

MILTON ERNEST PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of MILTON ERNEST PARISH COUNCIL on Thursday, 14th March 2024 commencing at 8:00pm at Milton Ernest Village Hall, Thurleigh Road to consider the following items of business.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WELCOME!

Robbin Brough, Clerk to the Council
9th March 2024

AGENDA

1 **Apologies for Absence**

2 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

3 **Public Open Session**

***During the Public Open Session:** Members of the public should note that the council is only allowed to take decisions on topics that are publicized on the agenda; items not on the agenda can be carried forward for a response at a later date. Any questions not presented to the council far enough in advance of the meeting may be noted and responded to at a later time.*

***After the Public Open Session:** Members of the public are asked to respect the fact that this is a meeting to conduct council business and interruptions during the remainder of the meeting are not permitted.*

4 **To confirm the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 8th February 2024**

5 **Clerk's report on actions**

- To contact Litter Picking Role applicants and provide a shortlist to the council. – **Complete**
- To request a quote and advice from Warners regarding a few maintenance issues within the village. – **Awaiting a response.**
- To contact the Garden Centre to request permission to place the defibrillator on the outside wall of the building. — **Awaiting a response**
- To obtain quotes for putting lights on the Christmas Tree from 2025— *BBC have been out to look at the tree and have sent some questions to be answered by the council.*
- To contact BBC Highways to investigate the ownership of Church Green Road – **Ongoing**

6 **Correspondence received since the last meeting**

- A resident emailed the council concerned with the number of grass verges being both driven and parked on.
- A resident emailed the council to provide information they had obtained from Bedford Borough Council's planning process.

7 **Village playing fields**

- To discuss quote received from Warners to spray the weeds along the playing field footpath, clean the soft services and fill in the ruts on the playing field. *(Quote had not been received prior to agenda being posted)*

8 **Village welfare**

- To update the council on work carried out by the Volunteer Team in the village.
- To consider purchasing three additional "No Cold Calling" signs to be placed at the entrances of the village.
- To consider having the bench located at the River Meadow bolted down to prevent its movement from flooding.
- To discuss how the parish council can combat dog fouling within the village.
- To consider placing signs at the village green to prevent dogs from using this area.
- To consider preventative measures to stop residents from driving and parking on grass verges.

9 **All Saints Church**

To consider a grant request from the church for funding to support the addition of a disabled toilet and servery.

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10 Parish Council Risk Assessment

Annual review of the parish council risk assessment.

11 Reports by Representatives

- To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Working Group
- East West Rail update
- Milton Ernest Village Hall
- Community Safety
- Good Neighbours Volunteers

12 Community Litter Pick Event

To agree a date and details for a community Litter Picking event in the Spring.

13 Parish Council Grants Policy

To consider adopting the proposed grants policy and application.

14 Planning matters

- To consider any planning applications received since the last meeting – includes any received after the agenda is issued up to the date of the meeting.

APPLICATION NO: 24/00410/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Installation of bay window to front

LOCATION: 29 Arkwright Road Milton Ernest Bedford Bedfordshire MK44 1SE

APPLICATION NO: 24/00221/FUL & 24/00222/LBC Listed Building Consent Application

PROPOSAL: Installation of two 13 panel solar arrays, one in each of the roof valleys of The Old Rectory and its annexe, Mews Cottage

LOCATION: The Old Rectory And Mews Cottage 15 Thurleigh Road Milton Ernest Bedford Bedfordshire MK44 1RF

- To note any planning applications decided by the borough council since the last meeting.
No decisions to note.

15 Finance

- To approve payments and note income and balances
- To note the budget variance report

16 Borough Councillor Report

To receive a report from Borough Councillor Martin Towler

17 Short Public Open Session (5 Minutes)

18 Business for future agendas (No actions can be taken on items not on the agenda)

- **Date of the next meeting:** 8pm 11th April 2024, Milton Ernest Village Hall.