

Mileham Parish Council Minutes

10th July 2018

1. Apologies- Shaun Tooth
2. Co-option- We still require 2 councillors
3. Mark Kiddle-Morris and Trevor Carter in attendance

Acting chair, Muriel Harmer, informed the meeting that Tracey Reynolds had resigned as Clerk to Mileham PC. Vacancy will be advertised.

A councillor will pick up relevant paperwork, Laptop and cheque book from Clerk

3. Minutes of previous meeting- Accepted and signed by acting Chair Muriel Harmer
4. Financial matters:

Clerks salary and expenses; no salary or expenses have been presented by the Clerk who has now resigned. Parish Council will pay the clerk when her expenses are presented to the PC and cheque book handed over to the chair. We are unable to make the payment without the cheque book.

Purchase of microsoft 365: Councillor to collect from the Clerk. Refund of cost will be paid when the Parish Council is in possession of the cheque book.

Year end accounts; accepted

Grass cutting and quotes for remainder of the year; Quotes have been received for the cutting of the recreation area and the pit. It was felt that these should be accepted for one year in the interim. Unfortunately, even though the area has now been cut football is still not possible as the grass cuttings were left in situ. Payment for this interim cut cannot be made as the clerk is still in possession of the cheque book. Quote to cut , strim and clear £595 Norfolk Estate and Paddock services.

£90 currently owed for Pit area clearance

£150 currently owed for Playing field.

Neither can be actioned until the Clerk returns the cheque book

5. Planning applications: no planning applications have been submitted for consideration this month.

6. Roads and paths:

Finger post back lane; still needs repairing . and this had been reported to the authorities by Shaun Tooth. Clerk was going to chase this action.

Mark Kiddle-Morris to pass information to relevant departments at County.

Beeston Road; 2 areas are in need of repair. Highway falling into the ditch especially where lorries pass over the verge and further along the road after White House Farm. Mark Kiddle-Morris will inform relevant department.

Weeds in gutter Claxton Close and grit in drains

Drains have been cleared but weeds still need to be removed . Mark Kiddle-Morris will pass info on to relevant persons. Mark Kiddle-Morris to inform the appropriate Department.

7. Issues raised by parishioner previously

Charities maintenance of hedge and ditch

Mark Butler-Stoney has spoken with the parishioner who raised the problem and has agreed an action plan for the cutting of the hedge. The work will be carried out in the next 6 weeks but initially no agreement had been reached over all the parishioners requests. NO plan for bramble maintenance had been made as Mark Butler-Stoney does not agree that they are a problem HOWEVER one would be offered by Mark Butler-Stoney. This was agreed by him after parishioners at the meeting pointed out that the brambles will continue to grow, spread and cause problems and it was the belief of the majority of those present that the brambles were an issue. Mr Butler-Stoney agreed that there was a good chance the brambles would be cleared before the winter.

Mark Butler Stoney to arrange hedge cutting and Bramble clearance and removal of silt from the ditch, at the top end.

Chair to action; inform Charities Commission of the current situation.

Removal of fallen tree at village hall

Village hall committee had hoped to have the tree cleared for the Showcase to allow disabled access via wheelchair. Mark Butler-Stoney pointed out that 2 tree surgeons had previously been engaged but had failed to attend to complete the work. Another tree surgeon to be engaged. Mark Butler - Stoney to arrange for tree surgeon to remove the fallen tree. Date arranged to be given to Chair of Village Hall Committee

Reporting of pothole outside village hall

Clerk had failed to report this pothole. A parishioner had damage caused to the car after driving through the hole and, as it had not been reported , and could not make a claim against the authority. Clerk did report when the repair was failing and pothole reappearing on the 5th June. Mark Kiddle-Morris will report it.

8. Village pond:

Dr Sayer had been contacted and we are waiting for the response. Mark Butler-Stoney will contact Dr Sayer and liaise with Mr and Mrs Wheeler. Mark Butler-Stoney to pass email address to Shaun Tooth and Mr and Mrs Wheeler.

9. Other matters:

Mileham school and land sale;

It has been suggested by the Charities trust that the proceeds from the sale go into the Litcham charity so that the monies benefit the children at Litcham school which is in the process of improving their sporting facilities. It currently has £96,000 in its trust for this. The new trust would be formed ;Mileham and Litcham trust. There are currently 10 governors on the trust whilst Mileham s trustee is NCC. Lawyers at County suggest the funds form the sale go into this joint trust. The aims for the Litcham trust are in line with those of the Mileham Trust and these can be found on the Charities commission website. A queery was raised as to whether there would

be additional representation on the trust board from Mileham.

A question was raised about the sale. If it were to go for single use conversion or the site sold for development the planning department would need to consider improvements to the road and to not add to flooding by the way the site is to be developed. There was some concern that the money , which should be used for Mileham children, would be being shared by children from all villages in the catchment area.

Parish council to investigate further

A suggestion was made that the money raised from the sale could be used to purchase The Beach for Mileham children to use. This lies between the river and the road.

Mark Kiddle -Morris to take this up with the Council.

Local Plan:Trevor Carter informed the Parish Council that the report from the planning department, had been emailed to Shaun Tooth, regarding the new local plan

Trimming back needs to take place to hedge and Willow tree that are overgrowing the footpath outside the Royal Oak. as they are causing an obstruction. Parish Council to write to the homeowners in the first instance

Sue Milne from Tittleshall Road expressed her concern over the sewage pipe which is to be installed over her property. She had not been consulted about this and has not been given any details. The meeting was informed that her driveway is owned by the Church and she only has right of way over that land.

Apologies were made for lack of communication

Trevor Carter and Mark Kiddle- Morris asked if all future meetings would be held on a Monday and if so this should be taken into consideration when appointing a new clerk to avoid clashes with other commitments.

Next meeting:

Chair informed everyone present the the next Next meeting will take place on 6th August. Future meetings are currently schedules for September 3rd and October 15th
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Meeting closed 8.35pm