

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 8th January 2007 at 7.00pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: JE Coston (chair) PK Oldham PS Badley RH Chapman IL Davis R Day RJ Farrington B Jefferson
J Payne IF May HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters
The clerk, County Councillor M Williamson and 3 members of the public

Public Participation – no member of the public wished to speak

1/1-07 **1 Melanie Baker ACRE – Parish Plans**

(548/06) MB gave a background to Parish Plans, their benefits, the process involved and funding available. A Plan would be a good way of getting a true picture of the village as a whole. It was **AGREED** to form a working group PSB, JEC and JP to investigate the process of creating a Parish Plan and to bring back to Council more detailed analysis of the costs involved.
Thanks to MB.

2/1-07 **2 Apologies for absence** - M Ellwood. Council approved Mark's absence and would be pleased to welcome him back as an active member at any time.
Absent - AJC.

3/1-07 **3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial**

RLEW item 8 personal (grandson a member of the youth club); HMS item 10 personal (involved in 'Save Country Park campaign'); RHC min 21/1-07 personal (neighbour); RTS item 10 personal (involved in 'Save Country Park campaign'); IFM item 8 and 10 personal (son a member of the youth club; son fishes at Country Park); PKO item 10 personal (involved in 'Save Country Park campaign').

4/1-07 **4 Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting of 4th December 2006 were approved and signed as a true record.

5 Clerk's / Chairman's report

5/1-07 Field adjacent A14/A10 – no response from SCDC. The clerk was instructed to write to SCDC complaining
(517/06) about lack of action to re-instate the field. Copies to Balfour Beatty, Environment Agency (as road planings were being stored on site) and A Frost CCC. The clerk would also investigate SCDC's complaints procedure.

Action: the clerk

It was noted that January's website stated: "our clients have made representations to have it removed from the Green Belt in the new LDF. It is our clients intention to submit a planning application for the proposed development with benefit of identified need." "Expressions of interest are invited from hoteliers and car retailers."

6/1-07 Crime – a new PCSO had been appointed - Scott Evans.

7/1-07 Clerk's hours 2006 - a record of hours worked throughout the year by the clerk (this excludes volunteer hours worked by members).

	Hours		Hours	%
Jan	120.5	Preparation	171.25	15
Feb	83	Meetings	84.25	8
Mar	103.5	Minutes etc	172.5	15
Apr	71	General	617.75	55
May	96	Accounts	69.75	6
June	94.5	Delivering	13.5	1
July	80.25			
Aug	58.75	Average = 25 hours per week		
Sep	102	31 meetings (excluding youth building and <i>ad hoc</i>)		
Oct	74			
Nov	147			
Dec	98.5			
Total	1129			

8/1-07 Highways

(521/06) a) Cycle lane – Patrick Joyce clarified his reported comments: "as part of the Park and Ride project we would be looking at improving routes leading to it through Milton. This would involve seeing what we could do about the Winship Road junction (which we all agree is poor). This might involve "red tarmac", elephants feet, and/or kerb realignment."

b) Remedial work – Rob, Bob Howard (CCC) and the clerk walked the village identifying areas of highway that flood during rain. Bob would do remedial work. He also had some money for pavement repairs.

c) Tree Coles Road – The clerk had asked SCDC to look at a possibly dangerous poplar tree on the (SCDC owned) verge outside Recreation Close and advise as to the best course of action. The tree has a split stem and could fall.

- (533/06) d) Park & Ride – PKO, JP, HMS and RTS would attend a drop-in session at Shire Hall on Tuesday 9th January to discuss cycling and pedestrian access, particularly from the Milton side.
- 9/1-07 Bus shelter Landbeach Road - still awaiting response from CCC.
(522/06)
- 10/1-07 Standing Orders – a report will be submitted to the February meeting.
(525/06)
- 11/1-07 Audit – the internal audit was received and noted.
(526/06)
- 12/1-07 Risk assessments – The Finance committee reviews Risk Management at its January meeting. This includes assets, finance, liability, employer and legal liability. The clerk was in the process of reviewing all areas of responsibility ie allotments, bus shelters, cemetery, contractors, litter picking, lone working, open spaces, play, putting up Christmas lights, trees. Maintenance Committee to check at its first meeting in 2007.
(526/06)
- 13/1-07 Motorbike mobile – had been repaired.
(528/06)
- 14/1-07 Gate Chesterton Fen – the clerk reported that P3 had no money left to put towards the gate.
(550/06)
- 15/1-07 Meeting Chesterton – JEC, PKO and the district councillors would attend a meeting organised by the Old Chesterton Residents' Association on 16th January to discuss various issues including Chesterton Fen Road.
- 16/1-07 **6 Planning** – the minutes of the Planning meeting of 18 December 2006 were received and noted
17/1-07 Cambridge Sports Lakes Trust – **additional comments: Extremely concerned about the height of the mounds all the way from Milton to Waterbeach. Contrary to SCDC Policy for the landscape?**
(582/06)
- 18/107 Appeal – Mr S Duncan Wildfowl Cottage Baits Bite Lock – against refusal of permission for alterations and refurbishment of existing building including singles storey extension plus new boathouse and garage. To be heard on 16th January.
(324/06)
- Decisions received:
- 19/1-07 C Carter 5 Pearson Close - **refused. Loss of daylight and sunlight to number 6 Pearson Close; visually overbearing when viewed from habitable rooms and the private amenity serving that dwelling. Therefore contrary to Policy HG12 of South Cambs Local Plan (restricting extensions to dwellings where there would be a serious harm to the amenities of neighbouring properties through loss of light or unduly overbearing in terms of mass).**
(538/06)
- 20/1-07 Mrs Hawes 30 Froment Way – extension - **approved. External materials to be identical to those used for existing building. Permanent space to be reserved on site for the parking of two cars.**
(540/06)
Structure Plan 2003: **P1/2 (Environmental Restrictions on Development);**
South Cambs Local Plan 2004: **HG12 (Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings within Frameworks).**
- 21/1-07 SPP (Southern) Ltd – car park at Tesco Cambridge Road – change of use of car park to car valeting operation including siting of cabin and canopy (amended location) – **approved.**
(541/06)
Conditions re; power operated machinery, power driven plant or equipment, including equipment for heating, ventilation and control of odour, dust or fumes and external lighting. Scheme of pollution control to the water environment, and details of materials for external walls and roof to be approved. Development should not commence until undertaken is prepared in writing not to implement pp S/1485/06 dated 8 September 2006.
Structure Plan: **P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Development);**
Local Plan: **SH7 (Vehicle Sales, Maintenance and Plant Hire).**
- 22/1-07 Cambridge Regional College Kings Hedges Road – creation of external screen/enclosure – **approved.**
(542/06)
Structure Plan: **P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Development).**
- New applications:
- 23/1-07 S/2184/06 Walker Commercial Ltd Mereway Poultry Farm Milton Road Impington – erection of buildings for (B1) [c], light industrial and B8 warehouse uses to replicate development permitted by planning permission. **Refuse: Contrary to Policy P9/2a of the Structure Plan – within Green Belt new development should be limited to that required for agriculture and forestry, outdoor sport or other uses appropriate to a rural area and Policy GB2 of the South Cambs Local Plan (inappropriate development within Green Belt). This application is for new buildings not conversions and therefore Policy GB2 number 6 does NOT apply. Outside Impington Village Framework and therefore contrary to Policy P1/2 of the Local Plan. Would have detrimental visual effect on the countryside and therefore contrary to Policies EN1 and EN3 of the Local Plan. Visually overbearing from the Public Byway. This application for light industry is totally inappropriate within the Green Belt. Our concerns about traffic still apply.**

- 24/1-07 S/2364/06 R Moss and Others Sandy Park Chesterton Fen Road – retention of gypsy caravan site of 29 plots and access road (retrospective application) – **approve. Comments:**
“Although we acknowledge that this site is contrary to the SCDC Policy for travellers’ sites in Chesterton Fen we approve the allocation of this land for a travellers’ site provided that the land owned by the City and allocated for travellers is withdrawn as an option for travellers.”
- 25/1-07 S/2326/06 Mr & Mrs D Cousins 23 Goding Way – single storey conservatory to the rear
- 26/1-07 **7 Minibus** – the minutes of the Minibus Committee meeting of 18th December 2006 were received.
AGREED to confirm recommendation that tariffs remain the same.
- 27/1-07 **8 Youth** – the minutes of the Youth Committee meeting of 8th December 2006 were received and noted.
 (544/06) **Opening** – 80 invitations had been sent out. The youth club would meet after the ceremony. JEC would prepare a press release for the opening.
Administration – RLEW reported that according to the lease all buildings, with the exception of the scout store, were managed by MCC. If the youth building were to be administered by MPC then a simple tenancy agreement (as per the sports clubs) should be drawn up.
 It was **AGREED** (11 votes in favour, 2 abstentions)
 that the youth committee manage the running of the youth building until an agreement between MCC and MPC is made.
 Further discussions to be held at February meeting
Youth club – HMS would find out whether the policy was for a drop-in centre and if so whether the parents had been informed. **Action: HMS**
 A SLA was not appropriate at present as Council were not contributing any funding.
- 28/1-07 **9 Loss of Sunday Bus Service**
 The County Council were proposing a reduction in subsidised bus services including the Sunday service to Wisbech.
AGREED to object to the proposals.
 Comments to be sent to the CCC: should we aim to reduce the number of car miles?
 There is no Park & Ride service on Sundays. Most of Milton’s residents would want to travel into Cambridge or to Addenbrookes hospital on a Sunday. It was suggested that the Citi 2 service should run on Sundays also.
Action: the clerk
- 29/1-07 **10 Country Park update**
 (549/06) Save Milton Country Park campaign – it was reported that the SCDC Cabinet had voted to close the Park on 31st August 2007. PKO and “The Friends of Milton Country Park” had launched a “Save the Park” campaign to *keep the Country Park open and free to use.*
 Council **AGREED**
 to support the campaign and to allow use of the Council photocopier, laminator and office for meetings.
 The clerk was asked to find out SCDC’s and Councillor Vicky Ford’s views on and proposals for the Country Park and how the proposed closure fits in with the Government’s Policy in the Countryside Act.
Action: the clerk
 The meeting adjourned at 9.30pm for a break after which it was **AGREED**
 to close the meeting for this item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential (commercial) nature of the business.
 The meeting re-opened at 10.10pm.
- 30/1-07 **11 Quotations for cleaning war memorial**
 (551/06) Two quotations received. It was **AGREED** (11 votes in favour 1 against) under the powers invested by the War Memorials Act 1923
 to accept the quotation from Fairhaven of Anglesey Abbey:
 - to clean 4 panels £250, re-cutting letters £3 per letter (206 letters) = £618, total £868.
 - to clean, shelter coat and re-point whole memorial £1,400.
 To be completed in 2007-08.
 The clerk would ask the Milton Charities for a donation. **Action: the clerk**
- 31/1-07 **12 Land update**
 (581/06) The clerk had asked the County Council to value the land.
- 32/1-07 **13 MCC update**
 Next MCC meeting scheduled for 24th January. MCC had applied to SCDC for grant aid towards their improvements.

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14 County Councillor's report

S McIntosh was discussing Country Park with D Nuttycombe, Head of Assets CCC. Traffic flows seemed to have improved since the third lane into Cowley Road was opened. Budget seminars were due to take place next week.

Slap-up junction was down the list for improvements – perhaps money would be available from the Sports Lake Trust.

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15 District Councillors' reports

Crime – The Rowans and Tesco were two of the police priorities at present. The next Police Consultation meeting was scheduled to be held in Milton on 7th March. RTS encouraged members to attend.

Park & Ride – The Planning committee were due to discuss this application on 10 January. SCDC officers were aware of the concerns about the bridge and provision for cyclists. (See 8/1-07 above).

Waste Plan – officers supported the objections to Honey Hill and sites in Milton for the re-located sewage works. In their opinion the works should be further away.

Tesco – HMS was due to meet the Tesco manager. JEC, BJ, HMS, RTS and MW were also interested to meet him.

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16 Bills for Payment and Money Received

CONFIRMED payment of cheques 3398 – 3405

AGREED payment of cheques 3406 – 3423

(2 abstentions).

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17 Correspondence

Victim Support	-	request for donation
CCC	-	Adopted Statement of Community Involvement
	-	Parish Paths Partnership
	-	Budget 2007/08
	-	Trading Standards newsletter
COPE	-	Newsletter
Guided Busway Liaison Forum	-	Notes of meeting held 20 December
Go-East	-	Proposed changes to the East of England Plan

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18 Dates of Next Meetings

Planning - 22nd January

Finance - 22nd January

Youth - 25th January

Council - 5th February

The meeting ended at 10.30pm.

Chairman.....

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