**MILTON BRYAN PARISH MEETING**

**Minutes of the Milton Bryan Parish Meeting**

**held on Wednesday 31st October 2018**

**in The Village Hall, Milton Bryan**

Present*:* 23 residents, David Peel – Chairman of the October meeting,

Karen Barker – Clerk, Paul Williams – Woburn Estate,

Rene Dee and Julian Barnard from Military Intelligence Museum

571 **Apologies**:

Apologies were received from Kelvin White and CBC Cllr Budge Wells

572 **Minutes of previous meeting**:

It was proposed by David Peel that the Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 30th May 2018 be signed as a true record of events. This was seconded by John Harris with all in agreement.

573 **Matters Arising**:

573.1 Chairman and Meeting Support Committee

Further to the resignation of the Chairman David Peel at the May meeting it was proposed by James Creswell and seconded by John Hinton that John Harris be elected as the new Chairman of Milton Bryan Parish Meeting, agreed by all.

It was proposed by James Cresswell and seconded by John Hinton that John Harris, David Peel and Debra Barker form the Meeting Support Committee, agreed by all.

574 **Reports and Representations:**

574.1 CBC Cllr Wells was not present

574.2 Military Intelligence Museum

Mr Rene Dee and Mr Julian Barnard attended the meeting on behalf of the Military Intelligence Museum Board of Trustees to talk about their intentions in respect to a change of use to the existing (Woburn Estates leased) Bedfordshire Area Scout-camp. There are 16 members of the Board in total. The museum is currently located at Chicksands. The site in Milton Bryan is derelict and is an English Heritage site of national importance and needs sustaining and bringing back to life. The Trust want to make the museum more accessible and open to a wider audience. The reason for the proposal to move the museum is:

* Current issues with MOD funding
* Decommissioned camps and no certainty of remaining in situ at Chicksands
* Future of the museum at risk
* No open access as the military camp is secure and security passes are required

The main points highlighted included:

* + - A formal submission has been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund for a (round 1 application approval) which is expected to be considered and a decision notified back by mid December 2018. The total application costs would be £2m.
    - The Trustees of the Military Intelligence Museum have committed an additional sum of £2m to the project.
    - A new access road at the T Junction of Church End and School Lane will be incorporated in to the project with a roundabout at the T Junction. Central Bedfordshire Council Highways will not accept/agree to fund any other additional highways requirements which may be required, as part of any CBC approved planning application.
    - Woburn Estates have already agreed with the Military Intelligence Museum to grant a new 99 year lease covering the site.
    - Bletchley Park were approached to establish if they would be willing/able to accommodate the requirements of the Military Intelligence Museum. They advised they would not be able to agree/support this request.
    - A pre-application planning submission will be made to Central Bedfordshire Council detailing the redevelopment of the existing Scout-camp into a Military Intelligence Museum Visitor Centre, Restaurant and Visitor Car Park. Plans have been drawn up but not yet finalised.
    - The number of visitors expected is 60,000 per annum. Significant additional traffic to and from the site is expected but traffic would be directed along the Hockliffe Road thereby missing out the village roads. CBC Highways would expect/require significant changes to be developed/made to the existing Rural Infrastructure.
    - The visitor centre, café and archives would be open every day.
    - Mr.René Dee asked that 1 or 2 residents be nominated and formally advised to the Military Intelligence Museum Trust to act as Representatives of the Village and attend their monthly meetings.

David Peel and Robin Friend put their names forward to represent the village at the meetings of the Trustees. The meeting agreed that a final decision be delayed until the end of the following week to give residents time to consider whether they would like to represent the Village at these Trust meetings.  The Clerk to email residents at the end of next week to confirm the Representatives names.

David Peel said that he will ensure that CBC Cllr Wells is aware of the project and ask him to ensure that the meeting is supplied with copies of the plans as soon as they are submitted. He also said that although the Trust have plans to direct the traffic away from the village roads, this approach is unrealistic as traffic would still come through the village from the M1 and Toddington and would have a great impact on the Village. CBC Highways would have to address this issue. David Peel thanked Rene Dee and Julian Barnard for attending.

574.3 Friends of St Peters Church Charity

Steve Harris attended to give some information about the Charity.

*‘Sir Robert Harry Inglis Charity was established in November 1853. The charity was formed for the maintenance of the Inglis memorial in the transcept of St Peter’s Church, the maintenance of the transcept only, the maintenance of the Milton Bryan school, the clothing of any poor school children. In 2006, with the school having been closed for a number of years the then Chairman of the charity, John Glasse, put in train a change in the objectives of the charity. At the same time and to reﬂect the updated objectives a change in the charities name was also progressed. In February 2007 a new trust deed was executed, essentially creating the charity The Friends of St Peter’s Church, Milton Bryan. The objectives of the charity were changed and remain the same today and are the preservation, repair, maintenance, restoration, improvement and ornamentation of the fabric of the Parish Church of St Peter’s, Milton Bryan”. Subsequently the net capital of the Inglis charity totalling £34,808 was paid to the Friends charity with the Inglis Charity wound up and removed from the charities register in 2008. The Friends is completely separate from the Church, is non religious with the Trustees being objective members focussing solely on the maintenance of the Church of St Peter’s as outlined above. The current Trustees of the Friends charity are Steve Harris, Barbara Wickens, John Hinton, Joy Noorkoiv & Craig Gibson. Steve Harris is the newest trustee having taken over from John Glasse in 2014. The accounts of the Friends indicate that the last money donated to the Parish Church Council was £7,000 in 1999. As at December 31 December 2017 the Friends held funds totalling £60,377. The Friends income is derived from investments and interest. Additionally, the Friends does beneﬁt from the occasional donation and legacy bequest. In August 2015 the Trustees of the Friends met with representatives of the PCC and agreed a basis on which the PCC would approach the Friend’s for support (in line with the objectives of the charity). Since this time no requests have been forthcoming although the Friends and the PCC are in regular dialogue. If anyone would like further information with regard to the Friends of St Peters Church, Milton Bryan; would like to make a donation or are interested in becoming a Trustee please contact one of the Trustees.’*

The Clerk to place the full report on the Milton Bryan Parish Meeting website. (**Action: Clerk**)

575 **Open Forum**:

A resident said that the layby before the T Junction is becoming very littered. They requested that something is put in place to dissuade people from parking there. David Peel said that he has suggested an enlargement to the embankment but CBC were not receptive to the idea. It was suggested that the Woburn Estate could be approached to put some logs in place. David Peel said that he will look in to it further. A resident said that they would volunteer to litter pick with other villagers every so often. (**Action: DP**)

A resident requested that a dog bin be placed in Pond Lane. David Peel said that he would request that CBC consider the request. (**Action: DP**)

Resident, John Harris thanked David Peel on behalf of the Village for his work as Chairman of Milton Bryan Parish Meeting over the last 4 years.

576 **Village Matters:**

576.1 Church End (North End) Road Repair Information

David Peel said that this is still on-going but he hopes that the repairs will be resolved shortly.

576.2 Speedwatch Group

The Chairman said that the group has been disbanded. The Group did an excellent job but the members were not able to continue and it is no longer operational. The group could be started up again in the future but residents need to understand the level of commitment required. David Peel thanked, Clare Francis, Debra Barker and Robin Friend for their hard work.

576.3 Crime in the Village and surrounding areas

David Peel said that there has been an increase in crime in the area and that residents should be vigilant. A list of crime prevention suggestions was sent out by the Clerk for information.

577 **Finance:**

577.1 Accounts to 30th September 2018

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|  | £ |
| Barclays Current Account | 1,974.48 |
| Barclays Savings Account | 2,323.03 |
| Less unpresented chqs | 40.00  55.00 |
| **TOTAL** | 4,202.51 |
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| B/F 2017/18 | 5,585.97 |
| Receipts to 30 Sept 2018 | 2,662.07 |
| Payments to 30 Sept 2018 | 4,045.53 |
| **TOTAL** | 4,202.51 |

577.2 Finance Report

The opening balance of accounts at the beginning of the 2018/19 financial year was £5,585.97, receipts in the year to date amount to £2,662.07 and payments amount to £4,045.53. The Barclays current account balance to end September was £1,974.48, and the savings account was £2,323.03. With two unpresented cheques totalling £95.00, the total in the bank at the end of September stands at £4,202.51.

The Clerk said that since 1st April 2018, the only significant expense has been the resurfacing of the car park. £3,000 was transferred from the savings account to the current account to pay for it.

577.3 Payments:

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| Chq No | Payee | £ |
| 100569 | K Barker – Clerks salary | 87.38 |
| 100569 | K Barker – Clerks expenses | 17.93 |
| 100570 | Anglian Water – allot and field | 24.28 |
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|  | TOTAL | 129.59 |

577.4 Other finance matters:

577.4.1 Internal Audit Report

The Clerk said that the Parish Meeting is now exempt from an external audit and is subject only to an internal audit with the finance documents being placed on the website. The Internal Auditor visited and the only items that he would draw to the Council’s attention relate to:   
  
a) the Meeting’s insurance policy, that currently provides cover for risks, particularly related to cash that are either excessive or irrelevant. As the Meeting is charged with obtaining ‘best value’ this matter should be borne in mind and discussed with the insurer at renewal

b) at each Annual Meeting where the Chairman is elected as the first item of business, the need for the Chairman to then immediately sign a ‘Declaration of Acceptance of Office’ as Chairman.

These items were noted by the Parish Meeting.

577.4.2 Budget/Precept 2019/20

The Clerk reported that the budget will be drawn up shortly and there is likely to be a small increase in the precept.

578 **Planning:**

There were no planning issues for discussion.

579 **Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence for circulation.

580 **Date of next meeting:**

Meetings will be held in October, February and May each year.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th February 2019 starting at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

Signed: ……………………………………. (Chairman) Date: ………………………….