

MILSTON PARISH MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 23rd April 2025

Apologies: Henry and Hazel Rawlins, Alison Rawlins, Tricia Constant, Julie Weston, Sarah Steggles, Paige Brazier, Mark and Zoe Lloyd-Price, Jancis and Rob Henman.

Attendees: Maureen Sturgess, Becky Rawlins, Sam and Andrew Smith, Fiona Peters, James and Arrianne McCalla, Cecilia Darcy, Trevor Tucker, Kat Gallagher, Sally Pearson and Tracey Glibbery.

The previous meeting notes of 24^h April 2024 were approved and signed.

Election of Officers:

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

Treasurer's Report and Precept discussion: Tracey stated the difference between the Milston Parish Meeting and the Milston & Brighmerston Social Meeting roles. 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'. The Precept cost is divided between the village dwellings, based on the property Council Tax band. It's shown as 'Milston Parish Meeting' on the Council Tax bill.

Tracey talked through the Precept note (published on the village website and provided at the meeting). This explains the purpose of the Precept and the current/proposed costs for the village. The Precept is paid to St Mary's, Milston, for the upkeep of the village churchyard grounds. Tracey highlighted that this is the only form of donation/support that the village gives to the village church. The PCC of St Mary's has requested an increase of £50 to help meet rising costs.

Sally reminded the meeting that if we wanted we can increase the Precept amount to pay for other items like street lighting or traffic calming. A good discussion was held about what else we could do. One area of interest (and discussed on/off over the years), is the creation of 'village gate posts' to mark when you enter and leave the village area. Other local villages have these. This was generally accepted as a good idea and the Committee must review costs/the legalities involved in putting up our own signs.

It was agreed to have two votes, both of which were approved:

1. **Precept Vote.** It was agreed unanimously at the AGM that the Precept amount should increase from £1350 to £1400 for the next financial year (April 2026-7).
2. **Consider funding village gate posts.** Agreed unanimously that the Committee will review costs/next steps. If we proceed, we will require further approval from a quorum of the village, once the data is gathered.

We thanked Paige Brazier for auditing the Milston Parish Meeting accounts.

Any other business: None. Meeting ended 7.55pm.