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**23 February 2010**

**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 01 March 2010 at 7.30pm**

## **AGENDA**

### **1 Apologies for absence**

### **2 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial**

### **3 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 01 February 2010**

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 01 February 2010 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

**Present:** RH Chapman (chair) PS Badley AJ Campbell JE Coston GA Covell R Day TA Drummond M Ellwood RJ Farrington SC Humphreys B Jefferson IF May HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters  
The clerk, assistant clerk, Cllr M Williamson and one member of the public

**1 Apologies for absence - none.**

#### **2 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial**

TAD - land update (agenda 7) and request from Colts Football (agenda 9) personal – member of colts football club.  
IFM - land update (agenda 7) personal – chairman of colts football club; request from Colts Football (agenda 9) prejudicial.  
HMS – planning (agenda 6) - personal – member of SCDC planning committee.

**3 Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting of 04 January 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.

**4 Public Participation** – PCSO Claire Whiteman reported that she was leaving Milton and later in the year intended to join the regular force. On behalf of the village the chairman thanked Claire for her hard work and commitment to Milton and wished her very success in her new career.

Outstanding issues such as anti social behaviour in Froment Way would be handed over to the new PCSO to continue to monitor.

**AGREED to write to both Inspector Savage and Claire expressing Council's appreciation and thanks.**

**Action: the clerk**

#### **5 Clerk's/Chairman's report**

Community Care (CC11/3.4-09) – the Community Care Scheme had been awarded a grant of £2000 from the County Council small grant scheme for 2010/11 – a reduction of £1000 from last year.

RLEW agreed to attend the grants reception on 8 March at Over Community Centre 1.30pm.

Tree (M4/12-09) – John Holder and Gaye Lockwood were pleased that the tree adjacent the Post Office had been lopped and offered to pay half of cost. The clerk would ask for £60. **Action: the clerk**

Salt bins (PC5/1-10) – having taken advice from Allianz Cornhill that Council may not be covered by Public Liability insurance the clerk consulted members and as a result did not take up the offer of salt bins.

MW was trying to find the definitive legal position from the County Council legal department.

Noted that both bridges had been salted 9 times by 5 January.

Reference Chesterton Fen railway crossing the City Council confirmed: “The responsibility rests with the County

Council as the highways authority, they have responsibility for gritting of all adopted highways. I would not wish to complicate this issue given the railway location and the risks associated with the public working to spread grit etc. The safety aspect and the litigation issues need to be considered for such areas.”

Countryside access projects - Housing Growth Fund budget reduced resulting in ending of funding for Cambridgeshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan projects around Cambridge, Northstowe and St Neots as from 1st April. Mere Way improvements (PC5/1-10) - surfacing/gate/tree/hedge improvements – would not be completed after all the preparatory work.

Archaeology (PC5/1-10) – reports on archaeology finds at Long Meadow and Hill Close (off Fen Road adjacent lake beyond Milton Hall) received.

Office (PC5/1-10) – computer and printer installed and running well. The clerk’s office could arrange for Network connections to be made live if necessary. Probable cost £100+.

CBS had given Council a photocopier – cost 1 pence per copy.

**AGREED to allow clubs to use photocopier at same rate as charged by MCC. Day Centre to be free of charge.**

[Footnote: MCC charge 4p per copy and 2p per copy if clubs use their own paper].

Bin Fen Road – from SCDC: “In a relatively short space of time we have installed three bins at the river end of Fen Road. The 1st was burnt out, the 2nd vandalised and the 3rd stolen within 3 months. Given that these bins are expensive, I am not inclined to replace this bin....”

SCDC had agreed to pay half of costs for a substantial bin from David Ogilvie bin (as at basketball court).

**AGREED to pay half of costs together with SCDC = £332.25 each. Action: the clerk**

The clerk was waiting to hear whether the Cam Conservators would pay one third.

Bus stop – following a request from a resident about passengers standing out in all weathers to ensure that the citi2 stops at the Waggon & Horses bus stop the clerk had asked if Stagecoach would consider making this stop mandatory and to ask drivers to stop in the lay by provided.

In response Mr Norwell, commercial director, confirmed that all stops were request stops.

The clerk would ask Mr Norwell for site visit or a personal representation in order to explain the problem in more detail. Copy letter to the County Council. **Action: the clerk**

The clerk would ask the County Council about the possibility of having a convex mirror put on the lamp post opposite. **Action: the clerk**

Meeting with Paul Torres 18<sup>th</sup> January 2009 – Hazel Smith (PC14/1-10) issues raised: Path from The Rowans, side passage, grounds maintenance, litter, zebra crossings, trolleys by parent/toddler parking at cash machines, Notice board and lobby, foxes getting into waste food, wheelchair, cycle racks.

HMS reported that Paul had acquired a wheelchair for the village and had arranged to have the trolleys moved so as not to cause a hazard.

The clerk would ask K Faunch to reinforce Council’s request to have the overhanging shrubs cut back.

**Action: the clerk**

Cambridgeshire County Council - Local Transport Plan Consultation – LTP3

A review is to take place on the Local Transport Plan for Cambridgeshire. The consultation period is from 11 January to 9 April 2010. The final plan will need to be adopted in March 2011.

Cambridgeshire Horizons - Green Infrastructure Review

Review of the Green Infrastructure Strategy. The consultation period runs from 25 January to 7 March 2010.

Green Infrastructure describes a network of public open spaces, routes, wildlife habitats, landscapes and historic sites. It is key to creating places which are attractive, healthy and give a good quality of life and delivers social, economic and environmental benefits. Dates and venues of all consultations received.

War Memorials Trust - half day conference entitled ‘*looking after war memorials*’ to provide advice and information to those who tend, have responsibility for or are interested in war memorials from 10am – 1pm on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2010 in the Small Hall at The Guildhall.

Minor Highways Improvements, Provision of Mobility Crossings – the CCC had asked for suggestions “for the optimum locations for crossings. The cost of a pair of crossings is around £1000 however this does depend very much on site conditions and circumstances. Given the current budget available there is potential to fund around six pairs of crossings in your parish, it would be helpful therefore to have six sites identified with say two reserves for us to progress should there be major difficulties delivering any of the first choice sites.”

The clerk would investigate. **Action: the clerk**

Bus timetable changes – as from 14th February: Cambridge - Ely – Littleport: Service 9 Journeys between Ely and Cambridge withdrawn except for two morning and one evening journey into Cambridge from Littleport and three evening journeys from Cambridge to Littleport. X9 would go through Milton. An hourly service to Ely would therefore continue.

**6 Planning** the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18 January 2010 were received and noted.

Trees on towpath (PC7/1-10) – the clerk would ask the Trees Officer what would happen with the felled trees.

**Action: the clerk**

Landbeach Road (P4/1-10) - noted that the application at Landbeach Road had been approved.

Helical Ltd (P5/1-10) - Noted that the reserved matters especially regarding positioning and internal specification of pavilion were still to be determined.

Decisions received:

Ms F Roberts land to the east of 48 Fen Road (PC 6/1-10) – erection of single storey dwelling - **refused. Contrary to Policy CH/4 of SCDC LDF Control Policies DPD 2007 – adversely affects the curtilage or wider setting of a listed building. The proposed dwelling would detract from the special architectural and historic interest of the listed building at 48 Fen Road.**

New applications:

S/1890/09 Mr Luke Edwards 49 Cambridge Road – alterations and extensions to property to retain self contained ground floor hairdressing salon and create one 2 bedroom flat and one 1 bedroom flat – **no recommendation.**

S/1333/09 Ricardo Ltd Cambridge Technical Centre Unit 400 Science Park – installation of roller shutter door (retrospective) **no recommendation.**

C/11/17/072/04 East Anglia Children's Hospice – various tree works - **no comments.**

**8 Finance** (taken before 7) – the minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee meeting held on 18 January 2010 were received.

**It was AGREED to accept the following recommendation:**

**Grants Policy (FS10/1-10)**

**Having reviewed the budget spreadsheet Council also AGREED:**

**To grant MCC £32,000 for 2010/11 (FS12/1-10) and**

**To approve the budget (FS12/1-10).**

**It was also AGREED to**

**precept for £120,000 for 2010/11 (FS12/1-10 - 14 votes in favour 1 against).** A motion to reduce the long term funding (LTF) amount by £4,000 and thus to reduce the precept to £116,000 was defeated by 13 votes to 2. Council had budgeted £18,000 LTF for four years to pay towards the improvements at MCC. The chairman of Finance recommended that Council continue to budget for this amount to increase capital funds so that Council would not have to borrow so much in the future.

**Confidential item: Recommendations from F&S Committee on salaries following staff appraisals.**

**AGREED at 8.45pm [Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960] to exclude members of the public to this item as details of confidential salaries were being discussed.**

The clerk and assistant left the room.

The meeting re-opened at 8.55pm.

**9 Request from Colts Football for grant towards pitch / pavilion hire outside the village**

IFM left the room for this item.

Arguments expressed against:

The club had a healthy balance.

154 youngsters played for the colts teams of which 92 lived in the village or attended school in Milton.

Council was already investing heavily in the colts future by acquiring land for football pitches.

Arguments put forward in favour:

A football pitch had been lost to the Barnabas Court development thus effectively ensuring that some teams must play outside the village; as a result Council had an obligation to pay for expenses.

The colts football club provided healthy sport for many youngsters. Many parents helped.

A grant would help towards future expenses.

**It was AGREED to grant the club £700.**

**10 Christmas 2010 – to consider alternative arrangements**

It was **AGREED** that the clerk and chairman investigate the costs of providing a Christmas tree.

*Action: clerk and chairman*

**7 Land Group update**

**AGREED at 9.05pm [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 minutes of the confidential business held on 7 December 2009 and 4 January 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.

The minutes from Land Group meetings 8 and 14 January were received and noted.

The meeting re-opened at 9.40pm.

**11 Parish Plan update**

Environment Group – notes of a recent meeting were received.

Communications and Transport Groups - had not met recently.

Successful completion of items of Action Plan would be reported at APM.

**12 Milton Community Centre [MCC] update**

MCC Finance Committee had recommended that MCC pay half of electrical / meter costs at meeting room/bowls pavilion (PC9/11-09).

Grant applications to WREN and SCDC for the building improvements had been submitted.

**AGREED** to arrange joint meeting MCC/MPC for Monday 8 March. The clerk to liaise with the manager MCC.

*Action: the clerk*

**13 County Councillor's report**

Stagecoach bus service changes – see clerk's report above.

County Council Budget - a significant number of cuts that will affect all. The full details are available in the Cabinet papers, but some particular matters that may be of interest locally are:

- Cut of £108,000 in mobile library provision in 2010-2011
- Cut of £30,000 in support for library access points (especially affects Waterbeach) in 2010-2011
- Significant reduction in highways maintenance, including a £1,000,000 cut in surface dressing in 2011-2012. MW would find out the % reduction. The CCC had requested resurfacing of the slip road adjacent Tesco.
- Further cuts in the Youth Service budget
- Major cut in County Youth Orchestras in 2013-2014

The proposed Council Tax increase is 3% which is probably the maximum the County Council can get away with without being capped.

20mph speed limits – Girton and Melbourn had both declined to take part in an 20 mph experiment. If Milton were to be asked Council would need to consult with the village first. MW would find out if Milton was due to be considered for the experiment.

Guided Bus – the CCC and contractor were at an impasse.

**14 District Councillors' reports**

Chesterton Fen (PC14/1-10) – report from Chesterton Fen Road Residents Association circulated.

- noted that AWA had refused the application for a foul sewer. The clerk would send the Environment Agency evidence of the need for a mains sewer connection.
- noted that mail was going astray
- oil in ditch; barriers were in place in the ditch by Fen Road Milton.

Budget – Council Tax – this would be set at full Council on 25 February.

**15 Bills for Payment and Money Received**

**CONFIRMED AND AGREED** payment of cheques 100190 to 100203.

**16 Correspondence** - none.

**17 Dates of Next Meetings**

Planning - 15 February; Council – 1 March; Joint MCC – 8 March.

**18 Items and Reports for March agenda** - to be received by Friday 19 February. The meeting ended at 10.15pm.

## 4 Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak

### 5 Clerk's/Chairman's report

Community Service (PC5/01-10) – meeting with Stephen Kaye, CCC: his group has worked in the Country Park, Wandlebury etc. Will do gardens and decorating for the elderly, footpaths, trim back overgrown hedges, 'sadin' wooden seats, litter pick, spread bark on play areas. They want meaningful work.

PCSO Claire Whiteman (PC4/02-10) - thanks for our letter of appreciation for the work for Claire's work in Milton which she and her supervisor were very grateful to receive. Inspector Savage is sure that PCSO John Mason will carry on her good work. Notes from Histon Neighbourhood Panel meeting held on 12 January received.

Bus stop Waggon & Horses (PC5/02-10) - Glenn Edge CCC: "thank you for the information copy of your letter to Stagecoach. I am sure that Stagecoach will do all they reasonably can to resolve this issue but I will raise it at our next meeting with them."

I wrote again asking if Rob and I could meet Mr Norwell of Stagecoach. His response: "I have arranged for a suitable sign to be placed in the shelter, as per your suggestion, which will be in place by the end of this week. It advises passengers that buses will stop when requested to do so.

If you experience any further problems, or have details of buses which fail to stop when requested to, please don't hesitate to forward these on to myself for further action."

Colts Football (PC9/02-10) – letter of thanks received from Colts Football for grant. The club is pleased to note the interest shown by JEC and RHC when attending a recent meeting.

Minerals and Waste Local Development Framework - consultation on Preferred Options was undertaken in October 2008. The next stage will be the consultation on the proposed Submission version of the plan, which will take place from 15 February until 29 March 2010. The Councils have now decided what policies and allocations they want to adopt, and have reached what is officially called the Submission Stage of the Core Strategy and the Site Specific Proposals Plan ('The Plan'). This stage is called the 'Submission Stage', as after this round of public consultation (which is limited to seeking views on the soundness of the policies and proposals put forward), the Plan and a summary of consultation responses will be submitted to the Secretary of State in July 2010.

**Exhibition here at bowls pavilion Thursday 25 February 3pm – 8.30pm.**

#### Report of SLCC meeting 5 Feb 10

##### ***Code of Conduct***

Applies to all members and co-opted members, **including co-opted members of committees**. [Does not apply to officers]. Those members of Minibus and Maintenance Committees who have voting rights should complete Register of Interests. If however they wish to act as representatives without a vote then they do not need to fill in the Register of Interests. **Agenda item for these committees.**

##### ***When does Code Apply?***

Whenever you act in your official capacity, including whenever you conduct the business of the Council eg

- at formal meetings
- when you act, claim to act or give the impression that you are acting as a representative of the Council.

##### ***Personal and Prejudicial Interests***

A member should declare a personal interest if :

it relates to an interest on his/her Register of Interest  
affects the well-being or financial position of member, family or close associate [definition of close associate is not clear] more than it would affect the majority of people affected by the decision.

A member should declare a prejudicial interest if:

it affects the financial position and/or relates to a licensing or regulatory (planning) matter of the member or any person or body through whom (s)he has a personal interest

if so would a member of the public who knows the relevant facts, reasonably think the interest is so significant that it would be likely to prejudice the member's judgement of the public interest.

[It is your decision to make though the proper officer can advise].

If you have a prejudicial interest you may make representations, answer questions and answer questions before leaving the room, **in the same way** that we allow members of the public to speak. [Incidentally there is a divergence of opinion as to whether Public Participation should be within the meeting, as at Milton, or a separate item outside the meeting. The speaker, an officer from Hunts DC and also a parish clerk says it should be outside. NALC and CPALC advise that it should be within].

One aspect that affects us: MCC members **must** declare a prejudicial interest when our grant to MCC is being discussed.

### ***Predisposition v Predetermination and Bias***

Not directly an issue under the code but an item discussed at our Council meeting in February highlights the issue:

**Predisposition** = where a councillor holds preliminary view but still has open mind.

**Predetermination/Bias** = councillor's mind is decided in advance of hearing contrary arguments.

**Test** = would a fair minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, consider that there is a real possibility that the councillor has predetermined the issue or was biased.

I believe that our discussion about a grant at February's meeting showed democracy at work and that informed debate allowed some of us maybe to alter our own view (I certainly found myself changing my mind as I listened to the arguments) - predisposition and not predetermination?

### ***Standing Orders***

NALC has produced an up-to-date set of Standing Orders. CPALC say: "As a council it is important that you review and adapt the part 2 as required for your council. This new version of Standing Orders is the basis upon which councils will receive support from both CPALC and NALC including the Legal services department at NALC. It is important for your council to understand the implications of this new publication and you should advise your council that they should be in possession of at least 1 hard copy for reference purposes."

**We did decide that the F&S Committee look at these in addition to other Policies BUT as the number of Policies is increasing perhaps an ad hoc committee should meet.** [I would prefer a day time meeting]. I would like to review **all** Policies by March 2011 so that I can prepare a new Councillor's Handbook in readiness for the new council in May 2011.

### ***Neighbourhood Panels and Community Engagement Strategy***

District Councils have a duty to inform, consult and involve. The County Council is trying to encourage the districts to have discussion forums. Hunts DC and East Cambs DC are doing this by including various agencies eg NHS, fire (not just the police) at their Neighbourhood Panel meetings. In East Cambs this is working successfully as parish councillors have voting rights. I understand that in Hunts attendance by parish councils is not good.

In SCDC our Neighbourhood Panel meetings are still police led. I understand that there was a consultation under way that was mentioned at the last police Neighbourhood Panel, on changing the remit of the panels in SCDC and broadening it as is happening elsewhere.

I have produced a "Statement of Intent" for a Community Engagement Strategy – **for discussion (by ad hoc committee – see above?)**. If we wish to use the "Power of Well-Being" a Statement of Intent is necessary.

### District Council's meetings

Cabinet - will be hosting another meeting with Parish Councils to discuss topics such as the village facilities budget, refuse and recycling services, the housing service and section 106 agreements - 23 March at 7.30pm.

Up to two attendees per parish council.

Community clear up workshop to be taken by Keep Britain Tidy, will aim to demonstrate how to organise and run a clear up event and explain the support we and other agencies may be able to provide, including possible grant aid – on **Monday 8 March 2010 at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne, starting at 1:00pm with a buffet lunch and finishing between 4:00pm - 5:00pm.**

Standards Committee - SCDC's Standards Committee is seeking nominations for a parish council representative to serve a four-year term from 2010 to 2014. The deadline for nominations is **Friday 11 June 2010**. Previously circulated: letter explaining the nominations (and if necessary election) process, together with an overview and job description. Parish council members are co-opted onto the Standards Committee to represent all of South Cambridgeshire's parish and community councils and meetings, and, by law, a parish council representative must be present whenever matters concerning parishes are discussed, otherwise the committee is considered inquorate.

The Committee has formed a Parish Liaison Working Group, on which three of the four parish representatives serve, to look at practical ways to address training, Code of Conduct and administrative issues, considering the wide range and diversity -- and geography! -- of South Cambridgeshire's parishes.

### **Does anyone wish to stand?**

Risk Assessments – RHC and I have checked and signed the risk assessment forms.

## 6 Planning - to receive the minutes of the planning meeting held on 15 February 2010

Minutes of the Planning Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 15 February 2010 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: RJ Farrington (chair) JE Coston R Day B Jefferson RT Summerfield  
The clerk and 1 member of the public

- 1 **Apologies for absence** – RH Chapman HM Smith RLE Waters.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest** – JEC application S/0097/10 personal (close friend of neighbour).
- 3 **Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.  
Appeal (PC6/01-10) – Ms F Roberts – against SCDC's refusal to grant pp for a dwelling at 48 Fen Road.
- 4 **Planning Decisions**

College of West Anglia (PC6/01-10) – variation of Condition 3 of Planning Permission S/1769/07 to allow retention of the Leonard Building and double classroom - **approved**. **To be approved: external materials, surface water, foul sewage, hard and soft landscaping, scheme of tree protection. Existing double classroom to be demolished and removed. Investigation of site to be undertaken to establish nature and extent of any contamination and any remedial works to deal with contamination.**

Mr P Newton (PC7/04-10) – 34 Butt Lane – extension - **approved**. Details of materials for external surfaces shall follow specification on the application form. No windows, doors or openings of any kind other than those authorised by this permission to be constructed on east side of elevation.

### 5 New applications

S/0051/10 Mr Ilie Obancea – Barley House Cambridge Road (r/o 22 Cambridge Road) – insertion of window in east elevation (retrospective) - **no recommendation**. **We refer to pp S/1766/05/F and suggest a compromise – eg a fixed window to prevent loss of neighbour's privacy.**

S/0071/10 Cambridge Assessment – Unit 332 Science Park – brick and fence enclosure to contain new back-up generator and associated equipment; and the addition of new A/C condenser units stacked on existing - **no recommendation**.

S/0080/10 Mr N Johnson 1 Knights Way – 2 storey rear extension – **no recommendation**.

S/0097/10 Mr A De Simone – land to the South-west of Lea Court Coles Road – single dwelling - **refuse**. **Concerns of the neighbours supported.**

**The proposed dwelling would be:**

**Detrimental to the street scene**

**Overbearing**

**Take up green space and affect the setting of Lea Court.**

**Note: if the planning officers are minded to approve this application then our District Councillor shall ask that the application be taken to committee**

The meeting ended at 8.05pm.

#### Decisions received:

Mr Luke Edwards (Pc6/02-10) – 49 Cambridge Road - alterations and extension to form one 2-bed flat and one 1-bed flat (with retention of hairdressers) - **approved**. **Access and turning area to be provided; during construction no power operated machinery to be used before 0800 and after 1800 weekdays and 1300 Saturdays.**

#### New applications:

S/0171/10 Mr C Carter 5 Pearson Close – extensions

S/0189/10 Signal Property Investment LLP 140 Science Park – replacement of existing revolving glazed entrance door with new glazed wind lobby incorporating double sliding doors

## 7 Land Group update

### Urban Renaissance Villages (URV) Retirement Village

The Clerk's Office has prepared a letter outlining the URV options which MCC has sent to its affiliated clubs which also encourages club representatives to attend the joint MCC/MPC meeting on 8 March in the Bowls Pavilion. There has been no further word from Iwan Jones of URV on the three outstanding issues from the last parish council meeting (the revised Drainage Report, South Cambs' landscaping/lake proposals and revised pavilion diagrams).

**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**

## 8 Quotations for electrical and meter works at meeting room (PC9/11-09)

- by EDF to install electricity meter inside bowls pavilion - £1068 + VAT.

- by Thompson Electrical to tidy mains distribution within bowls pavilion - £1290.26 + VAT and £68.55 + VAT for ceiling mounted power point.

## 9 To receive independent internal audit report (attached)

## 10 Meeting Procedures (from the Chairman)

In an effort to make our meetings more efficient and encourage equal participation from all councillors, I propose that councillors express their wish to speak through the chairman rather than speaking without invitation.

Also, again in an effort to make our meetings more efficient and ensure that councillors are adequately briefed for discussions, I propose that all general updates and reports (District and County Councillors' reports, MCC and Parish Plan updates) be sent to the Clerk by the Tuesday before the parish council meeting for inclusion in the Agenda Papers. If written reports are not submitted for inclusion in the Agenda Papers, the item will not be on the meeting Agenda.

## 11 Youth working group - to receive the Minutes of meeting held on 23 November 2009

**PRESENT.** Linda Henderson, Hazel Smith, Gerda Covell, Paula Mayes, Jenny Humphreys.

1. **Apologies for absence.** Phil Badley & Liz Cook
2. **Declarations of interest.** None declared
3. **Minutes of meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> of June 2009** – agreed.
4. **Youth Club Update – Report attached.** Junior club continues to grow. Big intake of new, year 7's probably as a result of promotion in school assembly. Meeting in half term to write an anti-bullying play to co-inside with anti-bullying week. Leaders and volunteers now have bright new T-shirts designed by the young people. Senior club continues to do well. Year 9's have been given until Christmas to move up from junior club. Only building issue was the cooker, which Andy is trying to get a part for and is keeping leaders informed.
5. **Youth representation on MCC.** Hazel offered to represent Youth Club on the MCC again this year. Linda signed the nomination forms.
6. **Milton Action for Youth.** The activities over the summer had gone well. 16 Young people and 2 adults had completed the Level 1 Youth work accredited course. There were 4 girls who completed the Red Cross looking after other people's children's course and 8 who completed the Red Cross First Aid course. Also with the Awards for All money a new Girls group has started. It is focused on promoting healthy lifestyles for year 9 girls and above. Paula to arrange for Action for Youth to be invoiced for these activities.
7. **AOB.** Youth representation on this group and ultimately on the Main Parish Council was discussed. Jenny is going to talk to the young people and identify some of them to come to the next meeting. They are going to consult with others about the skate park equipment and present their findings to the next meeting. The 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of October have been suggested to a group of Young people who contacted Parish Council regarding the skate park, to meet with Jenny and Linda to discuss their ideas. The North City Locality Youth team are organising an event in half term at the Junction. It is an Art based project, which will give the opportunity to work towards accredited art awards. Also Chris Goodwin an Environmental Artist, is doing Pumpkin carving and shelter building at the Sycamores recreation ground & Youth Centre from 3.30- 6pm on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October.

## 12 Parish Plan update

### Representative reports:

## 13 Milton Community Centre [MCC] update

## 14 County Councillor's report

From a resident: I wonder if you would be willing to help with a problem we are having with vibration from heavy vehicles in Milton. We live immediately next to the raised zebra crossing by the One-Stop shop on Milton High Street. Whenever a heavy lorry goes over the crossing, particularly at speed, our whole house shakes. If it was only lorries making deliveries to the High Street shops this would be OK, but many lorries are clearly taking a shortcut through the village rather than using the bypass – presumably to avoid the traffic lights at Butt Lane, the park & ride and the A14/A10 roundabout. The design of the zebra crossing means there is no need to slow down, and the shaking is often worst at what should be quiet periods because the lorries are driving so quickly.

A couple of solutions spring to mind:

Could the raised zebra crossing be flattened?

The junction onto the A10 at the north of the village has a fast slip-road and a smaller access road. Using the slip-road, southbound traffic coming into the village from the A10 doesn't need to slow down at all. Could the slip road be closed, so traffic would have to slow right down to turn into the village? Or could a restriction on HGVs be put in at this junction so lorries have to use the A10/A14 roundabout to access the village?

Perhaps a change of road layout could be considered with the retirement homes or lakes proposals?

I would be most grateful if you were willing to help with this and would be interested to hear your thoughts.

## 15 District Councillors' reports

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

## 17 Correspondence

CCC - I have confirmed the next forum meeting, which will take place on Thursday 11 March from 7pm in room 3, Meadows Community Centre

CPALC - Bulletin and "Reaching Communities Programme" – grants available for revenue and capital projects

Standards Committee - Newsletter

## 18 Dates of Next Meetings

Joint MCC/MPC	-	8 March (agenda attached)
Planning	-	15 March
Community Care	-	18 March 11am
Maintenance	-	29 March
Minibus	-	7 April
Council	-	12 April

## 19 Items and Reports for April agenda (to be received by Tuesday 6 April)

*Jim Daniels*

Jim Daniels  
Clerk

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