

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 12 May 2008 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

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

Public Participation – no members of the public were present.

1/5-08 **1 Election of chairman and signing of declaration of acceptance of office** – JEC was elected chairman and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

2/5-08 **2 Apologies for absence** - M Ellwood.

3/5-08 **3 Election of vice chairman** – RHC was elected vice chairman.

4/5-08 **4 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial**

RHC – Bills for payment personal – cheque 3741

IFM - Country Park personal – son fishes in park; youth personal – son a member of youth club.

HMS – Planning personal – member of SCDC planning committee.

RLEW - Country Park personal – grandson fishes in park; youth personal – grandson member of youth club.

5/5-08 **5 Committees** – the following committees were confirmed:

Community Care RD ME IFM HMS RLEW

Community Minibus RJF RTS *C Nunn B Pain G Sheen*

Finance and Staffing AJC JEC SCH HMS RTS RLEW

Maintenance RHC JEC RD ME IFM BJ SCH RLEW

(inc Allotments, Cemetery and Play) *WD Booth E Spong allotments' consultees
Cemetery All Saints' Church representative*

Planning JEC RD RJF BJ HMS RTS RLEW

Youth PSB GAC HMS *L Henderson*

MYCMG (Milton Youth Centre Management Group) – now disbanded.

6/5-08 **6 Representatives** – the following representatives were elected:

Archaeological Warden *WD Booth*

AWA [sewage works] JEC [as chairman] HMS and RTS would attend meetings as district councillors

Child Protection Officer *L Henderson*

Country Park (& Deputy)* ME (JEC)

Day Centre RLEW

Footpaths Officer RLEW

Landfill Liaison RHC JEC HMS RTS

MCC RHC

Milton Charities RD IFM *P Harrold BC Waterson*

Northern Fringe JEC HMS RTS

Parish Plan PSB JEC

Police Liaison JEC

Press Officer JEC [as chairman]

Tree Warden (& Deputy) RHC (RD)

Trolley Bus JEC

Village View (by invitation) JEC

Website Press Officer and clerk (min 193/4-07)

HMS was appointed as Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust representative for the rowing lake.

Land working group – RHC JEC IFM HMS RTS. JEC would continue (with one other) to meet landowners.

* The clerk would write to M Woolhouse (CSLT) emphasising that Council members were keen to be involved in a liaison group for the Country Park. **Action: the clerk**
RTS reported that an official re-opening was planned for Friday 23 May.

8 Clerk's/Chairman's report

7/5-08 Citi 2 route – as from 6 April the citi2 route had been changed. The residents in High Street had thanked
(8/4-08) Council for persevering with this. The clerk had written to thank Stagecoach.

Stagecoach intended to look at the positioning of the timetable at Landbeach Road bus shelter and if possible would move it nearer the shelter.

- 8/5-08
(9/4-08) CCTV on foot/cycle bridge – A Frost reported to the APM.
Double yellow lines (min 6/2-08 refers) – Winship Road realignment (min 8/1-07 refers) – MW would pursue and report back to the clerk. **Action: MW**
- 9/5-08
(11/4-08) Parish Plan – next stage would be meetings to prepare an Action Plan. Information would be passed on to various groups. Analysis not yet complete. About 80-90 residents expressed an interest in Neighbourhood Watch which the Police would re-launch. PSB would write an article for Village View.
- 10/5-08
(14/4-08) Road signs (min 22/4-08 also refers)
Meeting with Michael Williamson and David Lines CCC on Thursday 17th April 2008. As a result the CCC had removed or replaced various signs as requested by the clerk.
As the CCC could not afford to remove the “inappropriate” cycle lane outside 2 Butt Lane the clerk had asked David Lines to cost the works and send to Council.
- 11/5-08
(15/4-08) Landfill Liaison - meeting took place on 9 April. See Planning comments min 50/4-08.
Visit to landfill site to be arranged.
- 12/5-08
(21/4-08) Sewage works – from Nick Atkins EHO SCDC: “ I will liaise with John Wilson (EHO) here, as he has previous experience of instigating these meetings and will see if we can resurrect them in view of recent circumstances. I will of course inform you of any developments.” RTS was continuing to press N Atkins for a meeting with AWA. Many of the Parish Plan returns cited the smells at the sewage works as a major nuisance. MW reported that this was due to discussed at CCC. The CCC could apply pressure on AWA at the time of a planning application being submitted to extend the works.
- 13/5-08
(22/4-08) A14/A10 Interchange Milton – from A Frost: “traffic at the A14/A10 junction is subject to considerable fluctuation on a day-to-day basis and the opportunity for a robust traffic survey has not arisen as yet.
.....Traffic figures for counts taken near Number 1 High Street in Milton are available.....
You will see that there is a quite significant reduction in traffic, which I believe does indicate success for the A14/A10 improvement scheme:
- | Date | All vehicle | HCV | Bus/Coach | Car |
|------------|-------------|-----|-----------|------|
| 14/05/2003 | 6144 | 171 | 77 | 5896 |
| 12/05/2004 | 6117 | 56 | 81 | 5980 |
| 11/05/2005 | 6118 | 153 | 68 | 5897 |
| 17/05/2006 | 5835 | 81 | 115 | 5639 |
| 16/05/2007 | 5522 | 92 | 162 | 5268 |
- It is also expected that the layout modifications and equipment upgrade at the Butt Lane/A10 junction, taking place as part of the works for the new Park & Ride site, will improve traffic flow on the A10 southbound, especially in the morning peak period..... Evaluation of the new junction layout and the effect on local traffic will be carried out as part of the road safety audit process once the new layout is open to traffic.”
- Noted that no works had been done to change the timings on the traffic lights. MW would speak to A Frost about the problems for vehicles wanting to turn right towards the A428. **Action: MW**
- AF intended pointing one CCTV camera at the junction for a time to try to highlight any problems.
- 14/5-08
(34/4-08) Community Care – phone message from family of a client who recently died thanking Tracey for “an absolutely fantastic job caring for my grandmother”. The clerk had passed this on to Tracey.
Mobile phone donated by Tesco still not working. Community Care meeting 30 April 2008 - postponed till after meeting with Dr Steward on 15 May.
- 15/5-08
(35/4-08) Tree Coles Road – SCDC Trees Officer had suggested an Oriental Plane tree to replace the poplar. The clerk had asked if the Trees Officer would be willing to send a list of ‘acceptable’ native trees. RD reported that the Turkey Oak recently felled was approximately 125 years old (min 41/208).
- 16/5-08
(40/4-08) Recycling Centre – Tesco - From SCDC: “The banks are regularly monitored to ensure they are emptied at the appropriate frequency. Our staff pick up the material left on the floor on a very regular basis. This is left by the actions of lazy folks who often do not place the material in the banks when they still have capacity. And of course there is the blatant fly tipping.
Street cleansing crews currently spend 6 man hours per day around the various bring sites in an attempt to keep them tidy. Later in the year when we plan to introduce a kerbside collection of plastic, it is envisaged that some of these problems should diminish.”
IFM reported that the area was in appalling state on that Monday.
SCDC clean the area near the shops on Thursday of each week. [Info for next Maintenance meeting – min 46/3-08 refers].

- 17/5-08
(40/4-08) Electoral Arrangements and Boundary Review – Impington PC asked for Council’s help:
1) Arbury Park - “ Impington Parish Council would be glad if you could see your way to formally respond in support of their belief that the new Arbury Park parish should be created now, based on the reasoning given in the consultation document.” The clerk had written in support of IPC.
2) Chesterton Fen – the recent SCDC Electoral Committee meeting felt that residents should be consulted. **AGREED** that Council should ask Fen Road Chesterton residents and businesses on the Science Park if they would prefer to be in the City or stay in South Cambs district.
JEC, HMS and the clerk would prepare a leaflet to be distributed with prepaid envelopes for replies. HMS, RTS and RLEW would deliver in Chesterton Fen and PSB, TAD and SCH in the Science Park.
Action: JEC, HMS and the clerk
- 18/5-08
(40/4-08) Land adjacent A14
1) David Atkinson, CCC and Tony Marks Planning Enforcement Officer SCDC had responded to HMS’ letter. David Atkinson reported that “The site has since been cleared of all plant, machinery and waste material. Balfour Beatty imported approximately 2000 m3 of clean topsoil, in October 2007. The soil was graded to agreed levels before being rotovated. I understand seeding should take place in the next few weeks. The site was re-inspected following your recent telephone conversation with Andrew Greenwood and again following the receipt of your letter. During the inspection, the officer noted the localized ponding of surface water but could find no evidence to suggest that the geotextile membrane, which was placed under the hard standing at the site entrance, was still in place [although this was disputed – BJ]. The County Council has not received any complaints from the landowner about the restoration work and I believe that the land has been restored as per the requirements of the Certificate of Lawful Use.”
Tony Marks: “ I can confirm that a further site visit has been made by Mr Readman and the findings discussed with Melissa Reynolds the Area Planning Officer. As a result of those considerations we are in agreement with the County Council that the necessary work has been completed as required to clear the land of all plant, machinery and waste material. In addition the land has been restored to its original use as a result of the topsoil that has been imported onto the site.”
2) **AGREED** to invite a representative from January’s to the next meeting 9 June to make a presentation about a proposed planning application for this land should Green Belt status be removed. **Action: the clerk**
- 19/5-08 Inspector Paul Ormerod
1) Noted that Inspector Ormerod had moved from his post as Sector Commander for South Cambridgeshire Sector to a new post as Neighbourhood Policing Lead for Cambridgeshire Constabulary, based at Force Headquarters. His successor as the Sector Commander for South Cambridgeshire will be Inspector Chris Savage.
2) Histon Police profile update received. Histon Neighbourhood Panel Meeting - notes of meeting held at Impington Village College on Tuesday 15 April 2008 at 7.30pm received. “No major problems at Milton identified.” Dates of Future Meetings: Tuesday 15th July 2008 Tuesday 14th October 2008 Tuesday 13th January 2009
- 20/5-08 Youth action – Chris Farmer leader of young people at All Saints’ Church organised a weekend of community work that took place 3 May. They cleaned the area near the bus shelter opposite the Waggon & Horses (in response to a complaint from a resident). Any ideas for further work please inform the clerk.
- 21/5-08 Damage to sluice gates – noted that the river manager (Pip Noon) had reported on 30 April 08 vandalism to the sluice gate at the end of Fen Road, Milton. Noted also that recently the rower’s gun shed had broken into. £2000 worth of poles used for the rowing races were stolen. A large tree trunk which had been beside the gun shed had been rolled into the river and the Cam Conservators staff had to retrieve it off the safety boom at Baits Bite Sluices.
The clerk reported that a brass plaque had been removed from the seat. He would arrange a replacement.
Action: the clerk
- 22/5-08 CPALC EGM – proposed constitutional changes – EGM at Histon & Impington Pavilion Saturday 31 May 10.30am.
CPALC - South Cambs Area - the next meeting will be held at the District Council Offices in Cambourne on Thursday 5th June 2008 at 7-30pm. HMS hoped to attend.

- 23/5-08 **9 Planning** - the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 21 April 2008 were received and noted.
Landfill application: The clerk had not heard whether a representative would be allowed to speak at the CCC committee meeting. MW would find out. **Action: MW**
 (50/4-08) Decisions received:
- 24/5-08 R Moss and others Sandy Park Chesterton Fen Road – retention of gypsy caravan site of 29mpolts and access
 (24/1-07) road (retrospective application) – **approved**.
 25/5-08 Mr N O'Connor Plots 1,3 and 5 Sandy Park Chesterton Fen Road – use of 19 gypsy caravan pitches
 (340/8-07) (retrospective) – **approved**.
 Both approvals subject to various conditions (attached to minutes).
New applications:
- 26/5-08 C11/17/072/04 Mrs J Bevitt 26 Church Lane – proposed tree works horse chestnut – **comments**:
As this tree has a TPO on it we feel that it is not necessary to fell the tree. Removal of the dead wood and tree reduced would be more appropriate within our Conservation Area.
However professional tree surgeon's advice may differ (delegated).
 The Trees Officer had since reported: **“The Horse Chestnut at 26 Church Lane has bark lifting at the base showing necrotic wood, this is disrupting the live tissue of the and will place it under stress. The fungi under the bark would indicate that it may be infected with Honey Fungus. Due to these factors the prognosis for the tree is not good and its removal cannot be refused.”**
- 27/5-08 S/0635/08 Cambridge Consultants Ltd Science Park – proposed 3 storey extension and energy centre, following demolition of the Banana Block, with associated landscaping additional car and cycle parking and alternative access arrangements – **no recommendation** (delegated).
- 28/5-08 S/0643/08 Mr & Mrs M Pearson 54A Fen Road – single storey side extension - **no recommendation** .
- 29/5-08 S/1653/07 W Webb Southgate Farm Chesterton Fen Road – use of land as 26 mobile home pitches for gypsies – copy of acoustic assessment – **for information**.
- 30/5-08 **10 Youth** – the minutes of the Youth meeting held on 29 April 2008 were received and noted.
 The clerk reported that this had been a positive meeting and that all the matters arising from this meeting were in hand.
- 31/5-08 **11 Annual Parish Meeting** – the minutes were received and noted.
 Stagecoach confirmed that the drivers were being made aware of potential passengers – especially in wet weather – at the bus stop opposite the Waggon & Horses. The clerk had informed the resident who had raised this issue.
- 32/5-08 **12 Land update** – the land group had drawn up a suggested agreement with Helical for the sports field adjacent
 (37/4-08) the proposed retirement village. Next meeting 15 May. Iwan Jones would attend.
 No news as yet about any other areas of land.
- 33/5-08 **13 MCC update** – reminder: Joint meeting 14 May 8.30pm.
- 34/5-08 **14 County Councillor's report**
Leader – a new leader (from Fenland) was due to be appointed at Full Council.
Regional Spatial Strategy – the government had proposed an additional 30,000 homes for the region. The housing market and state of the construction industry at present would suggest this target would not be reached.
Hanley Grange Eco-town – CCC were opposed to this proposed new town.
 (1/4-08) Fen Road – MW had noted that residents at Baitbite Lock were concerned that Fen Road was “unlikely to be considered favourably by CCC” as they considered that they had the right to have a decent road to their homes.
Lorries parking – a resident had complained about lorries parking overnight in The Rowans. Parking for lorries using the A14 was due to be discussed at CCC. It was hoped that The Highways Agency could be persuaded to find an overnight parking area for lorries. Any evidence of parking in Milton should be sent to MW.
- 35/5-08 **15 District Councillors' reports**
 RTS had nothing to add to his APM reports.
 HMS had received complaints about flies in one particular area of Milton.
 (423/10-07) Sewage connection Chesterton Fen – AWA representative was due to send out questionnaires.
- 36/5-08 **16 Bills for Payment and Money Received**
CONFIRMED payment of cheques 3740 – 3748 (JEC, having declared an interest, and RHC abstained).
AGREED payment of cheques 3749- 3757
 Cheque 3755 to Buchans Landscapes for April to be agreed by RHC and the clerk upon receipt of Buchans' work schedule and invoice.

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17 Correspondence

- Cambridgeshire Green Vision** - First edition of Green Vision News
- SCDC** - Invitation to 2 parish council representatives to the annual South Cambs Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership conference to be held at Cambridge City Airport on Tuesday 22 July from 5 pm - 8.30 pm.
- Public consultations - Parish Council monthly update (May 2008) - [purpose of this is to assist Parish Councils to plan their involvement in plan-making].
- NALC** - Details of NALC Conference 20-22 May
- CPALC** - Electronic newsletter no. 1
- Cambridgeshire Horizons** - Invitation to the Cambridgeshire Horizons Water Cycle Strategy stakeholder workshop taking place at New Hall College, Cambridge on Monday 2nd June 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Guided Bus** - Plans showing the alignment at Arbury Park
Next Guided Busway Local Liaison Forum for the Park Lane to Milton Road section on Wednesday, 14 May from 7pm at the Brackenbury Room, IVC.
- Greg Harlock SCDC** - An eco-town in South Cambridgeshire? A summary for parish councils.

18 Dates of Next Meetings

- Finance** - **19 May**
- Council** - **9 June**

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

Signed.....

Date.....