

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 23 April 2012 at 8.00pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: RT Summerfield (chair) 11 members of the public and the following Parish Councillors:
DJ Chamberlin JE Coston TA Drummond RJ Farrington G Heaney M Hersom J Mowatt
HM Smith I Tyes
County Councillor M Williamson, the clerk, assistant clerk and clerk elect (Sue Humphreys)

1 Introduction by Chairman – the chairman extended a warm welcome to the meeting.
Apologies for absence - AJ Cambell M Ellwood IFMay.

2 Introduction of Parish Councillors – the Parish councillors introduced themselves.

3 Minutes - the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 18 April 2011 were approved and signed as a true record.

4 Chairman's Annual Report – attached to the minutes.

The chairman's report was circulated and included the following: retirement of clerk, welcome to new members, annual precept, MCC, community care, youth, country park, emergency plan, recreation land, office and welcome packs, keeping village clean.

Draft accounts 2011/12 - general fund increased from £170,476 to £205,525.

5 Charities' report

A total of £2245 was received in rent from tenants who farm on land owned by the Charity.

Investment Income amounted to £493.69.

The Charity administers 13 Lifeline Alarms for Milton residents and the holders of these alarms provided a total of £350 towards the cost of this facility.

The Charity donated £2000 during the year to the Community Care Scheme, administered by the Parish Council.

Milton Parochial Charities is associated to The Jean Gallagher Trust, who provided the following donations:

- Senior Citizens £500
- Day Centre £800
- Trolley Bus £700

6 Milton Action for Youth (MA4Y) report

Milton Action for Youth run the Milton Youth Club.

Thanks to a Milton Parish Council grant (of approximately £5000), Milton Action for Youth is able to fund a Youth Club on a term-time Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30pm for 39 weeks. In addition, a generous local resident donated some money for youth facilities and part of this was used to buy an X-Box360 and games, controllers, chargers and also for the existing Wii.

Since September we have welcomed 23 young people into the Milton Youth Club on a Tuesday night. This includes 8 boys and 15 girls with numbers growing.

At the beginning of term we had to split the club into two sections to accommodate the age ranges between Juniors (years 7 and 8) and Seniors (years 9, 10 and 11).

It has now become apparent that we need to run two separate clubs for the different age ranges, as the age difference between members causes a problem. It is also apparent that many Senior members are not attending due to the younger age being in the same session.

We offer a variety of activities during club including:

Internet access and quizzes via the Youthoria website, Pool, Table tennis, Air hockey, Wii games with the most popular being 'Just Dance'

A range of games including connect 4, monopoly, uno and many others.

Crafts: trinket box decorating, tile painting, shrinkles, nail painting, bath bomb making, seasonal decorations and making lavender pillows and doing some needlework. Cookery: mini pizzas, cakes, biscuits, jam tarts, pasta with sauce, pancakes, flapjack. Football and outdoor sports.

Organised visits from the local Community Police Officer and the Fire Safety Partnership.

During the Spring term Club nights included healthy living work. This included: sexual health, alcohol, drugs and personal safety. These activities were run during the youth club session and were for those who wished to take part (not compulsory).

In the summer term, we also plan to revisit Milton Country Park and make use of the facilities on offer there.

The youth building is a great asset to the village but considerably underused – in my opinion. It lends itself perfectly to the local community to use for:

children's parties; family gatherings; contact time with dad groups; contact time with mum groups; church groups; disability groups; any group of people wishing to gather together for social time.

Please consider this when booking your next party/social event/village activity.

Accounts:

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| Income Brought forward | 435.09 | Grant from Milton Parish Council | 507.80 |
| Expenditure | | equipment for Youth Club | 401.64 |
| BALANCE (Cambridge Building Society) at 1 st April 2012 | | | 541.44 |

7 Milton Community Centre (MCC) Manager's report

Bookings

These continue very much as in previous years, with the main building being used most of the time during the day and every week day evening. Saturday night bookings have been fairly quiet, although these will increase during the summer months, with a few parties, a couple of weddings and a number of social events coming up.

The Annexe continues to be fully occupied by either Cygnets Pre-School or Kids R Us, Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 6.00pm, with additional groups using the facilities in the evenings and Saturday mornings. Children's birthday parties are held on Saturday afternoons and Sundays, on average 2 or 3 times a month.

The Youth Building hosts the Youth Club on Tuesday evenings and Young Carers use the facilities every other Saturday morning.

Maintenance and Improvements

The following work has been carried out during the last year:

- MCC main hall floor sanded down and re-sealed
- MCC patio slabs replaced
- Annexe floor refitted
- Annexe fire door replaced
- Children's toilets in the Annexe refurbished
- Gutters and down pipes at the Annexe replaced
- Sycamores Pavilion exterior doors and windows repainted
- Sycamores Pavilion, new heaters installed in the changing rooms
- Netball/Tennis/5-a-side court lights replaced
- Coles Road rec, new Spiders climbing net installed
- Tarmac extended on path between MCC Garage and Country Park

Staff

Besides myself, there are 4 staff members - Linda and Gina who clean and lock up at the Community Centre and Annexe, Ray who keeps Coles Road rec and the Sycamores rec clear of litter and Kevin, who looks after the Youth Building.

Andy Gray, manager

RJF commented that the grant from MPC helped keep the costs down for local users of the facilities.

8 County Councillor's report (attached to minutes)

Topics: County Council Budget, Subsidised Bus services, Cycle links, Bollywood Spice junction, Waterbeach Barracks Development.

Bus services - as a result of the judicial review (since withdrawn) the County Council had been obliged to consult and to try to put something in place (eg community transport schemes) of those services being removed.

Waterbeach barracks – final ceremony on July 17th – all personnel will have gone by the end of the year. This will have an impact on local shops and the school. SCDC as Planning Authority would determine whether 12000 houses should be built there. In the light of the Cambourne and Northstowe settlements there was some doubt as to whether the Waterbeach site would be needed.

Could the A10 (and the interchange at Milton) cope with the extra traffic?

There were concerns about land contamination.

A group had been set up to consider the best use of the land. Housing and employment perhaps should be confined to the barracks site and not on Green Belt (agricultural) land.

Cycle links – Milton to Impington was not completed. A S106 Agreement obliged the developer at Mereway Farm to pay for the remaining section to be built.

9 District Councillors' reports (attached to minutes)

Topics: Council housing; Planning and localism; Chesterton Station and Fen Road; Planning in Milton; Ageing well – healthy living; Liaison with Tesco; Neighbourhood Watch

Noted that the land by the A14 was being marketed for “open storage”; the Licensing Committee would meet in May to consider the Jolly Brewers’ application.

10 Question and Answer Session

Undesirable behaviour – residents expressed anger and frustration that nothing had been done to evict a family from a SCDC house. It was noted that the children had been taken into care and that the two adults were classified as “vulnerable with learning difficulties”. The chairman and HMS both stressed that the residents should all write to SCDC with instances of inappropriate behaviour and dates so that this evidence could be used in a court of law.

JEC and HMS offered to liaise with residents and officers of SCDC to expedite proceedings.

Action: JEC and HMS

CCTV coverage Park & Ride site – noted that CCTV did not cover the cycle storage area at the Park & Ride sites. MW would look into this. **Action: Cllr MW**

Development behind Milton Hall – Council was on the point of signing a S106 Agreement with Helical/URV which would provide sports pitches and a pavilion or if the village preferred £200,000. The lake would be restored as part of this S106.

Rowing lake – the S106 had been sent to the Salop Trust and had not yet been signed and returned.

Golf course – material had been dumped on the golf course contrary to planning conditions. County Council officers were working at having this material removed.

R Day, ex Parish Councillor and Chairman, thanked the clerk for his service.

The chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Signed.....

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