

MILTON ERNEST PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the **ANNUAL** meeting of MILTON ERNEST PARISH COUNCIL on Thursday, 8th May 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

8th May 2025

AGENDA

1. **Election of Chairman**

To elect the Chairman for the coming year. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

2. **Election of Vice Chairman**

To elect the Vice Chairman for the coming year. Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office

3. **Public Open Session (5mins)**

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. **Apologies for Absence**

5. **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

6. **Committee / Working Group membership**

- To consider if any changes are required to the membership of the committees
- To agree the name of each separate working group
- To elect the Chairman of each committee

7. **Meeting dates for 2025/26**

To agree meeting dates and locations for the coming year.

8. **To confirm the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th April 2025**

9. **Clerk's report on actions**

For items not included on the agenda.

- Clerk to confirm whether Huntree's work is guaranteed and the length of the guarantee.–
Completed
- To receive quotes for 10m grass crete for Radwell Road parking – **Ongoing**
- To chase BBC on the removal of Algae and moss from Huntsmans Way, Butterfield Court and Riverside View – **Completed**
- To confirm details of Defibrillator training with the provider – **Completed**
- To confirm the VAT reclaim schedule - **Ongoing**
- The Clerk to prepare a Village Cutting schedule - **Completed**
- Clerk to link the repair of the sign with the insurance claim being made by the Village Hall-
Ongoing
- The Clerk to confirm the precept for 2025/26 – **Ongoing**

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

- Concern raised regarding untaxed and no MOT vehicles parked on Radwell Road.

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11. Finance

- To approve payments and note income and balances.
- To note the budget variance report.
- To discuss final precept and propose a budget review

12. Annual Parish Council Insurance Renewal

To consider quotes received from insurance providers.

13. Village playing fields

- Review works completed to date and next work planned
- Discuss and agree annual inspection to be completed for the playground

14. Village welfare

- Approval of quote and Huntree conducting the work on the Village Green fence
- Approval of the Villager article
- Defibrillator delivery and installation timing
- Update from Highways on expected works based on previous on-site meetings

15. Reports by Representatives

- To receive feedback from the sub-committee meetings
 - To receive a report back from the Parish Council Surgery
 - To receive a report from the Finance Committee
 - To receive an update on the Biodiversity Plan
 - Meadow Plan
 - Environmental volunteer group
 - To receive an update from the NDP working group
 - To receive an update from the Events Committee

16. Parish Events

17. 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: 25/00840/FUL Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL: Construction of a new swimming pond

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

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

APPLICATION No: 24/02454/FUL TYPE Full Planning Application

PROPOSAL : Installation of electric gate, pedestrian gate, perimeter fence and boundary brick wall.

LOCATION : The Old Maltings Bedford Road Milton Ernest Bedfordshire MK44 1FN

Under delegated powers from the Planning Committee, the decision for this application and the proposal as set out above, is to Refuse Permission.

18. Crime Statistics report

Crime report to be issued to councillors prior to the meeting.

19. Borough Councillor Report

To receive a report from Borough Councillor Martin Towler

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- 20. **Short Public Open Session (5 Minutes)**
- 21. **Business for future agendas (No actions can be taken on items not on the agenda)**
- 22. **Date of the next Parish Council meeting: 8pm 12 June 2025, Milton Ernest Village Hall.**