

**Milcombe Parish Council**  
**6 July 2021**  
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New Councillors – Four new Councillors attended their first meeting and were welcomed by the Chairman. The new Councillors are Ruth Dale, Nigel Davis, Bob Ottway and Tracey Scott.

Parish Council Meetings – It was hoped that the next Parish Council meeting in September 2021, could be held in person at the village hall.

Milcombe Newsletter – Thanks were passed to Mark Boardman for continuing to print the MNL on behalf of the village.

Footpaths in Bloxham - Walkers going over Hobb Hill will notice posts and string at the gates and on the footpath. The farmer is using these to guide users to the location of the Public Right of Way. The farmer will be making hay in the field this year. If the ground becomes compacted it becomes unusable. Walkers should try to keep to the right, close to the hedge on the way up from Courtington Lane and at the top, walk straight down to the kissing gate at the bottom on Ells Lane. Please keep to the paths and enjoy your walks up Hobb Hill...a good pair of wellies / boots always helps.

Play Equipment – The contract for installing new play equipment in the village play area was awarded to Kompan and it was hoped installation would be undertaken later in the year, to avoid clashes with the school summer holidays. A quote would be obtained for cutting back the trees and bushes overhanging the boundary into the play area.

Church Clock – The Parish Council would be covering the cost of maintenance works to the Clock as its contribution to the village to mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

Wheelie Bins – Residents are kindly requested not to block the footpaths with their wheelie bins, where possible. If they could also be collected back in as soon as they had been emptied, this would avoid the footpaths being blocked for those pedestrians with pushchairs or wheelchair users.

Snow Warden/Grit Bins – If anyone in the village would to volunteer to be a Snow Warden to help clear the footpaths in adverse weather conditions, please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council. Grit bins are all full and grit may be used on slippery public footpaths and roads only. It should not be used for private property use.

Register of Community Assets – Investigations would be made into registering community assets in the village, such as the Horse and Groom PH, Dovecote, village pump and the village shop.

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/> New road markings had been painted on the road by the junction at the Horse and Groom.

Planning – The Parish Council had no objections to the following planning applications:

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| 21/01398/LB | Mulberry Keytes, Main Road, Milcombe<br>Replacement of timber window  |
| 21/01690/F  | Jasmine Cottage, Main Road, Milcombe<br>Two storey front and rear extension and porch (renewal of 17/02082/F) |

The Parish Council made observations on the following planning applications:

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| 21/00890/F | 1 Heath Close, Milcombe |
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First floor extension over the existing ground floor and demolition of garage and rebuilding of ground floor extension (re-submission of 20/03421/F)

- 21/01520/REM Swerbrook Farm, Hook Norton Road, Wigginton  
Reserved matters application to 20/02389/OUT – landscaping
- 21/01506/OUT Swerbrook Farm, Hook Norton Road, Wigginton  
Variation of conditions 4 (plans), 5 (access and maneuvering areas), 7 (biodiversity method statement) & 9 (external lighting) of 20/02389/OUT - minor amendment to the approved plans and provide details to discharge the requirement of other conditions relating to ecology and external lighting

Trees/Bushes/Hedges - 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/>

#### **Adverse Weather:**

Oxfordshire County Council works closely with all its partners to monitor the weather and as a reminder there are some numbers that you can call to report weather related issues if you become aware of them:

- To report fallen trees or other debris which pose a risk to your safety or the safety of others, please call 999
- To report fallen trees or other debris which doesn't pose such a high risk but still needs to be dealt with, please call 101
- If you lose power or can see that a power line has come down please report it by calling 105
- If you are concerned about flooding, you should visit the Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit online - <https://www.oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com> – and I will summarise the key numbers to call below:
- If you have a flooding emergency which is a threat to someone's life, contact Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service on 999
- To report flooding relating to a highway such as blocked ditches, blocked drains or flooding on a road call Oxfordshire County Council Floodline on 0345 310 1111
- To report flooding from a main river contact the Environment Agency through the Floodline (Tel: 0345 988 1188 or 0800 80 70 60) or visit their website
- If your property is at immediate risk of surface water flooding please contact Thames Valley Police on 101

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** – It was hoped that all future meetings, starting at 8.00pm would be held in person and not on Zoom. However please check the agendas on the Parish Council web site the week prior to the meeting.

- Tuesday 7 September 2021
- Tuesday 2 November 2021

#### **All welcome to attend!**

Agendas and minutes are available on [www.milcombe.com](http://www.milcombe.com) or please contact the Clerk, Theresa Goss, at [milcombecp@gmail.com](mailto:milcombecp@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 in the Church porch. 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