

MILTON ABBOT GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024
at 1930 pm at Kelly Hall.

(also available at www.magpc.co.uk)

Present: Cllrs: Cllrs R Tucker (MA) (Acting Chair), R Avery (Ch), A McKenzie (MA), G Vanstone (B), A Westcott (Ch)
Chris Edmonds (WDBC), Neil Jory (WDBC)
Jane Savage (Clerk)
Five members of the public

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Cllr Tucker opened the meeting at 1940.

074:23/24 Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs M Ambrose (MA), J Hitchcock (Ch), C Stone (MA)

075:23/24 Declarations of Interest.

None were received.

076:23/24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2023

Agreed by the Council and signed as a true and correct record by the Acting Chair.

077:23/24 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had previously circulated copies of the action log which recorded the leading actions requested during and since the last meeting.

Trees at Venn Hill: Exeter Diocese state that the responsibility for these trees was passed on to the private landowner of The Old Vicarage in 1986.

Tamara Way obstruction: The Public Rights of Way Officer has been informed.

078:23/24 Planning No issues arising.

079:23/24 Financial Matters

Bank Reconciliation and Budget Monitor

i. The Bank Reconciliation (App A) and Budget Monitor (App B) dated 31 December 2023 was **approved** by the Council.

ii Payments: The following payments were ratified/approved:

HMRC - PAYE	£139.60
ATC – payroll	£132.00
Clerk's expenses (HoC postage)	£5.00

To note: Clerk's pay November & December 2023 paid by BACS

080:23/24 Progress Reports

Milton Abbot Road Safety & Dog Fouling: Cllr Stone's briefing note included updates on Road Safety and Dog Fouling in Milton Abbot and this can be found at www.magpc.co.uk

Chillaton Road Safety and MACKPlan: Cllr J Hitchcock's briefing note included updates on all aspects of the plan and this can be found at www.magpc.co.uk

081:23/24 Milton Abbot Village Hall

The village hall committee shared their Mission Statement, Accounts for the past 5 years and bookings since 2015 with the Council. The committee reported that an architect has been appointed and a site visit is due. Specialists will be sought for different types of work to keep costs down. One of the issues being considered is whether the hall itself can be prioritised so that it can be used for bookings to generate income. Once costs are known, fundraising will start. The first fundraising meeting will take place on 16 January at Lifton Strawberry Fields.

The Council **approved the request** for use of the Clerk for 6 hours per month to aid the committee with admin. This is subject to a review after 3 months.

The Council asked the Clerk to check the leases on the building to identify its obligations.

082:23/24 Councillors reports and items for next agenda

- i Proposal for a more joined up working between the parishes and the various groups such as the MA Community Group – Cllr McKenzie

Cllr McKenzie suggested that in view of the current issue with Milton Abbot's hall, that now was not the time to work on this. The Council **agreed** and the issue may be considered at some time in the future.

Cllr McKenzie reported that the lease for the MA allotments has now been signed,

083:23/24 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at **1930 on 6 March 2024** in Marystowe Hall.

The meeting was closed at 2034

Signed:.....

Date:.....

Abbreviations: B – Bradstone, Ch – Chillaton, MA – Milton Abbot, WDBC – West Devon Borough Council), DCC - Devon County Council, VAS - Vehicle Activated Signs