

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 9 June 2008 at 7.00pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: JE Coston (chair) RH Chapman PS Badley G Covell R Day TA Drummond RJ Farrington
SC Humphreys B Jefferson IF May HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters (from min 25/6-08
apologies for lateness)
Councillor M Williamson and the clerk

Public Participation – no members of the public were present.

1/6-08 **1 Presentation of plans for land adjacent A14**

In attendance:

Justin Bainton and Colin Brown, January's

Chris Goldsmith Turnstone Estates

Estelle Littlewood and George Wright, architects.

Turnstone have a long term option on this land and intended submitting a planning application for a 120 bed hotel and restaurant with 80 car parking spaces on approximately half of the land (eastern end), although it is in Green Belt and outside the development framework for the village. The applicant needed to justify the application by proving special circumstances - for example a need in the Cambridge area for hotel accommodation.

The following points were raised:

- The future widening of the A14 had been taken into account.
- There was no similar design in the area.
- The primary purpose of the restaurant was to serve the hotel guests. [Planning use class for restaurants was now different from "take-away" restaurants. If this were to become a take-away specific planning permission would be needed].
- Advantages for Milton: improved landscaping to southern entrance to the village; buffer against A14; employment opportunities. January's would be willing to discuss with Council other possible benefits to Milton.

Thanks to the JB, CB,CG, EL and GW for attending.

Turnstone's objection to the LDF Policy for this land had not yet been decided. The majority of Council did not want to see this development.

RJF, JEC and 1 other would meet to formulate a response in readiness for the Planning Committee meeting on 30 June and Council meeting in July. As this planning meeting would be looking at the Helical application also it was agreed to postpone the Maintenance meeting scheduled for 30 June.

2/6-08 **2 Apologies for absence** - AJ Campbell M Ellwood [in hospital – Council sent best wishes].

3/6-08 **3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial**

IFM - Country Park personal – son fishes in park; youth personal – son a member of youth club; land update personal – chairman of colts football club.

TAD – land update personal – member of colts football club.

JEC – land update personal – husband plays cricket for Milton cricket club.

HMS – Planning personal – member of SCDC planning committee.

4/6-08 **4 Minutes - the minutes of the meeting of 12 May 2008 were approved and signed as a true record.**

Noted that ME could not continue to be JAG representative [replacement to be sought at July meeting].

5 Clerk's/Chairman's report

5/6-08 Village tour - Min 1/4-08:

(1/4-08) **"a) to consider any major projects to be submitted to the CCC bidding process**

Fen Road leads to nowhere – unlikely to be considered favourably by CCC. KF intended putting up a "Not suitable for Vehicles" sign near 76 Fen Road. Coles Road – road and footpaths in a poor state of repair. *Noted that signs had already been put up.*

b) to consider any bids for minor repairs and resurfacing

Noted that each village has on average £7000 to spend on highways repairs. A crew costs £900 a day.

Members would cycle / walk the village and feedback to KF any requests for a) and / or b) above."

Date for tour agreed: Monday 16th June 7pm – meet at the office.

- 6/6-08
(12/4-08) Country Park Liaison – IFM, HMS and RTS agreed to form a liaison group to meet with M Woolhouse CSLT. RLEW subsequently agreed to join this group. Noted that the access road to the gate did not form part of the lease. Maps show this to be highway. MW suggested that Council members walk Tomkins Mead with him as per the agreement though he and the clerk both agreed that this was not necessary at present. RD declared a personal interest – member of Cambridge Fish Preservation Society.
- 7/6-08
(8/5-08) CCTV / Winship Road/ double yellow lines – there had been no response from CCC. MW would follow this up. The clerk would write to Mark Kemp. **Action: MW and the clerk.** Oliver Merrington from Waterbeach had arranged a meeting on behalf of Sustrans with Alistair Frost & Nigel Brigham at Milton P&R.
- He promised to feedback any points raised.
The meeting would look at:
- designs for the cycle paths on site & along Butt Lane;
 - lighting on site & for the footbridge;
 - signing on site.
 - Nigel would like to revisit the bridge over the A10, eg parapets.
 - Also plans for the agreed route through Milton village to the Jane Coston Bridge, and
 - adjustments to the High Street/Winship Road junction.
- HMS had produced a paper suggesting improvements to the barriers on the proposed cycle route through The Sycamores / Rowans. **To be discussed during tour Monday 16 June.**
- 8/6-08
(9/5-08) Parish Plan - PSB reported that he hoped to publish results of the survey at the Village Fayre. The next phase would be a meeting in the Autumn to determine an action Plan.
- 9/6-08
(12/5-08) Sewage Works – N Atkins, EHO had offered explanations for the recent odours, including heavy rain, operational problems, severely damaged ‘scrapers’ in need of replacement and sludge settling in the bottom of the tanks and not being cleared away. He reported that the management were very willing to comply with Council’s requests and were attempting to rectify the situation as quickly as possible. Anglia Water recognised the need for an ongoing preventative maintenance programme, which will identify such faults before they occur, as the site is going to remain at this location. Colleagues at SCDC and at AWA felt that it would not be beneficial to continue with management meetings at present. If, after the completion of repairs, the problem is not solved then these meetings could be started again.
- Noted that 997 (66%) of all adult respondents to the Parish Plan ticked ‘Sewage smell’ as a problem / concern about Milton.
- 10/6-08
(18/5-08) Land adjacent A14 – From Monitoring Officer CCC: the reason that the site appeared flooded was because the main sewage pipe had been broken. It is believed that it was broken by the company who had been instructed to do some trial bore holes as part of the preliminary investigation for the redevelopment of the site.
- 11/6-08
(19/5-08) Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership - the CDRP intended to host a speeding and traffic summit. CDRP annual conference - date and arrangements to be confirmed. A resident of Fen Road had informed Council and the police about recent criminal activities. Next Neighbourhood Panel meeting scheduled for 15 July at Milton Primary school.
- 12/6-08 Street Trading Consent – Cambridge Road, High Street, Ely Road is designated a “Consent Street”. Any traders such as food vans needed a licence from SCDC to trade on this road. Noted that SCDC was considering adopting the whole of South Cambridgeshire as a Consent Street Trading Area. Questionnaire from SCDC to be discussed at July meeting. RHC as a customer of the kebab trader declared a personal interest.
- 13/6-08 **6 Committee Chairmen**
AGREED
- that the chairman of each committee (or vice chairman if necessary) attend Council meetings following the relevant committee meetings in order to report fully to Council.**
- [This was especially important for those two committees that do not have elected councillors as chairmen].

7 Planning

- 14/6-08 SCDC and City Council – consultation on the North West Cambridge submission draft Area Action Plan (area between Madingley Road and Huntingdon Road) – responses to be sent in by 30 June
- 15/6-08 Appeal – Mr S Duncan Wildfowl Cottage Baits Bite Lock against refusal to grant listed building consent and refusal to grant planning permission – both appeals **allowed**.

Decisions received:

- 16/6-08 Mrs J Haslop 25 David Bull Way conservatory - **approved**.
(28/4-08) Following Policies apply:
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003:
P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Development)
South Cambs Local Development Framework Development Control Policies 2007:
DP/1 (Sustainable Development); DP/2 (Design of New Development); DP/3 (Development Criteria).
- 17/6-08 World of Computers 133 Cambridge Road display of signs – **approved for a period of 5 years**.
(30/4-08)
- 18/6-08 Peter Shenton 26 Cambridge Road display of signs (retrospective application) - **approved for a period of 5 years**.
(53/4-08)

New applications:

- 19/6-08 S/0766/08 Park House Winship Road – installation of window – **no recommendation** (delegated).
20/6-08 S/0830/08 MR AE Dewey 49 Old School Lane – extension - **no recommendation. Concerns about the south facing window – support neighbour’s point of view.**
- 21/6-08 S/0854/08 Mrs H Okane 79 Cambridge Road – porch - **no recommendation.**
22/6-08 S/0873/08 Mr S Moore 5 New Fields Chesterton Fen Road – erection of building for use as utility/dayroom - **no recommendation. Concerns about the size of the building. Support for SCDC’s Policy for Travellers.**
- 23/6-08 S/0901/08/A Exemplar Property Holdings Plc – Building 101 Science Park - signs – **no recommendation.**
- 24/6-08 **8 MCC Joint Meeting** - the minutes of the joint meeting held with MCC were received and noted.
Item 8 Play (min 38/5-08) - inspection of skate park and youth shelter – to be determined after agenda item 10.

- 25/6-08 **9 Finance** - the minutes of the Finance meeting held on 19 May 2008 were received
AGREED

- a) **to accept recommendation to approve accounts for 2007-08** (min 49/5-08)
- b) **to accept recommendation that JEC, RHC and the clerk draw up a job description of a part-time assistant clerk in readiness for the October F&S meeting** (50/5-08)
- c) **to confirm F&S Committee’s recommendation that the salary scales be adopted as from 1st April 2008** (min 51/5-08)
- d) **to confirm appointment of Mr S Wilson as Independent Internal Auditor for 2008-09**

- 26/6-08 **10 Proposal to remove the roof and frame of the youth shelter and skate ramps**

The following proposal was lost (5 votes in favour, 6 against and 2 abstentions):

Council should make an effort to maintain the youth shelter to a reasonable standard and continue to monitor it; this to be done thus;

- a) **the structure to be made safe immediately. RHC and the clerk would discuss employing a contractor to make the structure safe and to report back to Council the costs of long term repairs** (if the only recommendation is to remove the panels then they will be removed); **and**
- b) **RHC to remove top panels and replace them with the side panels – thus leaving sides open.**

It was then **AGREED** (6 votes in favour, 3 against and 4 abstentions)

to remove the structure - leaving just the seats in place.

It was also **AGREED**

to remove the quarter pipe (10 votes in favour 2 abstentions).

It was put forward that it was Council’s responsibility to discuss facilities for the youth in the village and to look to replace the youth shelter and skate ramps. The youth should be involved from the start of this process.

Inspections of the remaining piece of skate ramp to be arranged.

Noted that fence alongside the basketball court was in a poor state of repair (MCC issue).

- 27/6-08 **11 Proposal to accept the CCC quotation to remove the “Cycle Lanes” sign/posts at Butt Lane and disposal of £100.00 + VAT**
As the CCC erected this sign under the ‘Traffic Signs and General Directions Regulations’ it was **AGREED**
to ask the CCC to remove the sign at their own expense.
- 28/6-08 **12 Land update and proposal to consider purchasing land north of the village for recreation purposes**
Helical were offering to provide two football pitches on the land behind Milton Hall together with a pavilion at a cost of c £120,000.
Golf course land was in receivership and would be offered for sale shortly. The Land Group were planning to meet on 10 June and would discuss the best way forward – perhaps through a partnership arrangement - to acquire this land for recreation purposes for the village.
Council should explain its options to Helical.

Noted that the cricket club were interested in being involved in the Land Group.
It was **AGREED** (8 votes for the motion, 2 against and 2 abstention).
not to invite the cricket club to join this group at this stage.

If Council decided to proceed with trying to purchase the golf course land then all the clubs in the village should be invited to form an alliance to support this project.
- 29/6-08 **13 Consultation on BT’s proposal to remove phone box Coles Road**
The clerk would ask BT to retain the red box, in a different location if necessary, eg in place of the modern phone box at Pond Green. *Action: the clerk*
- 30/6-08 **14 Boundary Review – Council’s response**
Copies of SCDC’s letter were received – TAD and SCH would circulate the Science Park. Consultation document for Chesterton Fen had not yet been delivered. HMS and RTS would deliver them (with RLEW?). HMS argued that, as the Cambridge City Planning Policies were different from those of SCDC, the Science Park and St John’s Innovation Park should stay in South Cambs district.
AGREED
that Council’s response should be as in min 40/4-08 – “...Council’s recommendations that Chesterton Fen should be part of Cambridge City and the boundary between Cambridge City and Milton should be the A14.”
- 31/6-08 **15 MCC update**
Village Fayre and Family Entertainment Saturday 12 July 12.30 – 10pm.
AGM 8 October
Grant application towards refurbishment of MCC submitted to WREN.
- 32/6-08 **16 Mereham Public Inquiry – proposal to send a letter to Hazel Blears, Secretary of State**
AGREED
that the clerk send Council’s comments used at the Public Inquiry to the Secretary of State.
- 33/6-08 **17 County Councillor’s report**
(23/5-08) Development Control Committee – landfill application to extend of time **of operation of site** - no date had yet been arranged for this meeting. The chairman would be allowed to speak at this meeting.
Dog Fouling – as a Quality Council Milton would be allowed to employ a dog warden and retain any fines. Waterbeach were considering asking local Parish Councils if they would be prepared to employ jointly a dog warden.
- 34/6-08 **18 District Councillors’ reports**
Police panel – next meeting 15 July at Milton Primary School.
Water Cycle Strategy – HMS recently attended a meeting. Waste Water Treatment Works – there was no talk now of redevelopment. “Upgrade” was the best that Milton could expect.
Cambridge Horizon report – development proposals at Chesterton Sidings, the aggregates and Cowley Road Park & Ride sites.
CPALC Liaison Meeting – 11 people attended the recent meeting. The boundary review was discussed.
Foot / cycle Path adjacent sewage works – general maintenance of path and / hedge poor. The clerk would contact City Council. *Action: the clerk*

35/6-08

19 Bills for Payment and Money Received

CONFIRMED payment of cheques 3758 - 3760 and direct debits

AGREED payment of cheques 3761 – 3777. Cheque 3776 – payment of £25 to collate Annual Report in the Village View magazine. [Neither chairman nor clerk had the time to do this – approximately 3 hours work]. RHC would check Buchans Landscapes work schedule before approving payment of April and May account.

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20 Correspondence

- SCDC** - Invitation to Children and Young People's Participation Event on Saturday 28 June 2008, 9.30 am - 1.15 pm SCDC, South Cambs Hall , Cambourne
Parish Councillors in South Cambridgeshire are invited to take part in an event on June 28th to find out what a children and young people's participation champion is, what benefit they can bring to their Parish Council and community and what support and training can be offered to Parish Councillors.
- SCDC** - Briefing re potential post Office closures - a meeting for South Cambs District Councillors and Parish Councillors will be held in the Council Chamber of South Cambs Hall in Cambourne at 6:30pm on Wednesday 16 July. It was reported that Anil Lakhani was confident that Milton Post Office would not close.
- SCDC** - Public Consultations schedule
- CPALC** - Minutes of the Cambridgeshire County Council Liaison Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17th April 2008.

21 Dates of Next Meetings

- Community Care** - **tba**
- Planning** - **30 June**
- Maintenance** - **Postponed**
- Council** - **7 July**

The meeting ended at 10.35pm

Signed

Date