

MILTON ERNEST PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of MILTON ERNEST PARISH COUNCIL on Thursday, 9th January 2025 commencing at 8:00pm at Milton Ernest Village Hall, Thurleigh Road to consider the following items of business.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WELCOME!

Natalie Humberstone, Clerk to the Council

9th January 2025

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 14th November 2024**

5 **Clerk's report on actions**

For items not included on the agenda.

- To contact BBC Highways to enquire whether the chevrons could be repainted on Thurleigh Road — **Ongoing**
- Identify the additional funds received by BBC – **Ongoing**
- To notify BBC Highways about a loose plating running parallel with the footpath near on the A6 near the traffic lights - **Completed**
- To clarify the notification process with Biogen – **Completed**
- To receive an updated quote for the Defib and storage unit – **Ongoing**
- To review the figures and calculations for the monthly financial report - **Ongoing**
- To receive quotes to fix the low level fencing around the village the green – **Ongoing**
- To contact BBC for an amended quote for the tree lighting – **Ongoing**
- To confirm with The Christmas Decorators the lighting of the tree for 2025 – **Completed**
- To contact the Clerk for Riseley Parish Council for the details of their Playground inspector – **Completed**

6 **Correspondence received since the last meeting (requiring council attention)**

- From the office of Richard Fuller MP
- Potential for a lay-by or parking for Radwell Road
- Speed camera on Radwell Road was reported as not working.
- A damaged tree overhanging a wall and blocking the public path on A6 and Radwell Road (Cherry Cottage) was reported
- Concern raised on the timing of the "cutting back" of shrubbery on Riverside Meadow
- Residents contacted the council regarding two traffic accidents and the impact to the village
- Overall concerns on pedestrian safety
- Residents raised concern on the development of Site 518 referencing recent flooding on A6 and the car accidents.
- Residents queried the use of council land by an Estate Agent's "For Sale" sign on the grass verge on Riverside View.

Ms N Humberstone, Clerk, Milton Ernest Parish Council

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7 Finance

- To approve payments and note income and balances.
- To note the budget variance report.
- To approve the Christmas Decorators invoice and the cost of the locks for the playing field gate.
- To agree the 2025/2026 budget and precept; recommendations to be received from the Finance Committee.

8 Village playing fields

- Schedule for Playquest inspection
- Discuss how to action any repairs before Spring

9 Village welfare

- Richard Fuller MP – Water sewage site visit
- To discuss planning enforcement for fencing removal on 24 Marsh Lane
- To discuss parking on Radwell Road
- Discuss and review pedestrian safety along the A6 footpath and any proposal for a pedestrian foot path
- To discuss the dusk to dawn lights on the pathway from the A6 to Radwell Road
- East West Rail consultation update
- To discuss Warners work plan
- To discuss tree trimming on the through route between Radwell Road to Arkwright Road
- Village Green Ownership update
- To provide an update on the low level fencing around the green
- To agree the draft Villager article

10 Reports by Representatives

- To receive feedback from the sub-committee meetings
 - To receive a report back from the Parish Council Surgery – no update to be received.
 - To receive a report from the Finance Committee
 - To receive an update on the Biodiversity Plan
 - Environmental volunteer group
 - End of year report
 - To receive an update from the NDP working group
 - To receive an update from the Events Committee

11 Parish Events

- Tree Lighting event feedback
- Remembrance Day – to discuss the lamp post signs

12 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: 24/02144/MAF Major Full and Change of Use Application

PROPOSAL: Construction of a hardstanding, access and staff compound (including portacabin and parking) for an open storage use (use class B8)

LOCATION : Plot 4.4, Twinwoods Business Park Thurleigh Road Milton Ernest Bedford MK44 1RF

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Notification received from The Planning Inspectorate regarding the proposed East West Railway.
Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations) – Regulations 10 and 11

Application by East West Railway Company Limited (the Applicant) for an Order granting Development Consent for the East West Rail (the Proposed Development)

Scoping consultation and notification of the Applicant's contact details and duty to make available information to the Applicant if requested

The Proposed Development is a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project (NSIP), as defined in the Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

The Proposed Development is currently in the pre-application stage.

- To note any planning applications decided by the borough council since the last meeting.

13 **Borough Councillor Report**

To receive a report from Borough Councillor Martin Towler

14 **Parish Council Updates**

15 **Short Public Open Session (5 Minutes)**

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

- 17 – **Date of the next meeting:** 8pm 13th February 2025, Milton Ernest Village Hall.