

# MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 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  
Cllr Luciana Ferullo Cllr John Walsh

**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)**

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

**4. REPORTS FROM WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

Cllr. Fiona Baker, Cllr Adam Smith – None provided

**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 amendment:

- Date changed to the meeting with Highways

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

**Highways**

- Meeting with Helen Howard
  - a) No advisory 20mph signs available – next order in 2026. These signs can be purchased from WNC suppliers at Nordis Signs, Cornhill Close, Lodge Farm Industrial Estate, NN5 7UB Tel: 01604 59690.
  - b) Waiting for information regarding vertical features from the Assistant Director of Highways
  - c) A raised ‘table platform’ was discussed as a possibility and would be the best feature for that area. However, it would come at a substantial cost to the Parish Council. Minimum cost £25,000.00
  - d) K. Spruels has sent the VAS data from the Collingtree Road sign to H. Howard at Highways
  - e) A pothole on Lower Road has been reported to Fix My Street.
  - f) Towcester Road footpath along the field side has narrowed due to the grass verges encroaching onto the path. Clerk to contact WNC to request the grass to be stripped back to make the path wider.
  - g) Towcester Road footpath (village side) by the corner with Lower Road is extremely narrow, Grass to be stripped back. J. Winchester to provide a photograph & P. Heath to report to Fix My Street.

**Lighting** – J. Forskitt

- DW Windsor lighting information – information passed to portfolio holder by the Clerk.
- PL2 Chestnut Close needs to be changed to an LED unit. @ £315.00 + VAT.
- PL40, Lower Road – bulb has been replaced & is much brighter,
- Awaiting a quote for the flickering antique light outside 22 High Street.
- Uplighters on the Green – 2 are damaged & some have water ingress. They have been disconnected to allow the Christmas tree lights to work. Units need replacing, waiting for a quote.
- Electricity supply – Utility Aid have some quotations, J. Forskitt waiting to hear from them. As the quotations have a very short expiration time, it was agreed that as long as the quotations are under the current rate, Members are content for a quick decision to be made.
- The lighting asset register is out of date & needs to be updated to enable the PC to decide which lamps need to be updated to LED.

**Environment Issues & Trees** – J. Winchester

- The Red Robin tree on the Green – new quotation for work @ £80.00 + VAT
- Rowan Tree – J. Winchester to cut off lower branches.
- Oak Tree – this has a number of dead branches & will be dealt with in the Spring once the tree is green again. J. Winchester to contact the tree surgeon.

**Parish Council Burial Ground** – J. Winchester, K. Spruels

- Quotation needed for footpath to be relayed. S106 fund to be used. To be discussed in January 2026.

**Grass Mowing** – J. Walsh

- 2026 mowing contracts:
- Luke Costello:

**Village Areas :** £340.00 + VAT x 16 cuts

**Churchyard:** £75.00 + VAT x 16 cuts

**Total per annum:** £6,800.00 + VAT

- a) Names of 4 referees supplied
- b) Information regarding equipment supplied

- Nice & Stripy

**Total cost per annum for combined village & Churchyard @ £24,300.00**

- J. Forskitt to send through the name of another contractor.
- J. Walsh to pick up the quotations & produce tender paperwork detailing the PC's needs & expectations for every quote to be based on the same information.

**Village Park Maintenance** – P. Heath

- See saw seat now replaced
- P. Heath to continue with park inspections
- K. Spruels confirmed the goal post have been removed & the holes filled in.
- Tree maintenance is booked for the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Website & Face Book** – K. Spruels

- Parish OnLine – There will be no increase in costs for 2026/27. Thereafter it will rise with CPI capped at 3%.
- B. Jenks, J. Winchester & L. Ferullo are having problems with the authenticator for their .gov.uk emails. K. Spruels to reset it for them.

**VAS Signs – K. Spruels**

- Agreed to keep the Collingtree sign facing vehicles coming into the village

Figures for November 2025:

**Collingtree Road**

Total number of vehicles	18,551
Max speed	60 mph
AM peak	58
PM peak	67
Daily average	631
Average speed	28.72mph

**Rectory Lane**

Total number of vehicles	36,610, an increase of 2,050 from October
Mx speed	55mph
AM peak	237
\pm peak	114
Daily average	1,262
Average speed	25.93 mph

**Newsletter – K. Spruels (Editor), B. Jenks, J. Winchester**

- Next edition is due in February with delivery in March

**Flower Planters – J. Forskitt**

- All fine
- There have been comments on face book regarding how festive the planter by the Church is looking very festive,

**Dog Wardens – L. Ferullo**

- Noted a lot of mess in the fields by the footpaths.
- Bins are all being emptied.

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

1. D. Hallsworth – concern regarding the grass verge along the Towcester Road footpath needs attention. Clerk has acknowledged correspondence & contacted WNC Street Doctor.
  - PC feels this issue needs to be ‘pushed’ with WNC. Towcester Road is a fast & dangerous road used by many pedestrians The grass needs urgent work cutting back & widening the path.

**Sent to**

1. C. Griffith – Stile on footpath towards the canal needs repairing.

**8. FINANCE;**

<b>Bank Balances</b>	<b>Current A/C NatWest</b>	<b>£200.00</b>
	<b>Savings A/C NatWest</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Current A/C Unity Trust</b>	<b>£6,002.71</b>
	<b>Savings A/C Unity Trust</b>	<b>£33,560.60</b>

**To Note:** Waiting for information to close NW accounts

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

OL Number	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
OL/12/01	Barbara Osborne	Patoill Services x 3 mths.	72.00		72.00
OL/12/02	Raybell & Sons Ltd	Village Park work	199.25	39.85	239.10
OL/12/03	Mr & Mrs Dupont	Flower Planter work	60.00		60.00
OL/12/04	A. Addison - Clerk	Salary & Expenses	589.27	Exp. 95.00	684.27
OL/12/05	HMRC	Tax & NI	Tax. 147.40	NI 477.95	195.35
OL/12/06	Hawk Pest Control	Park rabbits	30.00		30.00
OL/12/07	WNC	Election Charges	64.50		64.50
OL/12/08	J. Winchester	Remembrance charges	23.00		23.00
	Total				<b>£1,418.22</b>

#### To Note:

- Clerk to write to Hawk Pest Control (again) to ask about rabbit numbers & moles
- Breakdown of Clerk's expenses requested. Clerk to forward copy of monthly invoice showing expenses, tax & NI, to all members.
- B. Jenks & J. Winchester to continue to view & sign invoices before payments agreed.
- 2026/2027 Precept agreed @ £37,275.00

#### 9. PLANNING

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
2025/4858/FUL	Milton House, Rectory Lane	Detached summer house/ leisure building	PC:

#### Harworth Development

E. James & P. Heath met with Courteenhall Estates & were shocked to hear there would be **no** S106 monies for this development. Harworth have confirmed they are in negotiation regarding this issue and suggested that the PC contacted WNC to raise concerns.

#### SEGRO J15 SRFT

- S106 funding:
  - Application for funding for the defibrillator has been agreed. Bank details have been sent to WNC for payment to be transferred.
  - Application for the Football Club gates has been agreed. Bank details have been sent.
  - K. Spruels to contact WNC to enquire if S106 can be used for past projects such as the War Memorial work.
  - Plot 6 application has been submitted (2025/3738/MAF) and it is noted that it is now 3m higher than the original DOC. Application dated August but only just received by the PC.

#### 10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS –Clerk & Councillor's Reports

- Parish Council vacancy – Members to ask around the village.
- Training – advice received regarding a NCALC 2 hour on line finance training session on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Clerk & B. Jenks to attend.
- Salt bin on Barn Lane needs salt breaking up and refilling. Clerk to order salt to top it up.
- Park land – Clerk to contact WNC again regarding transferring the asset. WNC appeared keen to transfer the asset when last contacted.
- Fly tipping on Towcester Road – K. Spruels to report.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.30 pm

**11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**      **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 7.30 pm**

**Signed:**

**Dated**