**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**

**held on Monday 2nd June 2025 at the Silsoe village hall.**

**Present:**

Cllr McGrory as Chair, Cllr Mann, Cllr Royer, Cllr Virgo,

Cllr Offer via Zoom

**53/25 Apologies and Declaration of interest/ Request for dispensation**

Cllr Kevan, Cllr Willard, Cllr Gearey.

**54/25 Confirm the Minutes/ Matter Arising**:

The Minutes of the meetings held on 12th May 2025 and the Extra ordinary meeting on 20th May 2025 were agreed. Proposed by Cllr Virgo, seconded by Cllr Royer, all agreed.

**55/25 Public participation:**

A resident attended to ask the Cllrs to consider a skate park in the village. Ideally it would need to be concrete surface with ramps. Cllrs agreed to add it to the next agenda when more Cllrs will be present, and they can have an opportunity to research it further. The resident is Middle School age and feels it would be appropriate and popular with young people of all ages.

A resident attended to thank the Pc for supporting cricket within the village for juniors. There have been 4 sessions so far, with another 4 to go, the last session included 25 children. The Coaches are an Ex- England Coach, Ex-England player and a county player.

The fun runs for children will continue to be held, parents are going to start running the sessions.

The wildflowers are doing better than last year.

**56/25 Report by Ward Councillors:**

No report.

**57/25 Finances:**

Approved payments and invoices due for payment in the current year so far total £35,640 (total last meeting was £13,558, and both figures exclude the VAT values which can be reclaimed). The main costs over the last month have been the grass cutting £3,542 excluding VAT (last month £11,048 excluding VAT) and second instalment on the MUGA upgrades £16,334 excluding VAT. The PC also received the matching S106 funding of £16,334 for the MUGA upgrades. £16,334 has therefore been added to both budgeted income and budgeted expenditure as they net to zero and there is no actual impact on net budgeted PC expenditure. It is expected that the works to the MUGA, including the provision of storage, will be completed in June with the remaining costs covered by the balance of S106 funding held for this by CBC to be transferred to the PC when we receive the supporting final invoices.

The PC is now owed £6,421 for VAT paid out, the clerk to prepare a VAT claim for this.

The bank account balances as of May 30th are:

Current a/c           £16,678.84        was £26,098.14

Deposit a/c         £421,107.92        was £424,773.92

Nationwide           £89,561.08        was £89,561.08

The S106 receipt of £16,334 was paid into the Barclays deposit account, so £20,000 was transferred from the deposit account to cover the MUGA repairs payment which was made from the current account.

Adjusting for the value of unapproved invoices included and expected to be paid, this leaves a total current PC cash balance of £521,812.67 (balance last meeting was £531,634.62). There are no old un-cleared payments.

There are currently reserved balances of:

                £2,022                   Allotment deposits                      was £2,022

                £33,279                 Bloor Play Area                            was £33,575

                £27,588                 Community Woodland               was £27,774

                £25,000                 General reserve                           was £25,000

                £81,424                 Miller Homes Play Areas            was £81,657

                £83,999                 Sports Centre                               was £83,999

                £187                       Village Hall                                   was £187

                £6,354                   Village Orchard                            was £6,354

                £111,962               Village Park                                  was £112,896

This forecast for the end of the current year has £50,793 of unallocated funds available for new projects (unchanged from last month £50,793).

Payments for June:

Website/social media £162.00

D Granger grass cutting £5,025.12

Village hall hire £40.00

Cricket pitch maintenance £140.00

R J Machinery- mower repair £520.59

N Power £75.65

Internal auditor £275.00

Sports Courts- Muga works £19,600.80

S106 monies £16,344.00

Payments proposed by Cllr Virgo, seconded by Cllr Mann, all agreed. Clerk will set up payments.

Cllr Virgo confirmed he now has access to online banking; Clerk will speak to Cllr Gearey to see if he does as well?

Clerk has submitted the Audit and supporting documents to Mazars for the external audit.

**58/25 Planning:**

* CB/25/01446/DOC Land adjacent to 7 Clophill Rd. Discharge of Condition 5 against planning permission CB/24/02558/FULL (Demolition of existing agricultural barns, change of use of land to residential and erection of new self-build dwelling and associated garage) No objection.
* CBC Call for sites, information has been shared with residents and further updates will be published.

**59/25 Projects:**

1. **MEETING DATES AND TIMES:**

Due to Cllr availability, it was agreed to change meetings to 2nd Wednesday of the month starting at 7pm, Clerk will email Cllrs not present to agree this with a view to this starting in September 2025.

1. **ASB:**

Cllr Gearey will provide an update via email. The next ASB meeting is scheduled for 10am on 20th June 2025 at Priory House.

1. **CRICKET:**

Cllr Offer will provide a full update for Cllrs via email. There is currently one team playing 3 games in July. There is another team who are interested in playing Wednesday and Thursday evenings, Cllr Offer is discussing the hire fee with the team. The school team have been practising on the outfield; Cllr Offer will speak to them regarding dates and times to avoid a clash.

**60/25 Consultations and correspondence:**

The following correspondence was received:

* CBC, School Transport Consultation
* Community and Partnership update
* Crime Statistics
* Call for sites.
* N Power, increase in prices
* Winter warmth agents from CBC offering support and information, PC will display posters.
* High St North play area will be closed from 1st September for installation of the new equipment; Cllr Virgo will pop this on FB.
* Rev Simon Moore is arranging a charity concert and would like to display posters on the noticeboards, all Cllrs agreed.
* The Police have asked the PC to display posters for recruiting young people to the Stop and Search scrutiny committee, Clerk will arrange posters.
* DVLA acknowledgement that the lawnmower has been sold.
* A letter has been received from a resident concerned that the staff for the Nursing home on Newbury Lane are parking on the road which is making it difficult for residents to park and obstructing the path. Clerk will write to the home requesting that they use their car park.

**61/25 AOB:**

* Ward Cllrs are trying to engage with the Crime Commissioner regarding speeding on the A6, vehicles have been travelling at speeds up to 150mph.
* HGVs have been travelling through the village and a number of skip companies, there is a 7.5 tonne restriction in place, Cllr Royer will send the information to the Ward Cllrs.
* David Swain will attend the next meeting to discuss the Community Sports Centre.

**62/25 Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 15th July 7pm

Signed Date