

Notes of the Milcombe Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 4 July 2017
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Minutes - The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Parish Council/Village Matters:

Devolution – District Councillor Hugo Brown reported that Cherwell District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council and Oxford City Council had submitted a proposal to the Department for Communities and Local Government suggesting that there should be a combined authority in Oxfordshire. The submission was available to view on Cherwell District Council’s web site.

Cuckoo Walk Gate – The quote from Peter Booth to make the repairs to the gate was accepted.

Village Fete, 26 August 2017 – Councillor Myra Peters and Mandie McCullagh would meet with the organisers of the Fete to establish whether any Parish Council support was required.

Village Gateways – Councillor Myra Peters would ask Barry Giles for a quote to paint all of the gateways at the entrances to the village.

Conservation Group – Councillors felt that they did not have the capacity to undertake roles on the Conservation Group and it was therefore agreed that the Group should be held in abeyance for a period of time, until there were new members on the Parish Council who could perhaps take this Group forward.

Play Area – Councillor Peter Booth reported that the play area was fine and the Clerk would obtain quotes for a zip wire.

Village Hall – The Parish Council had advised Milcombe Charities that it would contribute to the cost of cleaning the floor in the Village Hall, however consideration of the quotes was deferred until further details regarding the improvements to the Hall were confirmed.

VAS/Pole – The order had been placed and it would be installed in due course.

Overhanging Trees and Hedgerows – Contact would be made with various land owners and the County Council with regard to cutting back trees and hedges which overhang the footpaths and the property of other people, block the views for drivers turning out of junctions and also cause obstructions on the highways.

Cherwell Empty Homes Project – Cherwell District Council (CDC) had asked the Parish Council to raise awareness of the Empty Homes Project based within the Private Sector Housing Team at CDC. They were asking to be made aware of any private properties which had been uninhabited for more than 6 months and the owners did not appear to be taking action to bring them back into use. If anyone knew of any such properties, please could they contact the Clerk.

Meeting Dates - Future meetings, all starting at 8.00pm at the Village Hall, Milcombe were as follows:

- 5 September 2017

- 7 November 2017

All welcome to attend!

A copy of the draft minutes for the whole meeting are available on www.milcombe.com or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at milcombepc@gmail.com or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours.

Reminders:

Faulty Street Lights - Please report on freephone 0800 317802 giving exact destination and pole number if possible.

Dog Bags – These are available from New Road Stores and at the back of the Church behind the organ. Please clear up after your dog - it is an offence not to.

Power Cuts – 105 is the number to call if anyone had a power cut.

Vacancies

There are currently two vacancies for Councillors on Milcombe Parish Council.

The Parish Council has seven seats and there are currently five Councillors who make up the Council. Being a Parish Councillor in Milcombe gives residents a real opportunity to make a difference to the community and the chance to help make Milcombe an even better place to live.

If you wish to become a Councillor, you do not need any previous experience, you just need enthusiasm to make a difference in the community, be able work as part of a team and be willing to give up seven evenings per year to attend the Parish Council meetings.

In-between Parish Council meetings, the Clerk to the Parish Council keeps Councillors up to date with information on matters affecting the village and occasionally Councillors are asked to complete tasks to assist the Clerk with the efficient running of the Council.

Councillors can commit as much time or as little time as they are able and anyone living in the village, over the age of 18 years old is very welcome to apply.

If you would like to attend a Parish Council meeting before committing to the role, the next meeting is being held on Tuesday 5 September at 8pm at the Village Hall, Milcombe. The Parish Council would welcome any residents who wished to attend the meeting to get a feel for how the Parish Council works before making an application.

To find out more about joining Milcombe Parish Council, please call the Clerk to the Parish Council, Theresa Goss, on 01295 710965 or email milcombepc@gmail.com Or, to apply to be co-opted to the vacancy, just write a brief summary about you and your skills and why you would like to be a Parish Councillor and send it to Theresa at 3 Tanners Close, Middleton Cheney, OX17 2GD or email to milcombepc@gmail.com