

# MINUTES OF MILLBROOK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 7 June 2023

Present: Chris Shrimpton; Jennie Thomas; CBC Councillors Susan Clinch, Mark Smith, Gary Summerfield; Community Inspector Grant Maxted; Julie Todd (Clerk) + 13 Members of the Public

## 429. Nomination of Chair

Mike Edwards proposed Christopher Shrimpton, Jennie Thomas seconded the proposal. The nomination was unanimously agreed.

## 430. Nomination of Vice Chair

Aeone Shrimpton proposed Jennie Thomas with Ann Summers seconding the proposal. The nomination was unanimously agreed.

## 431. Apologies

Stephen McCoy, Roger Evan and Martin Hughes

## 432. Vital Energi – Rookery South Heating Project

No representative from Vital Energi therefore no report.

## 433. Police

Community Inspector Grant Maxted reported that of the 13 crimes reported in the past two years the majority were from Center Parcs. The North Central Beds team of five PCs is headed by CI Maxted with PC Sam Hewson operating out of the Flitwick hub. To report issues: 999 for emergency/crimes in progress; 101 non-emergency or online – beds.police.uk.

The main issue for Millbrook is the overwidth vehicles driving through the village. CI Maxted asked that offenders' details be gathered and sent to him for following up. Details needed: photos, hauliers name, registration number, time and date. It was agreed the Clerk would collate and forward on. **Action: Clerk**

## 434. Minutes of Last Meeting – 29 March 2023

It was proposed by Mike Edwards and seconded by Jennie Thomas that the minutes from the meeting held on 29 March 2023 be signed as a true record with all in agreement.

## 435. Matters Arising

Traffic Survey in Sandhill Close – Jennie Thomas to follow up with E/W Rail.

**Action: JT**

420 II CBC Dustcarts - email sent to Craig Siddle, CBC on 03/04/23. A resident reported that four dustcarts were spotted driving through on Tuesday, 6. It was agreed the Clerk would write again to Craig Siddle.

**Action: Clerk**

420 III Tree Survey – this was undertaken in May. The report notes that three trees require work which will be undertaken in the autumn.

423 King Charles III Coronation – the Coronation roundel has been added to the village sign.

426 Open Forum – Church Path – Greensand Trust have been booked to clear the path in the autumn.

There will be a cost for this work. The matter of cyclists using the footpath was raised and it was agreed a no cycling sign at the top of the path would be of benefit.

**Action: Clerk**

## 436. CB Councillor's Report

Clr Summerfield reported:

Ward Councillor Grant – each councillor has £2,000 in grant monies to award to local projects. These monies can be combined for large projects.

#### **437. Reports/Updates**

I East/West Rail – Jennie Thomas reported that in the latest proposal there are no road crossing closures, there will be three trains per hour at a slower speed. Jennie Thomas will be attending a meeting held by Marston Moretaine and Lidlington Parish Councils on 09/06/23 to discuss the latest proposal and a Zoom meeting with E/W Rail on 15/06/23. **Action: JT**

II Marston Vale New Villages – No updates to report.

III Rookery South ERF - Visit has been arranged for 8 on 05/07/23. Rookery South is at the end of annual maintenance programme.

DRACS Power Station – pile driving to start shortly – will continue for two-three months. A Community Liaison Programme will be set up.

#### IV Planning Update and Enforcements

- Warren Farm – discussion re history of the site, the different units, planning applications and enforcement notices. It was agreed Chris Shrimpton and Ward Councillors would visit the site to see issues first hand and ask CBC Planning for a status report. **Action: CS/Ward Cllrs**
- CB/23/01498/FULL TM Plant Hire - Erection of new single storey storage building (retrospective) – to be circulated to the village. CBC Planning Officer recommends submitting comments on the retrospective application for the storage unit at TM Plant Hire as if it were a normal new application. **Action: All**
- CB/23/01089/FULL Millbrook Golf Course for a swing studio – no objection.

#### V Highways

- Sandhill Close/Church Path Nettles – Jennie Thomas has reported overgrown nettles obstructing the footpath a number of times via FixMyStreet however CBC are “taking no further action”. Ward Cllr Clinch agreed to pursue with CBC. **Action: SC**

#### VI. Recreation Ground

- Tree Survey – see 435 above.

#### **438. Finance**

##### 2022/23 Annual Return

All paperwork was circulated prior to the meeting.

- I. Internal Audit Report – received and noted.
- II. Annual Governance Statement – was approved – proposed by Aeone Shrimpton and seconded by Jennie Thomas and unanimously agreed. Chris Shrimpton duly signed.
- III. Accounting Statements – were approved - proposed by Aeone Shrimpton and seconded by Jennie Thomas and unanimously agreed. Chris Shrimpton duly signed.
- IV. Certificate of Exemption – was approved - proposed by Aeone Shrimpton and seconded by Jennie Thomas and unanimously agreed. Chris Shrimpton duly signed.

##### 2023/24

The financial accounts were circulated prior to the meeting:

Current Account: £17,153.02

Deposit Account: £2,692.64

Payment for Robert C Yates (tree survey) £375.00 was approved.

**Action: Clerk**

Clerk's Salary

The Parish Meeting unanimously agreed to raise the Clerk's Salary to £15.67 ph with immediate effect. The Clerk thanked the Meeting.

**439. Correspondence**

Circulated prior to the meeting.

**440. Open Forum**

- 20 mph Village Speed Limit – it was agreed a village petition would be undertaken to submit to CBC Traffic Management who should then undertake a report. Ward Cllr Clinch and Clerk to liaise re wording. Aeone Shrimpton and Alyson Smith to co-ordinate the petition. **Action: SC/Clerk**
- Footpaths – it was agreed the Clerk would remind villagers to help keep the footpaths clear and passable by taking in their wheelie bins, sweeping back gravel/shingle and cuttings hedges. **Action: Clerk**
- Sandhill Close "Layby" – the Meeting unanimously agreed to replace the fence on the "layby". First action to write to Bedford Estates requesting permission. **Action: CS/Clerk**
- Waste Bin by Recreation Ground – investigate removal.

**441. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 8 November at 7.30 pm. The meeting closed at 2100.

Signed ..... Date .....