN Comm Responders	1 defibrillator inv sl 407	850.00		850.00
OL/11/08	HMRC	PC NI, Clerk's PAYE	47.95	147.40	195.35
OL/11/09	Hawk Pest Control	Park rabbits	30.00		30.00
OL/11/10	E. ON inv 1934	Repairs to Chestnut Cl. PL	315.00	63.00	378.00
OL/11/11	Npower inv IN6541	Lighting supply, October	533.48	106.10	640.18
	<b>Total</b>				<b>£4728.28</b>

### **BUDGET & PRECEPT:**

- Finance papers sent to all PC members
- Chairman took members through possibilities for inclusion in the 2026/27 budget
- Budget to be finalised at the December PC meeting.
- **To Note:** The Finance Working Group to transfer funds from savings account to current account @ £10,000.00

## 9. PLANNING

<b>Application</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2025/4072/S73	33 Ash Lane, Collingtree	Variation of cond.2. house type layouts	PC
	Land at Towcester Road	5 dwellings	WNC approval

**SEGRO J15 SRFT**

- S106 Requests for football club gates & defibrillator completed, signed by the Chairman & sent to WNC.
- WNC requested the Football Club to send in their own application. K. Spruels to lead.

**10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor’s & Clerk’s Reports**

- Remembrance Sunday
  - a) Risk Assessment form completed for the open air ceremony at the War Memorial
- December PC meeting
- **To note** – the Clerk will be moving house, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> November.
  - a) Office IT / computer systems to be updated during the move.
  - b) Email system unaffected. Clerk will be using an ipad during the move.
  - c) Mobile phone number given to all members for emergency use during the move. BT phone number to change.
- **To Note** – Clerk has deposited old PC minutes & burial records at the Northampton records Office.
- **To Note** – Clerk has received information from NCALC regarding Members Register of Interests. WNC has now updated their records.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.40 pm

**11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:      Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025, 7.30 pm**

**Signed:** ..... **Dated:** .....