

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE SCHOOLROOM ON TUESDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY,  
1951, AT 8.0 P.M.

There were present:-

Mr. E. J. Walkling, Chairman;  
Messrs. C. W. Langley, S. A. Siggs, A. W. Wenham and Rev. J. M. Plumley, together with the Clerk.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and the Meeting signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

Recreation Ground. The Chairman reported that owing to the national situation and the need for the strictest economy, the Chesterton Rural District Council had postponed consideration of projects involving the purchase of recreation grounds. It was, therefore, agreed that this matter be left in abeyance until such time as the financial situation improved.

Bus Shelters. It was reported that grants were not forthcoming for the provision of bus shelters and the Clerk said the District Auditor had intimated that Parish Councils had no powers to expend money from their precept for this purpose.

Street Lighting. The Chairman reported that street lighting was source of expenditure which the Rural District Council had resolved temporarily to postpone in order to economise, and as a consequence the Council's request for an additional street light was left in abeyance.

FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN, 1951.

Opinions as to the advisability of holding this Festival, and of the village making any contribution to it, were mixed. After discussion, however, Mr. S. A. Siggs proposed that a public meeting be called in order that the opinion of the village as to whether or not to participate in the Festival, might be ascertained. This proposition was seconded by Mr. C. W. Langley. It was agreed that this meeting be held on 1st March, 1951, at the same time as the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Planning and Building Committee. Mr. Siggs undertook to circularise the village as to this meeting.

ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

A letter from the County Road Safety and Accident Prevention Organiser asking whether a Road Safety Representative for the parish could be appointed, was considered. The duties of this representative would be to inform the Organiser of:-

1. Road safety problems in the parish.
2. Functions at which a Road Safety Talk or a film show might be acceptable.
3. To display propaganda posters.

Mr. S. A. Siggs proposed and Mr. A. W. Wenham seconded the nomination of Rev. J. M. Plumley as Road Safety Representative for the parish.

PRECEPT 1950 - 1951.

The Clerk presented a provisional balance sheet which revealed a deficit of £21. On the proposition of Rev. J. M. Plumley seconded by Mr. C. W. Langley it was unanimously resolved that "A Precept for £21 be served on the Chesterton Rural District Council". It was noted that the product of a penny rate was now reduced to £7, as against £8 in previous years.

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BILLS FOR PAYMENT.

On the proposition of Mr. S. A. Siggs, seconded by Mr. A. W. Wenham, the following bills were authorised to be paid:-

National Playing Fields Association.	5.	Od.	Affiliation fee 1950/51.
L. F. Coulson.	4.	0.	Od. Clerk's salary to Xmas 1950
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The Clerk was authorised to communicate with the responsible authority drawing attention to the inconvenience and waste of time caused to the travelling public by reason of the flooding of the subway along Cambridge Road, and asking that immediate steps be taken to alleviate the flooding and allow free passage of traffic.

The Clerk reported the audit of accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1950. In this connection the Chairman expressed great satisfaction at the neat and tidy manner in which the accounts were kept, and desired that this appreciation be recorded in the Minutes.

The Clerk reported that Mr. L. A. Easy had been absent from meetings of the Council for a period of seven months without a reasonable excuse for his absence having been given. He had thus forfeited his right to be a Councillor. The Clerk was therefore instructed to inform Mr. Easy of the position and failing a satisfactory explanation from him as to the reason for his non-attendance at Meetings, the Council would take steps to fill the vacancy thus caused.

The Clerk was authorised to purchase the eighth edition of The Parish Councillor's Guide at a cost of 10s. 6d.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

*W. J. Walker*  
Chairman. 30 March 1951