

Minutes of a meeting of Milton Parish Council held in the Schoolroom on Monday, 9th February 1953 at 7.30 p.m.

There were present:-

Mr. E. J. Walkling, Chairman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Langley, Mr. and Mrs. D. Pearson, Mr. S. A. Siggs and Mr. A. W. Wenham, together with the Clerk.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th December 1952, were confirmed and signed.

Matters arising from Minutes

Ditch in Butt Lane - a letter had been received from Chesterton Rural District Council to the effect that this matter would be considered by the appropriate Committee but that there was no doubt that the ditch is a private ditch. After discussion, Mr. S. A. Siggs proposed and Mr. A. W. Wenham seconded "That a Sub-Committee comprising the Chairman, and Messrs. D. Pearson, S. A. Siggs, A. W. Wenham and the Clerk be appointed for the purpose of investigating the whole position with regard to the ditches which carry public water, the responsibility for which until 1939 was accepted by the Rural District Council; it was further resolved that if no satisfaction was received from the Rural District Council, then the matter be taken up with the Ministry of Health." In the meantime, the Clerk to reply to the Rural District Council enquiring why they should now regard the ditch as a private ditch.

Gravel Pit Pasture - The Clerk submitted an offer of £20 from Mr. R. J. Green for the purchase of this field being O.S. No. 121 and containing .454 acres. The Clerk also reported that he was having difficulty in establishing the right of the Parish Council as owners of this parcel of land and the Chairman agreed to make enquiries of Chesterton Rural District Council and to report to the next meeting.

Pedestrian Crossing - A reply was received from the County Council to the effect that its policy was not to rely on the somewhat limited protection afforded by a zebra crossing for schoolchildren, but for a traffic warden to be employed. The Clerk was instructed to pursue this matter with the Chief Education Officer

Barrier at School Gate - The Clerk reported that this matter was to be discussed by the Education Committee, and that the Chief Education Officer was awaiting a report from the County Architect.

Precept 1953/1954

The Clerk presented an estimate of accounts for the year 1953/1954 and reported that the estimated product of a 1d. rate was £9.12.10. On the proposition of Mr. D. Pearson, seconded by Mr. A. W. Wenham and carried unanimously it was resolved that a Precept of £38. be levied on the Chesterton Rural District Council.

Coronation Celebrations - Garden Competition.

The Clerk reported details of a Garden Competition being organised by Chesterton Rural District Council. The

Rural District was to be divided into five areas and prizes offered for the best private garden and best council house garden in each parish in each area and in the Rural District as a whole. It was agreed to ask Mr. H. E. Lambert, Manager of Messrs. Edmunds (Milton 1952) Ltd., to act as judge for the parish competition.

Street Lighting

Mrs. D. Pearson submitted that a street light was badly needed at the entrance to Bene't Close and the Clerk was instructed to make application to Chesterton Rural District Council.

Roads and Footpaths

The Clerk reported that provision had been made in the County Council estimates for the next financial year for the complete reconstruction of the sections of Fen Road and Butt Lane within the built-up area and of the main Cambridge - Ely Trunk Road.

The Clerk was instructed to also urge for attention to be given to that length of Fen Road from the railway crossing to the River Cam.

Site of Blacksmith's Shop

A discussion arose as to the future of the blacksmith's shop site. Several suggestions were put forward and the Clerk was instructed to communicate with the County Council to enquire as to their plans.

War Memorial

The Clerk reported an offer from the Girl Guides to plant flowers round the War Memorial during this Coronation Year. The offer was gratefully accepted.

Minute Book

The Clerk was instructed to purchase a Loose Leaf type Minute Book.

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

J. G. Walker
Chairman. 31 March 1953