

Milton Parish Council

Annual Report 2007/08



Chairman's Report

The parish Council has had a busy year last year and are set to have another busy year this year.

Each year we assess how much money we need to provide services and this year we had a total income of £134, 806 which was made up of rates, rent, fees, grants and interest.

We provided a grant as we do each year to subsidise the cost of providing community facilities. This includes our new Youth Centre, the two recreation grounds, other sports provision and associated buildings. These are all excellent facilities and are managed on our behalf by the Milton Community Centre charity.

We have a number of Committees; Finance and Staffing, Maintenance, Community Care, Youth, Planning and Community Minibus. We also have a number of ad hoc groups that look at specific issues. In addition some of our parish councillors also represent us in a specific role such as Country Park rep.

The Finance & staffing committee manages the finances which is a major responsibility and includes items such as checking insurances and managing risk.

The Maintenance Committee has a large number of roles. It manages the cemetery, the allotments, the play areas and has general responsibility for overseeing the work of our village cleaner and the maintenance contractors who cut the grass etc.

The Community Care group oversee the work of our Community Care Warden and her assistant. There are a number of elderly residents who find this provision invaluable.

The Community Mini Bus Committee manage the use of the village mini bus which is in regular use.

The Youth Committee oversee the youth work in the village and the youth clubs that are held in the new Youth Building on a regular basis.

Planning Committee have had a very interesting year with planning applications such as the application for extending the years the landfill can operate to looking at plans for buildings on the Science Park (which incidentally is currently also part of Milton). The Planning Committee can only look at the plans and make recommendations to South Cambs. District Council who are the planning authority for the area. A developer is also currently talking to us about building a retirement village of around 100 homes on the site adjoining Milton Hall.

The Parish Council has also been involved in discussions about Mereham (a developer is hoping to build a new village called Mereham near Wilburton) and we were represented at the inquiry in the autumn.

We have also been working on getting double yellow lines at the bottom of the cycle bridge and cctv; both of which have now been promised for this year; we have made representations to Cambridgeshire County Council about the problems of not having traffic lights on the Milton access onto the A14/A10 interchange and have pressed the County Council to make a whole range of highways and footpath related improvements and repairs and we have represented the village views on issues relating to the new Park and Ride that is being built in Butt Lane. We also successfully pressed for the area of land near the A14 to be cleared and tidied up.

Recently we have been writing to the sewage works asking for a meeting to discuss the problems of the smell which had subsided during the past 2 years but now seems to be becoming a problem again.

We supported the application from Impington Village College for a grant from South Cambs. District Council and we helped local residents by holding a stock of South Cambs. Bus Pass forms at the parish office when residents were having difficulty getting them. We also voiced the concerns of local residents when South Cambs. were threatening to close the Country Park and tried to help resolve the problems. South Cambs. have now passed the responsibility for the park to the Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust.

Unfortunately we also had a problem with South Cambs. District Council during the last year when we became most concerned that they were not responding to our letters and emails which resulted in us complaining about them and we now seem to have resolved the issues.

There is a boundary review at the moment which is likely to suggest that areas of land that are currently within the boundary of Milton be transferred to the City and visa versa. We are being consulted and have suggested that the A14 is the natural boundary of the village.

We also dealt with a problem of encroachment onto parish land and are currently working on various ideas to try to provide more land in the village for village sports teams to play. Currently some of our groups such as Colts Football have to use the facilities in other villages.

We continue to provide a mini bus to Tesco once a fortnight for the frail and elderly and once again put up Christmas lights with the help of volunteers. We also organised as usual the Remembrance Day Ceremony which was well attended.

We have also supported and funded the Parish Plan Group and will be looking at their findings in the near future.

During the last year our village cleaner, Robin Adams retired and we thanked him for all his work over 16 years. We also welcomed our new councillor Terrie Drummond.

We are in an area where there are many pressures for development and are therefore a very busy council but we are very lucky to have such a good team working on behalf of the village. I would especially like to thank everyone for all their hard work during the past year and would like to include in that thanks, the Community Centre Management Committee and all the staff.

Jane Coston

Chairman, Milton Parish Council

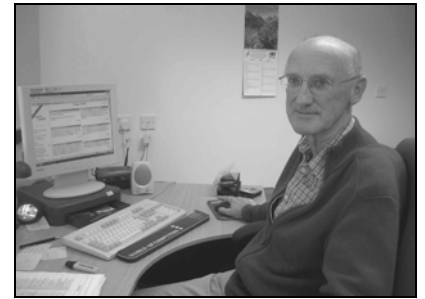
How to contact us



The Parish Council office is in the car park of the Community Centre on Coles Road. There is cycle parking outside the door and the car park is free.

When Does the Council Meet?

The full council normally meets on the first Monday of every month in the Bowls Pavilion (except in August). Residents are welcome to attend and can speak during the public participation item at the beginning of the meeting. The Planning Committee normally meets on the third Monday of every month, if there is any planning business to consider. Other committees meet throughout the year as necessary. Notice of all meetings is given on the Parish notice boards, located behind the war memorial and outside the office, and they are also published on the village web site.



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Draft Income & Expenditure 2007-08

	2007-08	2006-07
INCOME		
Agency received (CCC)	1,049	1,049
Allotment rents / Cemetery fees	1,855	1,437
Community Care fees / grants	7,673	6,502
Grants (bowls green / memorial)	8,861	0
Insurance claim	0	21,335
Interest	8,204	7,234
Minibus & Trolley bus hire / grant	4,253	4,333
Rate precept	101,000	84,000
Receipts	651	1,523
Youth building (& shelter) grants	1,260	96,625
	134806	224038
EXPENDITURE		
Admin inc office expenses	23,994	20,070
Agency	1,049	1,049
Allotments/cemetery	2,900	3,904
Bowls green	9,261	0
Capital schemes	4,298	137,646
Grass cutting / highways	14,504	11,866
MCC grant	27,000	26,000
Minibus / Trolley bus	3,633	3,163
Play areas	1,506	3,542
S 137 Community Care	10,794	10,543
Youth inc sport grants	8,195	2,761
	107,134	220,544
Overall Total	27,671	3,494

Draft Balance Sheet As At 31/03/08

	2008	2007
ASSETS		
Bank Accounts	173,854	163,874
Debtors (inc VAT recoverable)	9,988	3,041
	183,842	166,915
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	15,249	26,125
Receipts in Advance	1,884	1,753
	17,133	27,878
NET ASSETS	166,709	139,037

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What do we do?



We take the lead in getting things done in the village such as getting new sports facilities. We comment on planning applications and generally act on behalf of the village in many other ways.

Maintain and replace play areas and play equipment

Where we spent £107,134

■	Community Centre Grant
■	Maintenance
■	Office & Staffing
■	Other
■	Youth