

# MILSTON PARISH MEETING

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Apologies:** Jancis Henman, Henry and Hazel Rawlins, Cecilia D'Arcy and Trevor Tucker.

**Attendees:** Maureen Sturgess, Zoe and Mark Lloyd-Price, Peter Vasey, Becky Rawlins, Alison Rawlins, Andy Mitchenall, Sam and Andrew Smith, Robert Henman, Gary Rowland, Vera Heaphy, Paige Brazier, Faye Townley-Berry, Richard and Alex Parsons, Kat Gallagher, Sally Pearson and Tracey Glibbery.

**A minute's silence** was held in memory of Jo Pitman and Matt Broome who have sadly passed away.

**The previous meeting notes** of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were approved.

### **Election of Officers:**

- Tracey Glibbery was re-elected as Chair.
- Katerinie Gallagher was re-elected as Clerk/Treasurer.

We thank Paige Brazier for agreeing to audit the Milston Parish Meeting accounts.

**Treasurer's Report and Precept discussion:** Tracey stated the difference between the Milston Parish Meeting and the Milston & Briggerston Social Meeting roles. Kat explained that the Milston Parish Meeting fund receives and makes one payment each year. The incoming payment is from Wiltshire Council in the form of a 'Precept'.

Tracey talked through a note about the Precept which explains the purpose and costs for the village. The Precept amount is discussed at each Milston Parish Meeting AGM. The Precept is paid to St Mary's, Milston, for the upkeep of the churchyard grounds. The meeting was reminded that if we wanted to extend the Precept amount to pay for items like street lighting, traffic calming or other activities for the benefit of the community, we could do this. But there was no appetite for this.

The Precept cost is divided between the village dwellings, based on the property band. It's shown as 'Milston Parish Meeting' on the Council Tax bill. The PCC of St Mary's has requested an increase to help meet rising costs due to wage inflation. As per previous years, last year's Precept did not cover the expenditure and the Precept has been 'playing catch up' over the past two years.

For the current financial year the Precept amount for Milston is £22.73 for Band D and £37.88 for Band G. In comparison, a Band D household in Durrington pays £103.89; £87.90 in Figheledean; and £41.66 in Bulford.

**Precept Vote.** It was agreed unanimously at the AGM that the Precept amount should increase from £1300 to £1350 for the next financial year (April 2025-6). This means a 3.85% increase in next year's Council Tax of £0.87 for Band D households and by £1.46 for Band G households.

**Planning items:** Richard and Alex Parsons, who live on the Milston Road, attended the meeting to outline their recently submitted planning application. This is to demolish the current 'Orton' building in

Milston and to build a home for their family in its place. Details and plans were not discussed at this point but were displayed and discussed after all the meetings had finished. Tracey explained that Milston Parish will be formally notified by Wilts Council and will submit a response on behalf of the villagers. But anyone can submit their own response online if they wished. Near neighbours are consulted separately. The deadline is 16th May 2024. The application is found at: [Planning Application: PL/2024/03313 \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-application/PL/2024/03313)

**Any other business:** None.

Meeting ended 8.20pm.

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**I hereby certify these notes are a true and accurate record of the AGM of Milston Parish Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

**Chair:**

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....

**Clerk/Treasurer**

Name: .....

Signature: .....

Date: .....