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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to the next meeting of Milton Parish Council to be held in the Bowls Pavilion on Monday 2 March 2009 at 7.30pm

Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak

AGENDA

1 Apologies for absence

3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial

4 To approve the minutes and confidential minutes of the meeting of 2 February 2009 (pages 3-6)

5 Clerk's/Chairman's report (page 7-8)

Highways inc A14 bridge, Winship Road junction and verge opposite Tesco; meeting with Tesco manager; cycle barriers; dog bin; Community Care grant; risk assessments; bank account

6 Planning

(P4/1-09) Appeal - Ms Sarah Lee Plot 6 Sunningdale Chesterton Fen Road - against an enforcement notice issued by South Cambridgeshire District Council. The breach of planning control as alleged in the notice is without planning permission the erection of a dayroom building.

Appeal **allowed**, the enforcement notice is quashed and planning permission granted.

(40/6-08) Appeal – Mr L Saunders 27 and 28 Newfields Chesterton Fen Road – against enforcement notice served by SCDC alleging without permission the erection of a dwelling and a garage and a utility room. – hearing scheduled for 3 March

Decisions received

(P8/1-09) Mr P Doyle 120-126 Science Park – external alterations to include re-cladding of all external elevations and re-spraying of all existing windows and doors and formation of new air conditioning compound and bin store - approved. Colour detail and sample panel of cladding to be approved.

SCDC LDF 2007: **DP/ 2 (Design of New Development) and DP/3 (Development Criteria).**

(P9/1-09) Mr K Spires KES Contracts 12 Burling Walk – extension over existing garage – **approved**.
SCDC LDF 2007: **DP/2 and 3.**

(P11/1-09) Cambridge Sport Lakes Country Park – extension to Visitor Centre and addition of velux roof lights **approved**.

East of England Plan 2008: **SS1 (Achieving Sustainable Development);**

SCDC LDF 2007: **DP/1, 2, 3 and 7 (Sustainable and other criteria for development), ET/10 (Tourist facilities), GB/1 and 2 (Green Belt).**

New applications

(22/2-09) S/0026/09 Mr & Mrs Karia 136 The Rowans – two storey front extension and first floor extension over garage. Copy letter of objection received. Amendment showing height of roof lights serving a bedroom – **for information only**.

S/0089/09 Jamie Beynon 9 Hall End – 1st floor extension over existing garage and part playroom

S/0140/09 Tesco Plc Cambridge Road – erection of turbine

S/0143/09 Miss Rosie Davey – 63 Cambridge Road – conversion of garage to annex

Any other decisions received and urgent applications (at chairman's discretion)

- (27/11-08) **7 Minerals and Waste Plan consultation – to formulate responses** (page8-9)
- (24/2-09) **8 Parish Plan – to accept the survey report** (on the Council website and previously presented at the November 2008 Parish Council meeting) **and approve the Action Plan and distribution of “A Plan for Milton”** (please note that there has been a re-draft of the version previously circulated by Phil) (page 9)
- (32/2-09) **9 Office / Bowls Pavilion - to consider whether to proceed with suggested improvements** (details and quotation attached page 9)

10 Maintenance

- to consider quotation from Buchans for work adjacent the foot /cycle path The Sycamores
- to consider tidying hedge and tree line in front of industrial estates Cambridge Road (RD and RLEW to report)
- Tomkins Mead update (RLEW – meeting with M Woolhouse CSLT – attached orange)

(25/2-09) **11 Land update**

- proposal [Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960] to exclude members of the public to this item as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business
- to consider proposals from Land Group: (attached as confidential)

12 MCC update

- **audit:** South Cambs District Council has commissioned consultants Strategic Leisure to complete an audit of village halls and community facilities across the district

13 To consider Winship Road junction improvements – 3 options (previously circulated – page 13)

14 County Councillor’s report - no report to date

15 District Councillors’ reports – no report to date

16 Bills for Payment and Money Received (to be circulated)

17 Correspondence (can be read at 7.15pm or you may request copies)

- Guided Busway** - Local Liaison Forum – Park Lane, Histon to Milton Road – notes of meeting held on 08/01/09

(27/2-09) **Cambridgeshires Transport Commission** - consultation till 6 March 09 on proposals to tackle congestion web: www.cambstransportcommission.co.uk

Cambridge Housing Society - Newsletter Winter 2009

- City Council** - invitation to a wide range of internal and external stakeholders to this presentation of the Council's draft Adoption Guide for sustainable drainage, on Friday 6th March 2009 at 11am-1pm, at The Kings Room, the Corn Exchange Cambridge.

- Old Press/Mill Lane Supplementary Planning Document consultation

Highways Agency - Stakeholder News – quarterly newsletter

County Council - Countryside access issues

18 Dates of Next Meetings

- Planning - Planning
- Minibus - tba
- Council - 6 April

19 Items and Reports for April agenda (to be received by Friday 20 March)

Jim Daniels

Jim Daniels - Clerk

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Parish Council office, Community Centre notice board and

www.miltonvillage.org.uk [Council website]



Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 2 February 2009 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: JE Coston (chair) RH Chapman PS Badley G Covell R Day TA Drummond M Ellwood RJ Farrington SC Humphreys B Jefferson IF May HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters Councillor M Williamson (part), the clerk and assistant clerk

Public Participation – PCSO Claire Whiteman attended and was aware of a group of youngsters riding motor scooters and generally causing problems at and around the Community Centre.

- 1 1/2-09 (F4/1-09) **1 Confirmation of appointment of and welcome to assistant clerk**
The chairman welcomed David Geasor, assistant clerk. David was considering working Wednesday evenings and / or Saturday mornings (instead of Wednesday afternoons) in addition to Monday and Friday mornings to allow people at work the opportunity to contact the office. Either the clerk or assistant would attempt to attend the Parish Plan group meetings.
- 2/2-09 **2 Apologies for absence** - AJ Campbell.
- 3/2-09 **3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial**
JEC – land update - personal – husband and son play cricket for Milton Cricket Club.
HMS – planning - personal – member of SCDC planning committee.
IFM - land update personal – chairman of colts football club.
- 4/2-09 (1/1-09) **4 Minutes** – the following amendments (*in italics*) were made to the minutes which were then approved and signed as a true record.
A10 verge
This would be landscaped within a few weeks. *“He confirmed that the budget was available.”*
CCTV on A14 bridge
There had been various problems in getting this work done. He could not say when the work would be completed. *“AF reported that funds were available for completion of that project and would not be re-allocated.”*
- (23/1-09) Micro hydro-electric scheme at Baits Bite Lock
ACRE and the Cam Conservators *“River Manager”* supported the idea.
- 5/2-09 The confidential minutes of the meeting of 5 January 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.
- 5 Clerk's/Chairman's report**
- 6/2-09 (6/12-08) Citi 2 bus – Stagecoach had made drivers aware of the correct procedures for using bus stops and especially for any waiting passengers in bus shelters that may not at first be visible.
- 7/2-09 (1/1-09) Highways – noted from Mark Kemp CCC that “.....the Winter Maintenance Precautionary Salting is being reviewed with a view to implementing any changesfor the 09/10 winter season.”
Winship Road junction - Mike Davies and Patrick Joyce, Cycling Officer CCC, were looking in to what they could do under the CT scheme.
A14 bridge – notes of 5 January meeting had been circulated. Next meeting 9 February 3.30pm.
A10 bridge – according to Robert Mulundika, area bridge engineer CCC, there were no plans to raise the parapets of the A10 foot bridge. In Council's view the parapets were not high enough even for pedestrian use and the clerk would reply to Mr Mulundika. **Action: the clerk**
- 8/2-09 (13/1-09) SLCC – the following SLCC response to a query was noted:
“Members cannot hold a paid office due to section 116 of the 1972 Act, but there is nothing to stop them acting as contractors, provided they register their interest and make the appropriate declaration of prejudicial interest if it is discussed in a meeting. It would be sensible to get alternative quotes to show that the council has not shown any favouritism. The councillor should provide an invoice for his/her services and will be responsible for his/her own tax and insurance matters.”

This confirmed that Council was acting within the law when employing RHC as a contractor. Noted in addition that RHC had not charged for his time but merely for repayment of expenses occurred.
- 9/2-09 (13/1-09) CPALC meeting minutes – had been previously circulated.
- 10/2-09 (22/1-09) Tomkins Mead – quotation for ash tree (£135) accepted (min 53/1-09 F&S refers). RD and RLEW also met with M Woolhouse Cambridge Sport Lakes to express their concerns about the lack of communication regarding bush and tree work and the quality of the work recently done at Tomkins Mead. MW would ensure that Council would be consulted in future before any work is started. A tree damaged during the recent work would be “repaired”.

- 11/2-09 Environmental Group:
(23/1-09) Baits Bite – the Environmental Group had received a quote of £2410 for the feasibility study and had applied for funding from SCDC and the Big Lottery fund. HMS agreed to inform both Horningsea and Fen Ditton Parish Councils about the project as the three parish boundaries meet at Baits Bite Lock.
Action: HMS
Litter pick – organised for 21 February 2pm – area to be litter picked: between A10/A14 interchange and mini roundabout.
Donarbon – interesting visit on 28 January. PSB had written an article for the Village View. Mark Skelton, Donarbon, was also writing an article for the Village View.
- 12/2-09 **6 Planning** - the minutes of the planning meeting held on 19 January 2009 were received and noted
- 13/2-09 Appeal – R Davey 63 Cambridge Road against decision of SCDC to refuse conversion of double garage
(14/10-08) to an annex –**appeal dismissed.**
- 14/2-09 S/2119/08 Mr Ian Jones 32 Fen Road – car port – noted that the application had been withdrawn
(40/1-09)
- 15/2-09 Minerals and Waste Plan consultation (See County Councillor’s report below).
- Decisions received
- 16/2-09 Mr L Saunders 27 and 28 Newfields Chesterton Fen Road - proposed 2 utility /day rooms- **refused.**
(53/12-08) **Contrary to various Green Belt Policies – inappropriate development in the Green Belt.**
- 17/2-09 Mr & Mrs Milner 248 The Rowans - two storey side extension - **approved. Permanent space on site to**
(55/12-08) **be provided for car parking. SCDC LDF 2007 Policies DP/2 and 3.**
- 18/2-09 Tree works Queen Anne Lodge - **approved.**
(57/12-08) The tree company engaged to do this work had asked permission to access the site across Memorial Green. Although the clerk had suggested to the company that this would be allowed Council refused permission because of possible damage to the green. The clerk would contact Mrs Lockwood.
Action: the clerk
[Note: by the time the clerk had telephoned on Tuesday morning the company had already started work].
- 19/2-09 Mr L Smith 8 Cambridge Road – conversion of garage into living accommodation - **approved.**
(23/12-08) East of England Plan 2008: **SS1 (Achieving Sustainable Development)**
SCDC LDF 2007: **DP/1 (Sustainable Development), DP/2 (Design of New Development), DP/3 (Development Criteria) and TR/2 (Car and Cycle Parking Standards)**
- New applications
- 20/2-09 S/1601/08/O Helical (Milton) Ltd - Former EDF Depot and Training Centre Ely Road Milton – outline
(35/1-09) planning application for retirement village. Amended plans received showing layout approved by SCDC on 14 January – **for information only.**
Noted that the S106 Agreement was still to be finalised. HMS would speak to SCDC solicitor about this.
Action: HMS. It was understood that the solicitor’s department would contact JEC.
- 21/2-09 S/0007/09 Mr J Peck Cave Industrial Estate 24 Chesterton Fen Road – erection of office building with
associated car parking – **no recommendation.**
- 22/2-09 S/0026/09 Mr & Mrs Karia 136 The Rowans – two storey front extension and first floor extension over
garage – **refuse. Over development of the site and therefore contrary to Policies DP/2 and DP/3 of the SCDC LDF 2007; neighbours’ objections supported.**
- 23/2-09 **7 Finance** – the minutes of the Finance & Staffing meeting held on 19 January 2009 were received.
£1500 for cemetery path improvements deferred for 12 months; Tomkins Mead reserve fund to be amalgamated into a trees fund for maintenance of trees throughout the village over the next 2/3 years; underspend of approximately £4,000 in the current financial year would be rolled over to 2009/10; MCC grant increased to £31,000. Noted that the MCC reserves were decreasing and that its reserves were just sufficient after setting aside £50,000 towards the building’s refurbishment.
- Reasons for recommended increase in precept: bank interest received would decrease by £5,000; additional costs of employing an assistant clerk; in 2008/09 the precept had not been increased.
It was AGREED to accept recommendations that Council: [13 votes in favour and one abstention]
a. defer the proposed capital expenditure at the Cemetery for a year
b. re-designate the Tomkins Mead Reserve Fund as a Trees Fund

- c. carry forward the under spend in 2008/09 of approximately £4000 and use it to reduce the precept for 2009/10
- d. grant MCC £31,000 for 2009/10
- e. approve the budget and
- f. precept £110,000 for 2009/10.

The clerk would serve notice of the precept on SCDC. *Action: the clerk*

The chairman thanked RTS for his hard work in preparation for this item.

24/2-09
(14/1-09)

8 Parish Plan

Update – about 20 residents attended the meeting on 15 January. The working groups were in place - the Police Liaison Group being the smallest in number. This Group was looking at restoring Neighbourhood Watch and was being trained in using the camera for Speedwatch. The Communication Group was meeting “electronically”. The Environmental Group continued to meet regularly. The Transport/Village Appearance Group was identifying priorities. The Steering Group was taking a “back seat” for a while.

Funding for printing and distribution of Parish Plan – entitled “A Plan for Milton”

HMS reported that SCDC had agreed to make a Community Development Grant of £593 towards the printing.

AGREED

to accept Target Print’s estimate of £593 for black and white printing of the Action Plan subject to approval of the document by Council at the March meeting.

PSB would circulate the Action Plan as soon as possible prior to the Council meeting of 2 March.

Action: PSB

Noted that although the Parish Plan was independent of the Parish Council, Council was obliged to consider reports produced by the working parties (min 6/11-08).

25/2-09
(24/1-09)

9 Land update and recommendation that Council actively investigate grants and sources of funding for the village

AGREED

under the [Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960] to exclude members of the public to this item as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business

The meeting was closed to the public at 8.45pm and re-opened at 9.15pm with all 14 members present.

26/2-09

10 MCC update – at the AGM held on 21 January a presentation was made to Julie Gray for her 11 years’ service. Three new members were elected on to the committee.

Building revised estimate £205,000. The new buildings committee would look at this shortly.

There were additional bookings 2 hours each day Monday to Friday at the youth building.

27/2-09

11 County Councillor’s report

Park and Ride: Following a lot of correspondence on ‘Milton Chat’ I am trying to fix up a meeting. Hopefully, I’ll have progress to report to the Parish Council.

Council expressed concerns about the junctions at Butt Lane / A10 and the confusion caused when turning right from Histon to Cambridge.

Minerals and Waste Plan: The latest round in this long drawn out saga has produced two new proposals from developers that are in Milton and one in Waterbeach that may affect Milton. The two in Milton are:

SS1 73 – Clay extraction for the A14 upgrade– quantity 200,000m³. This is at the current landfill site off Butt Lane.

SS4 126 – land at Chesterton Fen for Household Waste recycling centre.

The one in Waterbeach was somewhat of a surprise (SS4 139). It is a proposal by Network Rail to move the aggregates handling sidings from Chesterton to a site north of Waterbeach. Aside from the fact that it is very close to where I live, Milton PC may wish to consider any effect it may have on vehicular traffic. The idea would be to build a new road from the site to the A10 about half way between the two roundabouts at the Research Park and at the Donarbon site.

You can respond in the usual way via the consultation website:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/environment/mwplan or in writing to Ann Barnes, Cambridgeshire County Council, Box ET1011, Shire Hall, Cambridge, CB3 0AP.

This item would be discussed fully at the March meeting at which Council would formulate its response.

The A10-A14 roundabout: I contacted the traffic light team about this. Here is their reply:

Dear Councillor Williamson

Thank you for your email regarding the traffic lights at Milton Interchange.

The timing of the lights is designed to try to reduce congestion on the heaviest trafficked routes, such as out of Cambridge during the evening rush hour. Unfortunately this has the effect of penalising some of the less heavy routes, such as the right turn from the A10 onto the A14, at other times of the

day. The short length of lane available also makes it difficult as any queue for the A14 Westbound quickly blocks the inside lane over the Southbound Bridge.

We may be able to improve the situation by changing the order in which some of the approaches get green, however this is complicated and will have to be done carefully to ensure that it does not cause worse problems elsewhere. I will have the problem investigated further and implement any improvements that are found.

Cambridgeshire Transport Commission: This has now started and is looking for comments from members of the public. The site is at www.cambstransportcommission.co.uk and is a chance for you all to have your say, whether or not you favour congestion charging.

CCTV on the Jane Coston Bridge: I have chased Mark Kemp, Director of Highways and Access at the County Council for a response to an email I sent to him on this topic.

The HA were denying responsibility for maintaining the lights on the A14 bridge. A Frost had now referred this senior officers at CCC.

Michael Williamson www.michaelwilliamson.org.uk

28/2-09 **12 District Councillors' reports**

Tesco – meeting with Tesco manager arranged for 13 February. BJ and MW to attend.

Issues to be discussed: matters arising from Parish Plan, pedestrian crossings, litter, graffiti.

Housing Transfer - SCDC had agreed to ballot tenants about transfer council housing to a Housing Association.

(28/12-08) Chesterton Fen – survey about proposed mains sewage was due to be carried out during the week starting 2 February. The EA and SCDC Environmental Health were aware of the pollution of the River Cam.

Emmaus – more trustees were needed.

29/2-09 **13 Bills for Payment and Money Received**

Noted that cheque 3885 (Buchans) replaced cancelled cheque 3879 (incorrect amount).

The office had negotiated a one year contract with E-on which would result in reduced electricity costs.

CONFIRMED payment of cheques 3884 - 3892

AGREED payment of cheques 3893 – 3901

PSB declared an interest (cheque 3893) and abstained from voting.

30/2-09 **14 Correspondence**

Department for Transport - consultation regarding Road Safety Compliance (previously circulated by email)

Link: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/open/compliance/>

SCDC - South Cambs Community Chest - new small grant scheme

- Housing futures (newsletter)

Guided Busway - works on the busway between Orchard Park and King's Hedges Road are scheduled to start on Monday 26 January and will finish in late summer 2009.

- Update and Press Release.

31/2-09 **15 Dates of Next Meetings**

Planning - 16 February Minibus - tba Council - 2 March

32/2-09 **16 Items and Reports for March agenda** (to be received by Friday 21 February)

Quotations from Murfitts for internal alterations to bowls pavilion and office.

The meeting ended at 9.55pm.

5 Clerk's / Chairman's report

Highways inc A14 bridge – notes of meeting held on 9 February (attached).

(7/2-09)

Winship Road – options from Mike Davies to improve the junction previously circulated. Comment already received: “..... Whilst option 1 with the kerbs would be the safest I feel option 3 may be the best option taking into account timescales to complete.”

(7/2-09)

Verge opposite Tesco – Rob Chapman has spoken to kebab van owner about the ruts on the verge. I have asked Keith Faunch CCC for his advice. Mick Oakman CCC is going to try to talk with Paul Quigley SCDC.

(28/2-09)

Tesco meeting – “A group of 4 of us (myself, County Councillor Michael Williamson, and Parish Councillors Phil Badley and Barry Jefferson) met with the Tesco manager. 12 readers of the Milton Chat sent in suggestions and questions for him. The answers follow:

We were told they do check and repair the lights in the side passage regularly. They are not supposed to be on during the day.

On the question of people preferring not to use that passage, the manager saw the path across the grass by The Rowans and said a bid for a grant to put in a path there could go in for the next bidding round. Someone needs to draw up a plan of what is required, though.

The manager agreed that the graffiti on the pillars should be removed, and also agreed to paint the pillars and soffit boards facing The Rowans, where the paint is flaking. They do litter pick it, and will try to improve the cleanliness.

He has agreed to make sure their grounds maintenance contractor cuts back the shrubs off the road at The Rowans. They hope the new contractor this year will keep the grass cut better than was the case last year - they know it was unacceptable.

Litter picking - we will do some at that end of the village on Saturday 21st Feb. Tesco will also try to smarten up the litter collection (especially bags caught in shrubs and trees, and the planting by the bus stop) . The Janitor at Tesco can do some of this.

We spent some time discussing the parent and child spaces and the disabled spaces. He agreed to look at paying more attention to enforcement (eg putting flyers or stickers on windscreens if people are parked in the wrong area). They do tolerate disabled people who cannot walk far parking in the parent and child spaces near the door, which is sensible. We saw the trolley park by the cash dispensers so full that parents and children would need to walk behind the parked cars, and he promised to do something to stop that - the trolleys should be behind the yellow plastic bump strip.

The entrance to the store is soon going to have doors added - not on the sides where we walk in at present, but parallel to the screen at the front - so there will be an 'outside' covered lobby and an 'inside' covered lobby. People should still not be smoking in the 'outside' lobby. The aim is to reduce the heat lost by the doors being open all the time. Tesco are aiming to reduce their electricity bills by half, we were told. They have already fitted new efficient boilers last year. This month there is a planning application for a wind turbine on the left of the entrance, near the service road.

The car parking layout is designed by a dept at Head Office and once laid out, is very difficult to change. Although the route one takes into the car park seems absurd it serves their purpose (making everyone drive twice past the petrol station). We talked about pedestrian and cycle access - they are not prepared to change anything, but we were told the zebra crossings are due to be repainted soon and the lights in the Belisha beacons are about to be repaired.

Parish Council issues:

1. The manager offered us a place inside the lobby at the front of the store for a parish notice board. We would have to provide the board, and keep it tidy. This was a suggestion from a member Milton Chat which the manager was happy to accommodate. Do we wish to take this up?

2. Bob Waters has agreed to draw up a plan for the path from The Rowans to the car park by the cash machines (attached); this would be making a tarmacked path where there is a muddy track at the moment, which would be an alternative to using the side passage. It might involve steps.

Suggestion: that we publicise the idea in the Village View and ask local residents for their views. If appropriate, submit the idea to Tesco, who would need to get planning permission and consult with the County Council about any pavement beside The Rowans.” Hazel Smith

Cycle barriers - (email received) "I would just like to register my concern that the barriers between The Elms and Butt Lane have a) been moved, and b) may possibly be removed altogether.

We already have an issue with the local moped riders using the footpath as a shortcut from Butt Lane, and now that the gap has been widened, it will be easy to get a motorcycle through the gap. This is a serious issue for the safety of pedestrians and particularly all the primary school children who use the footpath. I understand that some people with double buggies may have found it difficult to negotiate, but having done it myself, I know that the gap as it was, was big enough to get a double buggy, whether side by side or inline, through, albeit being a tight squeeze. This however, is considerably better than the local youths being more able to get their mopeds and motorcycles through."

Dog bin – (for Maintenance Committee) (same email) – "On another note, can I put in writing the request that I made to you the other morning in The Elms, that the Parish Council consider again the placing of a dog waste bin near to the green area between the Elms and the Oaks, which is used as an exercise area by my dog among others. As a conscientious dog owner, who wishes to dispose of waste properly, and who frequently clears up waste that other dogs have left behind, it would make it easier to keep that area free of dog waste if a bin was located in that area."

Community Care grant – two members of the Community care Committee have been invited to a County Council Grants Reception at Hinchingsbrooke House Huntingdon on Wednesday 18 March 2-4pm. We have been granted £3,000 by CCC. Attendance at the event is a "condition" (my inverted commas) for receiving the grant as there will be a presentation about Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults.

Risk assessments – all risk assessments had been reviewed and signed by the clerk and chairman of maintenance: allotments, bus shelters, cemetery, community care, litter picking, office, open spaces, play areas, tree maintenance, erecting Christmas lights, use of contractors.

Bank Account – I have decided to use the Co-op Bank as we shall not pay any bank charges.

7 Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework

As a result of the Cambridgeshire County Council's consultation last year on Preferred Options, a further 36 new minerals and waste sites were put forward. The County Council will need to assess these sites for inclusion in the Minerals and Waste plan and as part of that exercise the Council is seeking the views of stakeholders through another consultation, limited to the new sites or proposals. This new consultation ends on 9 March.

Background

The consultation on the second Preferred Options on the emerging Minerals and Waste Plan was carried out between early September and mid October last year. The views of stakeholders were sought on a range of planning documents encompassing both draft planning policy but also on specific allocations for new minerals and waste sites up to 2026.

As part of the consultation responses a further 36 new minerals and waste sites have put forward. These proposals currently have no formal status. The Council will need to assess these sites for inclusion in the minerals and waste plan. As part of that exercise the Council is to seek the views of stakeholders through another consultation, but limited to the new sites or proposals.

The 'new' sites that were proposed during the Preferred Options 2 consultation in September/October 2008 include

SS1 Site 73 – Clay extraction for the A14 upgrade– quantity 200,000m³. This is at the current landfill site off Butt Lane.

SS4 Site 126 – land at Chesterton Fen for Household Waste recycling centre.

SS4 Site 139 North of Waterbeach – relocation of aggregate sidings from Chesterton and to facilitate London waste rail transfer.

Council's proposed responses to include:

Clay extraction: MPC has always argued that the land between Butt land the A14 should be returned to agricultures as soon as possible.

How many traffic movements will there be?

Chesterton Fen: Chesterton Fen is a site of special? Significance. This proposal will have huge impact on the roads through Chesterton.

Waterbeach: This will have huge impact on the roads.

8 CLARIFICATION OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MILTON PARISH PLAN

Following the last Parish Council meeting, we in the Clerk's Office felt some clarification was required concerning the exact nature of the Council's relationship with the Parish Plan. In November 2008, the Parish Council agreed to "set up five working parties, under the umbrella of the Parish Council, to look at specific issues and to report back to the Parish Council."

Since the November meeting, two of the working parties (Travel and Village Appearance) have merged into one group (Transport/Village Appearance). The other three working parties are the Police Liaison Group, the Communications Group and the Environmental Group. (These are in addition to the Steering Group which was set up at the start of the Parish Plan and continues to meet as required.)

We take the Parish Council's agreement to mean that the five (now four) working parties shall discuss the various issues raised by residents in the Parish Plan questionnaire. This, as Phil Badley reported, is currently taking place. In due course, these various groups will report their findings, including any suggested courses of action, to the Parish Council for its consideration.

We felt a clarification was in order as some of the discussion at the February meeting may have given councillors the mistaken impression that the Parish Council had previously obliged itself to approve any and all recommendations made by the various working parties. As these groups are discussing issues raised by Milton residents in the Parish Plan questionnaire, it is essential that their findings and reports are carefully considered by the Parish Council. However, the decision of the Parish Council to act or not to act on specific proposals, or to investigate alternative courses of action, remains wholly within the prerogative of the Parish Council.

David and Jim 03/02/09

13 Winship Road

1. I have sufficient budget to cover any of the options. The non kerbed option would cost around £5,000, the kerbed option about £10,000.

2. Implementation-wise I would hope to implement the preferred option within 6 months.

Mike Davies