

MILTON ERNEST PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors, I hereby summon you to attend the meeting of MILTON ERNEST PARISH COUNCIL on Thursday, 10th July 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

10th July 2025

AGENDA

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
- 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. **To confirm the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 12th June 2025 and 18th June 2025**

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

For items not included on the agenda.

- To advise Huntree of MEPC's decision – **Completed**
- To email BBC to confirm who maintains the Riverside View park - **Ongoing**
- To email other clerks on how to gather online feedback –**Ongoing**
- To confirm the VAT reclaim schedule - **Ongoing**
- To circulate the dates of the 2025/26 meetings – **Completed**
- Confirm Bedford BC date to repair the sign outside the village hall – **Completed**
- Contact BBC about the potholes and repainting on Thurleigh road – **Completed**
- Contact BBC to repair the paving footpath on Rushden Road – **Ongoing**

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

7. **Finance**

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

8. **Village playing fields**

- Review works completed to date and next work planned
- Discuss the ROSPA report and agree next steps
- Proposals for new play equipment

9. **Village welfare**

- Approval of the Villager article
- Update on Grass Cutting Plan
- Relocation of the bench by the Village Farm House
- Discuss the plans in relation to the HGVs on Thurleigh Road

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10. Reports by Representatives

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

11. Parish Events

- Village Fete
- Playing Field event – 7th September 2025

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: 25/01292/MAF Major Full and Change of Use Application

PROPOSAL: Solar farm with ancillary infrastructure.

LOCATION : Land East Of Twinwood Road Oakley And Clapham And Land South East Of Thurleigh Road Milton Ernest And Thurleigh

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

- **To confirm the status of the planning enforcement on Marsh Lane re the Fence Removal**

APPEAL BY: Symbiosis Care Ltd

PROPOSAL : Erection of 1.8M high, 11M long section of front facing boundary fence with concrete posts and shiplap timber panels (retrospective).

PLANNING NO: 23/00087/S73A

INSPECTORATE NO: APP/K0235/D/24/3349326

LOCATION : 24 Marsh Lane Milton Ernest Bedford Bedfordshire MK44 1RB

Decision: The appeal is dismissed.

Date of the Decision: 30 January 2025

13. Borough Councillor Report

To receive a report from Borough Councillor Martin Towler

14. Parish Council Updates

- Playing Field Inspector

15. Short Public Open Session (5 Minutes)

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

18. – **Date of the next Parish Council meeting:** 8pm 11 September 2025, Milton Ernest Village Hall.