

MILTON MALSOR PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 10th March 2026
At Raynsford House.

PRESENT: Cllr Edmund James, Chairman Cllr Jerry Forskitt, Vice Chairman
Cllr Brenda Jenks Cllr Paul Heath
Cllr Katie Spruels Cllr John Walsh
Cllr Luciana Ferullo
Cllr Spencer Garnett

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 - J. Winchester (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 (No apologies, no report)

Cllr Cole reported:

- Update on Haworth development
- Next Kier transportation ‘drop-in’ event on 11th March at Hackleton Baptist Church, 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. Issues to be discussed:
 - a) Vegetation overhanging the highway
 - b) Drainage issues
 - c) Winter gritting & bins
 - d) Street Doctor reporting
 - e) Rights of Way
 - f) Traffic signals

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

- Potholes – still waiting for repairs to be undertaken. Large/deep potholes are category 4 & take up to 26 weeks to be repaired.
- Flooding under the Collingtree railway bridge. It is proving difficult to obtain much information.
 - a) WNC cleared the drain on the 30th January 2026 & state that it appears normal.
 - b) WNC believe the run-off from the nearby SEGRO site is a factor to the flooding. This is repeatedly denied by SEGRO.

- c) Cllr Fiona Cole to contact WNC highways portfolio holder Richard Butler.

Lighting

- Uplighters
 - a) Cllr J. Winchester has spoken to her contractor who has requested a photo of the lighting panel. Taken by P. Winchester. Unfortunately he is unable to help
 - b) Previous attempts to set the time clock have failed. Cllr J. Forskitt to check the situation.
 - c) It looks like we need to find out the 2 digit security code to be able to make changes to the timer clock. Cllr J Forskitt to speak to Forde & McHugh
- Npower invoices for 2025/2026 – photocopies given to Cllr J. Forskitt.

Environment Issues

- Silver Birch tree in Stockwell Road – the PC has consulted a tree surgeon and has been advised to leave the tree alone.
- Two trees on the corner of Stockwell Road & Stockwell Way need attention:
 - a) Tree in garden of 28 Stockwell Road overhanging the footpath. Clerk to contact the householder.
 - b) Tree outside 28 Stockwell Road needs attention. Clerk to contact Amplus Housing Association.

Churchyard

- Footpaths in the PC burial ground in need of maintenance / replacement. Clerk to make contact with subcontractors to see if they can quote for the work.

Grass mowing

- a) New mowing contract awarded to LC Hedging & Grass Maintenance Ltd.
- b) Service Contract received and agreed by the PC.

Village Park

- Meeting held with Miracle Design & Play construction manager regarding the state of the tunnel.
 - a) Proposals for repair & replacement to be prepared.
 - (i) Cost to remove present tunnel @ £2772.00
 - (ii) Remove tunnel & instal new ribbed tunnel @ £4143.64
 - (iii) To repair existing tunnel, add mulch & sleepers @ £6240.88
 - (iv) Additional work to level soil over tunnel & install 8 sleepers @ £1289.52
 - b) Most tunnels are smaller than the one in the park.
 - c) New regulations require tunnels over 600mm high to have handrails & crash mats. Concern that these new regulations were not revealed by the 2025 inspection which Miracle Design carried out.
 - d) Cllr P. Heath to make further enquiries.
- Transfer of park land from WNC to the PC:
 - a) Contact made with WNC's Property Strategy & Estates department
 - b) A 'team' to be created to deal with transferring the land to MMPC. No start date given.
 - c) Original lease not found at WNC – possibly still at Moat Lane, Towcester as it was originally issued by SNC.
 - d) Query regarding application form – none to be issued.

Face Book & Website No problems this month.

VAS Report

● **January Data**

Collingtree Road:

Total number of vehicles	13,612
Maximum Speed	60 mph
AM peak	63
PM peak	57
Daily average	58.1
Average speed	27.83 mph

Rectory Lane

Total number of vehicles	29,082
Maximum speed	55 mph
AM peak	296
PM peak	57
Daily average	581
Average speed	25.41 mph

To Note: Due to malfunction of data collection for February, the next report will be in April with March's data.

- Battery charge is lasting approximately 3 weeks.

Newsletter – Another good edition with thanks to Cllr K. Spruels.

Dog Warden – bins & collection now back to normal.

- Annual bin emptying invoice received.

Flower Planters – no problems

Police – No report

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

1. M. Tite – email sent to the Chairman regarding the tree overhanging his garden. Chairman has responded.

Sent to

1. Hawk Pest Control – termination of park rabbit contract with immediate effect.
2. C. Ellis – apologies sent ref. late payment of invoice
3. WNC Assets Department – Transfer of Village Park land to the PC. Clerk requested to contact J. Aldridge. Email sent
4. PCSO Chris Dudley – invitation to attend PC meeting – away until 9th March.
5. Alison Treharne – invitation to attend the April Annual Parish Meeting to give an update on the Poor's Trust.
6. Fix My Street – 3 granite kerb sets reported dislodged in Lower Road. Reply received – officers to attend within 5 working days.

8. FINANCE;**Bank Balances**

Current A/C Unity Trust 26/2/26)	£6,812.69
Savings A/C Unity Trust (25/2/26)	£23,608.57

Money Received:

Accounts to be paid:

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Information	Amount	VAT	Total
	Additional payments made in February x 3				
OL/02/09	Digital Brains	Newsletter Printing	146.35		146.35
OL/02/10	E. ON	Repairs PL in High Street	358.36	71.67	430.03
OL/02/11	Npower inv IN1744	Supply	608.19	121.64	729.83
	Payments in March				
OL/03/01	Buckton Electrical	Call out fee - uplighters	65.00		65.00
OL/03/02	A. Addison (Clerk)	Salar & Expenses	589.34	90.98	680.32
OL/03/03	Marcus Young Env Sv.	Dog & waste bin ann. Inv	1820.00	364.00	2184.00
OL/03/04	Barbara Osborne	Payroll Services x 3 mths	72.00		72.00
OL/03/05	RC Mackintosh	Repair to park rear gate	150.00		150.00
OL/03/06	NCALC	Planning Webinar P Heath	35.00	7.00	42.00

Finance Working Group – Cllr B. Jenks, Cllr J Winchester, A. Addison (Clerk & RFO)

- The Working Group met on Monday 2nd March 2026
- All current invoices checked by Cllr B. Jenks
- Cllr B. Jenk & A. Addison had attended a Scribe online meeting regarding meetings with the internal auditor.
- Suggested items to concentrate on:
 - a) PC policies which have now been included onto the website
 - b) Items from previous year's audit to be updated.
 - c) Additional finance information added to website
 - d) Policy needed for payment of invoices to be paid in between PC meetings
- New accounting system – Clerk to review the Scribe accounting system for potential use.

9. PLANNING

Application	Location	Proposal	Comments
2025/2943/NMA	Plot 7 (Amazon) Northampton Gateway SRFI	Non-material amendments	WC approved
2025/4858/FUL	Milton House, Rectory Lane	Detached summerhouse & leisure building	Withdrawn
2026/0278/MAR	Phase 2B (residential) land west of Windingbrook Lane, South of Rowtree Road	Reserve matters application for 226 dwellings	PC comments
2026//0807/S73	Candida, 32 Hugh Street	Variation of condition 2 amendments to single storey kitchen side extension pursuant to approved 2024/2255/FUL	PC comments

NB:

- 2026/0278/MAR – It is understood that several surrounding Parish Councils will be objecting to this application.
 - a) A meeting is to be arranged with the head of WNC strategic planning.
- Housing developments around Collingtree:
 - a) Cllr P. Heath, planning lead member, has been following the lengthy history. Concern that MMPC has been excluded from most of the notifications.
 - b) Phase 1 is built occupying land beyond the golf club house in Windingbrook Lane & extending to the motorway.
 - c) Phase 2A will be to the WNW of this & phase 2B W of that, bordering the M1 & the railway line near the crematorium.
 - d) A loop road will run from Rowtree Road near the surgery to the golf club house serving only phase 1. Phase 2A & 2B will be accessed through phase 2A. A total of 1,000 houses.
 - e) There is a further proposed 265 houses on the land bordering the M1 & Watering Lane from the Hilton Hotel to Collingtree High Street. Concern that traffic will severely impact on both Collingtree & Milton Malsor. The PC received no notification about this. PH became aware following the SEGRO liaison meeting.
 - f) PC finally consulted about 2B but found the 361 homes were approved on 23/2/26 despite the comments cut-off date being 16/3/26.
 - g) PC to consider objecting to the Hilton site.
- NCALC – Strategic Plan ‘Engagement Sessions’ PC Members to sign up for one by 17.00, 16th March
 - a) Monday 23rd March 2026 – 10.00 to 11.30 am
 - b) Monday 23rd March 2026 – 19.00 to 20.30 pm
- **SEGRO J15 SRFT**
- **Harworth**

10. OTHER PARISH MATTERS – Councillor’s Reports

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 9.20 pm

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING: **Tuesday, 14th April 2026, 7.30 pm**

To note, there will be two meetings on the 14th April 2026

- 1. 7.15 pm The Annual Parish Meeting
Immediately followed by**
- 2. The April meeting of the Parish Council**

Signed:

Dated: