

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 1 September 2008 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: JE Coston (chair) RH Chapman G Covell R Day SC Humphreys HM Smith
RT Summerfield RLE Waters
Councillor M Williamson (from min 7/9-08), the clerk and five members of the public (part)

- 1/9-08 **1 Public Participation** – deferred till minute 6/9-08.
- 2/9-08 **2 Apologies for absence** - PS Badley AJ Campbell TA Drummond M Ellwood RJ Farrington
B Jefferson IF May.
- 3/9-08 **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.
JEC, RHC and RTS – planning application Lion & Lamb min 6/9-08 – prejudicial.
- 4/9-08 **4 Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting of 7 July 2008 were approved and signed as a true record.
Noted that AJ Campbell was to be minuted as having sent his apologies.
- 5/9-08 **6 Planning** – it was agreed to bring this item forward - the application by the Lion & Lamb to be discussed first.

New Application

- 6/9-08 S/1403/08 The Lion & Lamb Public House High Street Milton – extensions and alterations. Erection of smoking shelter and fencing & installation of 3 parasol units.
AGREED to suspend Standing Orders to allow public participation which included the reasons for the alterations by the applicants and comments from neighbouring residents. Standing Orders were reinstated and RLEW was elected chairman for this item. JEC, RHC and RTS left the room for this item.

AGREED to make “no recommendation” with the following comments:

“We recommend that the applicant considers moving the car entrance / exit away from number 25 High Street to a more central position on safety grounds.

We query whether there would be sufficient car parking spaces for the anticipated increased custom.

We understand that residents are concerned about noise – especially late evening.”

- 7/9-08 Appeal – Lancashire & Commercial Services Ltd – site at Milton Golf Centre Penfold Farm Ely Road - (application reference S/0225/08/LDC) – against non-determination of an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness by SCDC. The appeal seeks to confirm that planning permission S/2103/01/F “Change of use to golf practice centre, including golf club house, golf course, shop/office, car park and access” (min 44/03) can be implemented in full.
Background to the appeal: “LICS submitted an outline application and several detailed applications before the clubhouse and shop was built. The clubhouse bar / restaurant is also being used as a Thai restaurant. There is also a steward’s flat, which, again, must be linked to maintaining the recreational facilities.

SCDC have refused to comment further on the planning permission to clarify that

a) what is going on on the site now, and

b) what LICS want to do in the future on the one acre

are legal. LICS are appealing, because they need to have a firm opinion given.

The PC accepted the original planning decision with some sq m allocated for buildings to do with the recreational use (ie changing facilities and catering facilities, and a shop) and did not object. Not all of this has yet been built, so there is some xxx sq m of development (in association with the recreational facilities) still to be built.

There is also the one acre which LICS wish to keep and sell separately. Another extra yyy sq m of buildings on the site was linked to the Rowing Lake being ‘substantially completed’, and the idea behind this was that a clubhouse for the Rowing Lake might be located here. However the planning permission treats the whole area as one, and the split between what could be built on the one acre and what might be added to the clubhouse is not defined.”

- 7/9-08
(25/3-08) Appeal by Mr S Lee Plot 6 Sunningdale Chesterton Fen against enforcement notice alleging without planning permission the erection of a dayroom building.
- 8/9-08
(12/7-08) Appeals Mereham – three appeals by Stannifer Developments Ltd – including Planning Application S/1962/05 - “highway improvements to the A10 between A14 interchange and River Great Ouse in the Parishes of Milton, Landbeach and Waterbeach;” and
“certificate of lawful use or development (LDC) for the replacement of the existing Jane Coston cycle/footbridge over the A14, south of its junction with the A10 at Milton, with a new bridge for buses, pedestrians and cyclists (application ref 06/1291/C12PD)” – **dismissed**.
- 9/9-08 1 Bulteel Close – certificate of lawful use or development approved – internal and external works of alteration to existing integral double garage within dwelling house so as to form an exercise gymnasium area within the curtilage.
- 10/9-08
(19/1-08) Decisions received:
Mr W Webb Southgate Farm Chesterton Fen Road – use of land for 24 mobile home pitches and for 2 chalets for gypsies- **approved**. [Numerous conditions – attached to minutes].
- 11/9-08
(29/3-08) Donarbon – revision of existing site layout, provision of new organic waste reception building and revised surface water drainage scheme at Cambridge Waste Management Park Ely Road Waterbeach – **approved**.
- 12/9-08
(23/6-08) Exemplar Property Holdings Plc – Building 101 Science Park - signs - **approved**.
- 13/9-08
(45/6-08) Tesco Stores Ltd Cambridge Road – erection of glazed lobby - **approved**. East of England Plan 2008: **Policy SS1**. LDF 2007: **Policies DP/1, DP/2, DP/3, DP/7, ET/5, TR/1, TR/2**.
- 14/9-08
(46/6-08) Mr & Mrs Walker 27 Coles Road – extension – **approved**. **No windows, doors or openings on south west elevation at and above first floor level**. (Note amendment: now pitched roof).
Following Policies apply:
South Cambs Local Development Framework Development Control Policies 2007:
DP/1 (Sustainable Development); DP/2 (Design of New Development); DP/3 (Development Criteria).
- 15/9-08
(48/6-08) Broadcom Europe Ltd 406 Science Park – installation of 500 KVA Standby Diesel Generating Set, 9000 litre fuel storage tank enclosed by timber fenced compound – **approved**. **Must be carried out in accordance with approved acoustic report. Scheme for pollution control to be approved**.
Following Policies apply:
East of England Plan 2008: **SS1 (Achieving Sustainable Development)**
South Cambs Local Development Framework Development Control Policies 2007:
DP/1 (Sustainable Development); DP/2 (Design of New Development); DP/3 (Development Criteria).
- 16/9-08
(51/6-08) Mr & Mrs SEJ Coles 15 Goding Way – conservatory - **approved**.
East of England Plan 2008: **SS1 (Achieving Sustainable Development)**.
South Cambs Local Development Framework Development Control Policies 2007:
DP/1 (Sustainable Development); DP/2 (Design of New Development); DP/3 (Development Criteria); DP/7 (Development Frameworks).
- 17/9-08
(28/7-08) Landfill – variation of Condition 3 of pp S/0289/91 to extend the time for reinstatement of the site to a condition suitable for the resumption of agricultural use to 31 December 2020 – **approved**.
The chairman attended the meeting but only had 3 minutes to argue the case against the landfill continuing and to raise a number of points which included:-
Reducing working times, reducing distance waste travels to site in line with other sites, timetable for returning land to agricultural / recreational use, stopping further extension of the site, traffic movements, pedestrian crossing, congestion, pressurised wheel wash.
None of the points made by Milton Parish Council was agreed.
The Landfill was given permission to continue until 2020.

New applications:

18/9-08
(22/7-08) S/0935/08/O Helical (Milton) Ltd - Former EDF Depot and Training Centre Ely Road Milton – outline planning application for the demolition of existing buildings, removal of existing pylons/mast etc from training grounds & construction of 101 retirement units (including restoration of north lodge for use as a retirement dwelling) 1 wardens unit, visitor accommodation, central facilities building, provision of formal & informal open space, associated landscaping & improvements to the existing access.

Amendments: "The scheme has been reduced in size to 101 retirement units to enable development to be restricted to the existing built area of the depot. Although indicative, the illustrative layout also enables a gap between the buildings to the east of North Lodge to open up views to the countryside beyond and improve the relationship with the setting of the Lodge."

Noted that this application had been withdrawn. Helical intended submitting a new application.

- 19/9-08 S/1130/08 Mr & Mrs Nix 50 High Street – extensions and alterations – **no recommendation**
and
- 20/9-08 S/1364/08/LB Mr & Mrs Nix 50 High Street – remodelling of existing extension to form enlarged studio, utility and WC - **no recommendation**.
- 21/9-08 S/1195/08 Mr L Wheeler 26 The Sycamores – extension - **no recommendation** (delegated). Decision subsequently received: **approval**. Following Policies apply:
East of England Plan 2008: **SS1 (Achieving Sustainable Development)**.
South Cambs Local Development Framework Development Control Policies 2007:
DP/1 (Sustainable Development); DP/2 (Design of New Development);
DP/3 (Development Criteria); DP/7 (Development Frameworks).
- 22/9-08 S/1257/08 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).
- 23/9-08 S/1310/08 Mr C Crickmore land r/o the Barn Chesterton Fen Road – change of use of land for the stationing of storage containers, general storage and erection of a covered/enclosed storage area – **no recommendation** (delegated).
- 24/9-08 S/1315/08 Post Office Ltd – installation of ATM at Milton Post Office 2 Coles Road – **no recommendation**. **Should the installation of anti-ram bollards be considered?** (delegated).
- 25/9-08 S/1379/08 Mr Fairhurst 42 Fen Road – conservatory - **no recommendation**.

5 Clerk's/Chairman's report

- 26/9-08
(29/6-08) Telephone Box – a resident had written suggesting that Council buys the phone box in Coles Road – using contributions from residents. Council **AGREED to try to purchase the box for £1.**
- 27/9-08
(6/7-08) Community Care – meeting set for Wednesday 10th September 11am.
- 28/9-08
(8/7-08) Parish Plan – no report.
- 29/9-08
(26/7-08) Boundary Review - the chairman had now attended two meetings at South Cambs when the Electoral Arrangements Committee asked the parish councils to consult with residents on suggested boundaries. This consultation was done with leaflets delivered by parish councillors to Chesterton Fen and the Science Park.
At the 8th July **SCDC Electoral Arrangements** Committee Meeting the results of MPC's consultation were communicated to the committee – overall MPC had support for their suggested A14 boundary.
- Process Guidance**
In conducting a review, the **Boundary Committee** must have regard to: 'The need to secure effective and convenient local government; and the need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities.'
The **SCDC Electoral Arrangements Committee** received papers that brought in these arguments which do not reflect the above Boundary Committee statement:-
- i) Cambridge Science Park is world-renowned and there is benefit to the District in retaining this within its boundary given the positive associations. In any event the basis for review is consideration of the best local governance arrangements for residential communities rather than the commercial sector.
 - ii) By using the A14 as the boundary line this may set a precedent for amending other areas of the proposals map. The focus of the review is community governance and not necessarily simply following man-made or natural boundary features at the exclusion of other considerations.
 - iii) In the event that business rates revert to local authority control in the future the loss of this commercial area would be detrimental to the District Council.
 - iv) Officers cannot recommend a proposal which would result in the loss of a valuable area to which travellers resort and which the Council has spent many years working with the traveller community to provide.
- The Committee decided to recommend their original suggested boundaries which left the Science Park and Chesterton Fen in Milton.
- Decision:- That the submission of a request for a review of the administrative boundary between Cambridge City Council and South Cambridgeshire District Council be agreed in principle, on the basis of the proposals outlined previously and shown on the attached plan, subject to definitive assurances from central government that the housing targets fixed in the Regional Spatial Strategy will be readjusted to take account of the numbers of planned new housing going to the City as a result of a boundary review.
- The chairman was concerned that the Parish Council were asked to consult but it would appear that even if we had 100% support for the A14 boundary the council had no intention of listening to this argument (see paras i – iv above) and had therefore wasted Parish Council time and money on a consultation.
- Noted that there would be another chance to give our views when the Boundary Committee did their consultation on the proposed changes.
- 30/9-08 MCC – noted that MCC had appointed a new manager, Chris Drummond.
- 31/9-08 Milton Primary School – time capsule. Pupils from the primary school had written asking for suggestions for items to be included in a time capsule. Council suggested a Millennium Book and copy of Michael Spooner's extracts from Parish Council minutes. Donations towards this project to be taken from Chairman's Allowance. **Action: the clerk**
- 32/9-08 SLCC regional conference Chilford Hall 25 September 2008 10.00a.m – 3.45pm. Agenda: planning, financial management, current issues, an effective council. Cost £45.
AGREED that the clerk should attend.
- 33/9-08 Maintenance - hedge – noted that Mencap had taken out the hedge at the front of 2 Cambridge Road and replaced it with a laurel hedge.
- 34/9-08 Remembrance Ceremony – to be discussed at October meeting.
- 35/9-08 Youth Building – broken sofa – a sofa in the youth building was broken. HMS was negotiating with the supplier (Harveys) for repairs or recompense through their insurance. HMS requested that the clerk

contact Harveys if necessary.

36/9-08 **7 Finance** – the minutes of the Finance & Staffing Committee meeting held on 21 July 2008 were received.

(38/7-08) **AGREED** **to confirm recommended immediate increase of 7 pence per mile; and that the minibus committee be given the authority to implement increases as and when necessary without the need to refer back to Council.**

Noted that the minibus committee were scheduled to meet – probably in October.

37/9-08 **8 Archaeological costs**
Dr Derek Booth, *Parish Archaeological Warden*, had requested that the Parish Council consider setting aside a sum of at least £500 per annum towards the advance of Milton's heritage to include help towards some archaeological costs and costs in relation to other aspects of local history i.e. in setting up a village history society as indicated in the Milton Parish Plan survey.
The clerk would invite Dr Booth to the October meeting to give more details. *Action: the clerk*

38/9-08 **9 Crime update**
(5/7-08) **a) Tesco walk way – meeting with manager of Tesco together with the police and the County Council**

Since the Panel meeting the Police had adopted this area as a priority area, had stepped up patrols and spoken to youngsters.

Tesco and Cambs Police were keen to meet. The clerk would arrange a meeting. HMS and RLEW agreed to represent the Parish Council. *Action: the clerk*

(10/7-08) **b) Neighbourhood Watch**
Noted that the annual South Cambridgeshire Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership conference was due to be held on **Wednesday 10 September** at Cambridge City Airport from 5.30pm - 8.20pm. The aim of the conference: to consider how all parties can work together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in our area.

More information about a replacement PCSO would be available in the Autumn. (Inspector Chris Savage).

Histon Police newsletter received.

c) Sluice Gates

No offenders had been caught but there has been positive action re metal thieves in the area. Damage and theft of lead had taken place at the Country Park recently.

39/9-08 **10 Land update – to consider appointing a fund raiser**
(26/7-08) It was **AGREED** [at 9.10pm] [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 session of the meeting held 7 July 2008 were approved and signed a true record.

The meeting re-opened at 9.30pm.

40/9-08 **11 County Councillor's report**

A new PCSO should be appointed soon [John Fuller Cambs Police].

Members were not aware of problems with the Citi2 bus service recently.

MW would ask A Frost to clarify what his intentions re improvements to the junction of Winship Road / Cambridge Road.

Park & Ride was on schedule to be completed by late Autumn.

41/9-08 **12 District Councillors' reports**

Proposals for Hanley Grange – eco town - had been withdrawn.

Waste collection at Christmas and new year would be a normal service. Plastic kerbside collections would start in October.

Sewage connection Chesterton Fen - AWA were conducting a survey at Chesterton Fen.

42/9-08

13 Bills for Payment and Money Received

CONFIRMED - payment of cheques 48 – 50 + direct debits (minibus) and 3793 - 3811

AGREED - payment of cheques 3812 – 3819 + direct debits.

RHC abstained from voting (personal interest - working relationship with S Bowden).

Ch 3801 – RTS reported that MCC had been waiting to receive the City Council written report before paying this invoice. The clerk had not been aware of this but agreed that future invoices would not be paid in advance of receiving a report.

Ch 3803 – repair bus shelter (opposite Waggon & Horses) lights: Maintenance committee to discuss future maintenance of these lights.

Ch 3817 – seat by railway crossing had been repaired.

43/9-08

14 Correspondence

The Cambridgeshire Rural Forum - conference on community-based solutions for rural services in Cambs and Peterborough 25/09/08. This event provides an opportunity to learn from others' successes in meeting the challenges that face our communities in retaining facilities in our villages and market towns.

Local Access Forum - Local Access Forum's Annual Report for 2007-08. The Local Access Forum is a group of volunteers who act as statutory advisors to the County Council and other bodies on countryside access issues.

Cambs ACRE - Notice of AGM Tuesday 2nd September 2008 at 5.30pm and results of Cambs & Peterborough rural services [see: www.cambsacre.org.uk/news/latest.htm]

Guided Busway - Local Liaison Forum for the Histon to Cambridge section – meetings 7 August and 18 September

SCDC - Housing Futures

- Invitation to the 2008 Funding Fair for South Cambs and the surrounding area on Saturday 13th September at South Cambridgeshire Hall in Cambourne. This is a free open event for representatives from Cambridgeshire voluntary and community groups to come and gain advice and information from the local and national funding agencies exhibiting at the event.

National Trust - Wicken Fen Vision – newsletter

CCC - Countryside Access Team Annual Report 2007-08

ACRE - Cambridgeshire LINK - New Local Involvement Network – to help communities have a stronger voice in their Health & Social Care Services.

45/9-08

15 Dates of Next Meetings

Community Care	-	10 September 11am	Youth	-	15 September
Planning	-	15 September	Minibus	-	tba
Maintenance	-	29 September	Council	-	6 October

The meeting ended at 9.50pm.

Signed.....

Date.....