

MILTON ABBAS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held on
11th May 2022 in the Reading Room, Milton Abbas at 7.00pm

PRESENT:

Mr S. Driver
Mr T. Ives

Mr N. Hodder (Chairman)
Mr R. Woodhouse (Vice-Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs E. Sellen (Clerk) and 5 members of the general public. Mr T. Khandwala, Unitary Cllr Mrs E. Parker and an additional member of the public attended via zoom.

1. APOLOGIES

Mr P. Amor, Ms K. Finlayson, Mr S. Gould, Mr T. Khandwala & Unitary Cllr Mrs E. Parker.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by RW, seconded by SD and unanimously agreed that NH should be elected Chairman. NH took the chair.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by NH, seconded by SD and unanimously agreed that RW should be elected vice chairman.

4. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

Councillors retained the following, for review following co-options for numerous vacancies:

Transport Adviser	Nigel Hodder
DAPTC Rep	Paul Amor
Rights of Way Officer	Steve Gould
Tree Warden	Steve Bewers
MATCH /Jane's Wood Rep	Chris Dieck
Flood Wardens	Steve Gould & Rowan Woodhouse
Emergency Officer/Contact	Steve Gould
Homewatch	Ellie Payne
Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator	Nigel Hodder & Freddy Robinson
Playpark Committee	Louise Perry-Warens (Chair), Gavin Bridle, Tom Ives, Steve Gould, Jacqui Cooper, Susan Woodhouse
Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party	Susan Woodhouse & Rowan Woodhouse and those detailed on website
Welcome Pack	Tayab Khandwala
Milton Abbas Health & Disability Fund	Tom Ives
Tregonwell Almshouses	Rodger Pressland
Website Liaison	Rowan Woodhouse
Emily Faulkner Trustee	Leo Hughes

Communications Officer	Nigel Hodder
Defibrillator Management	Tayab Khandwala, Tom Ives, Gavin Bridle, James Farnham, Tina Sparks
Fingerposts	Stuart Driver, Tom Ives
Parish Mobile Comms Lead	Leo Hughes
Parish Broadband Lead	David Cocking
BT Kiosk	Stuart Driver & Working Party
Village Flower Boxes	Flower Power
Lloyds Bank Signatories	Nigel Hodder, Tom Ives, Rowan Woodhouse

5. REVIEW OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

Councillors had reviewed the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct, Risk Assessment Document, Privacy Policy, Welcome Pack and other policies. It was unanimously agreed that no amendments or updates are required at this time. It was unanimously agreed that the existing Financial Regulations permit the Parish Council to operate online banking, and the Clerk was asked to research the most appropriate controls.

6. MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Council meeting of 4th May 2021 had been approved at the Parish Council meeting on 14th July 2021. There were no matters arising.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

RW presented the Chairman's Report. (See ADDENDA)

Mrs F. Robinson thanked the outgoing chair for leading the parish council over the previous years.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

The Clerk presented the financial report. (See ADDENDA)

9. UNITARY COUNCILLORS REPORT

None

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.

Signed:

(Presiding Chairman)

Date:

ADDENDA:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2022

It is great to be meeting in person again and interesting to see how the hybrid online and face to face meetings seem to be working. It will be useful to review where we are with this during the coming year.

The results of the planning appeal in July demonstrated that the Neighbourhood Plan was effective in protecting the strong views of the community and validated the hard work that went into it. Thank you to all those who had an input into the Neighbourhood Plan. It is essential that we continue to review the plan in line with legal developments to keep the plan up to date so that it continues to be as effective in the future.

We were sorry to receive the resignation of David Cocking, and thank him for all his time and efforts for the Parish Council and the community, especially for his hard work on the restoration of our Fingerposts. We hope that his efforts towards the Fibre infrastructure for Milton Abbas will also be successful.

Many plans are being made for the coming Jubilee celebrations and I hope a good number of the community will attend. Thank you to all those on the steering committee.

Thank you to the Clerk for all that she does for the Parish Council.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2022

Receipts

Our precept for 2021/2022 was held at £15,700 for a second year. Other receipts included various play park fundraising efforts totalling £1,385, a cumulative VAT rebate of £4,274 and a Lottery Grant towards Platinum Jubilee Celebrations of £3,050. A VAT rebate of £271.41 is due to be recovered for the year to 31/03/2022.

Expenditure

Expenditure has reduced; due to inactivity over the lockdown and the conclusion of the NP.

Overview

Adjusted funds on hand £59,368 reflect a £5,900 increase in play park funds and £2,600 unspent lottery grant. Since reserves continue to be preserved, the precept for 2022/2023 has been maintained at £15,700.