

MILLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting, Bettesworth Room, 14 October 2017

1. Present: Jeremy Parker, Nigel Cartwright, Colin Stopher, Matt Cusack (part) & Lorraine Grocott.
2. Declaration of Interests: J Parker, MVMH, Milland Stores, C Stopher, Garden Club,
3. Minutes of Meeting October 2016 signed November 2016.
4. Recreation Ground: £5500 – Maintenance £3500 & Repairs/Renewals £2000
£1000 – Project – To replace matting under the swings.
5. Clerk's payment: £9900 – (inc 1% inc) 15hrs @ 52 weeks = £12.564 phr =
(SCP 27) + £740 office & phone = £10538pa from 1/4/17.
Expenses - £200pa - £16 averagepermonth (Post,Photo,Stat,Ptrl)
Total Payment: £9900 + Office £740 + Expenses £200 budget)
6. Clerk's Gratuity: £6500 + £500 – (Final salary x years of service x 0.037)
7. Environment & Amenity: £750 – General maintenance
£750 – Tree surgery
8. Donations: £150 - CAB £30; Samaritans £30; Air Ambulance £40 +
9. Subscriptions: £420 – SLCC £80; SALC £245; CPRE £36, AirS £50, GW£10
10. Insurance: £610 – includes cover for Bonfire Night
11. Milland Stores: £5000 – (17/18 Public Works Loan DD May and November x 2)
12. Churchyards: £420 - (£140 x 3 sites Linch, Milland & Iping Marsh)
13. Review of Risk Assessment, Asset Register, Financial Regulations, Standing Orders
14. Items for consideration in precept –
 - a) Highways signs Milland Lane - £3,000 – Agreed
 - b) Contribution of Armistice Day commemorative seat - £250 - Agreed
15. Funding requests: The PC wishes the main target of any financial support it gives to be towards the creation of long term infrastructure, rather than funding administration or other running costs. The exception to this would be “seed corn” finance that was requested to enable a service to the wider community to be established.

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16. Response to funding requests from local groups: **TOTAL - £1750**
- a) Borden Village Hall - Request for a grant of £1300. Towards continuing refurbishment of the hall. Since last year they have re-plastered the entrance lobby along with insulating the roof. The works cost more than they expected coming to £4000. They are turning their attention to the outside, sorting out the gutters and external paintwork. Estimated cost c. £2000/£2500.) **Agreed £1300**
- b) MVMH – No funding request.
- c) Milland Gardening Club – Request for small grant of £100 to offset the cost of speakers for their meetings. The group continues to receive local support.
Agreed - £100
- d) Cartersland Wildflower Group / Paul Strike – Request for £300. Seed purchased last year has successfully established and there are clear indications that there has been a marked decrease in the vigour of the stronger grasses. There was a noticeable improvement on the Cartersland side of the Green this year with a colourful and increasing display of wildflowers. White Fritillaria have increased and the result should be visible in the spring. The grant will be used to purchase wildflower impregnated mats to cover the area where the bonfire site used to be and the growth is rank. By skimming off the current vegetation and laying wildflower mats specifically created for the soil conditions they will be able to introduce new plant species and provide a more diverse habitat. They have received positive feedback this year from various sources and feel this improvement will add further interest.
- e) **Agreed £250 to include a contribution for the costs of mowing.**
- f) Milland Cares – Request for on-going out-of-pocket expenses - £100. The group continues to put regular updates in Milland News. There is a formal steering group with a constitution and they are part of the Good Neighbours Network. It has been identified as a good model by WSCC which is using it as an example of good practice.
Agreed - £100
- g) Milland Stores – Anticipated capital expenditure: £5000+
The manufacturer of the till system will cease ‘support’ in the new year. The freezers and fridges are old and inefficient, Changes in food hygiene rules mean that the over and storage of cooked food will need to be replaced. There are on-going problems with the shop structure and scope to improve the facilities. Replacement of the till and the ovens for hot and cold food storage are urgent issues. No quotes were provided but it the expected cost will exceed £5000.
The meeting agreed that it wished to support the shop. They would be asked to provide quotes for consideration and they would support and help with funding applications.
17. Recreation Field – Agreed as follows: -
1) Maintenance 18-19 - £3500 - 2) Repairs/Renewals 18-19 - £2000
Annual tree safety assessment – Duncan Findlay to survey trees.
Project: Replace matting under swings Wicksteed Playgrounds quote £1600+vat.

Chairman:

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