

# Great Milton Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Great Milton Parish Council held at the Pavilion on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Steve Harrod (Chair), W Fox (Vice-Chair), G Bennet, C Deacon, D Harms and M Horsley.

In Attendance: Cllr Freddie Van Mierlo (OCC), Tim Darch (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

### 45/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received in advance from Cllrs P Allen and Cllr Caroline Newton.

46/22 No resolutions were discussed at this meeting.

### 47/22 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting held virtually via video conference on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.30pm were received, reviewed, signed and approved as a complete and accurate record of proceedings.

48/22 The Chairman of the Parish Council's Annual Report was received and reviewed. No questions or comments were received.

49/22 The District Councillor did not submit an annual report and was not present.

50/22 The County Councillor's observations on the previous year were received and reviewed. No questions or comments were received. In addition to his written submission, Cllr Van Mierlo announced that Great Milton will be included in the first tranche of 20mph zones.

51/22 The Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were received and reviewed.

The accounts show that our receipts exceeded payments by £1,129. However this result includes two large one-off items: we installed speed mitigation measures in Milton Common at a cost of £17,375 for which we received a grant from CIL funds of £15,289. Excluding these items, our surplus for the year is £3,215.

The Council sets a budget to break even each year and this year a number of items contributed to the surplus. The two principal items were the sales of advertising in The Bulletin (£1,500 over budget) and grass cutting costs (£1,296 under budget).

Our reserves at the end of the year stood at £34,696 which is within the guidelines of twice annual expenditure and gives us a very healthy cushion against unexpected events.

52/22 The Parish Council's observations on its finances were received and reviewed. Cllr Allen and Tim Darch in his capacity as Responsible Finance Officer were congratulated on their role in the Parish Council's settled and positive financial position.

53/22 Annual Reports and Financial Statements were received from:

- a) Great Milton Recreation Ground Management Committee. Councillors observed that the report contained no mention of the potential for school-related parking, which the Parish Council had been advised would be considered by the Recreation Ground committee.
- b) Old Field Charity
- c) Kent and Couling Charity
- d) Sheppard Charitable Trust
- e) Neighbours Hall Committee
- f) The Hard Surface Play Area Committee
- g) Great Milton Neighbourhood Watch

No comments were received on any of the above unless stated.

The meeting finished at 7.45pm.

**A combined reports pack is available on the Great Milton Parish Council website at 'Parish Council/Meetings/Meetings 2022/Meeting agendas and accompanying documents'.**

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