Notes of the Meeting of Milcombe Parish Council Tuesday 7 January 2020

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Christmas Day Lunch – A £100 donation had been made to the Christmas Day lunch which was held in Bloxham, but was open to Milcombe residents too. It had been a resounding success and Pud Hawkins, Bee Myson and all their helpers are thanked for all of their hard work to make it such a great event.

Defibrillator – Information on the specification for the defibrillator and case would be submitted to the PCC with a view to obtaining a faculty from the Diocese for it to be located in the Church porch.

Volunteer Link-Up Scheme – The Parish Council would like to develop a Volunteer Link-Up Scheme for the village, which would mean that volunteers would be a point of contact for vulnerable people in the village, if they needed help with daily tasks. If you would be interested in volunteering for the role and would like more information, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Grit Bin – A request had been made for a new grit bin in the area of Oak Farm Close/Oak Farm Drive, however the Parish Council needs to establish whether or not the roads in the estate have been adopted by the County Council. If they have not, then a grit bin cannot be installed by the Parish Council.

Dog Fouling – Residents were asked to ensure that they clean up after their dogs because a lot of mess had not be picked up along Main Street. Free dog waste bags were available in the Church and the shop.

Grass Cutting Contract 2020/2021 – The grass cutting contract for 2020/2021 has been awarded to Nigel Prickett. Nigel has been the contractor in the village for a number of years and does a very good job keeping the village looking neat.

Jacob Kaye Memorial Bench – A contractor would be asked to supply a quote for undertaking maintenance to the bench in Portland Road.

Vacancy – Due a resignation, there was vacancy on the Parish Council. If anyone was interested in being co-opted onto the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk for more information.

Snow Wardens – The Parish Council would like to develop a Snow Warden Scheme for the village, which would mean that in the event of adverse weather, you would be called upon to clear footpaths in the village. If you would be interested in volunteering for the role, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Highways – Repairs which were required to potholes should be reported to the County Council's Fix My Street web site. https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/

Residents were reminded that trees/bushes/hedges should not be causing an obstruction because they were overhanging a boundary onto a footpath or road. If an obstruction was occurring in the village, it should be reported to https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/

Play Area – The Clerk had been in contact with Cherwell District Council and Sanctuary Housing but a date for the release of the Section 106 funds for the new play equipment had still not been confirmed.

Thank You – Thanks goes to all the residents in the village who litter pick, sweep up leaves etc and generally make a conscious effort to help keep the village looking tidy. The Parish Council very much appreciates the work that these unsung heroes do with the whole community.

Emergency Plan – The Parish Council wished to develop an Emergency Plan for the village and if any residents had experience of emergency planning and would be willing to help, they should contact the Clerk.

Planning:

19/02063/F

Mr & Mrs Henry Lawrence

Holly Cottage, Main Road, Milcombe

Single storey front extension to include double garage and enlargement of lounge - re-submission of 19/00851/F

Granted

19/01496/F Star Pubs and Bars Horse and Groom Inn, Main Road, Milcombe Kitchen ducting: in-put and out-put (retrospective). Withdrawn

Planning applications and comments could be viewed on Cherwell District Council's web site at: https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/115/planning/443/see-or-comment-on-a-planning-application23as

Meeting Dates - Future meetings, all starting at 8.00pm at the Village Hall, Milcombe were as follows:

- Tuesday 3 March 2020
- Tuesday 5 May 2020 (Annual Parish Meeting)
- Tuesday 12 May 2020
- Tuesday 7 July 2020
- Tuesday 1 September 2020
- Tuesday 3 November 2020

All welcome to attend!

A copy of the draft minutes for the whole meeting are available on www.milcombe.com or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at milcombepc@gmail.com or ring 01295 710965 during normal office hours.

Reminders:

Roads (including potholes)/footpaths/street lighting/overhanging trees/hedges: Report to Oxfordshire County Council https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/

Faulty Street Lights: Report on freephone 0800 317802 giving exact destination and pole number if possible.

Dog Bags: These are available from New Road Stores and at the back of the Church behind the organ. Please clear up after your dog - it is an offence not to.

Electricity: SSE 0800 294 3259 or text phone 0800 316 5457, UK Power Networks – 0800 169 9970, Western Power Distribution – 0800 096 3080

Water: Thames Water 0800 009 3652 or text phone 0800 316 6899, Anglian Water 03457 91 91 55

Power failure: If there's a power cut call the free number 105 to check what's happening with your local provider