

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre**

Present: JE Coston (chair) PS Badley AJ Campbell RH Chapman IL Davis R Day RJ Farrington IF May  
J Payne PK Oldham HM Smith RT Summerfield  
The clerk SJ Daniels and 19 members of the public

**Minute**

- 1 Introduction of Parish Councillors** – Councillors introduced themselves.
- 2 Apologies for absence** – M Ellwood B Jefferson RLE Waters A Bradnam PC Shulver.
- 3 Minutes** - the minutes of the APM of 2005 were approved and signed as a true record.
- 4 Chairman’s report** (attached)
- 5 Draft Accounts**  
Net assets had decreased by c£26,000 – cost of the office to date.
- 6 Charities report** (attached)
- 7 County Councillor’s report** – Michael Williamson was absent – he had been unwell recently.

**8 District Councillors’ reports**

**HMS:**

Tesco – HMS had met with the Tesco manager, who was making environmental improvements eg CCTV and better lighting in passage way, trolleys that cannot be taken off site.  
 Noise – loud early morning hooter from the Cambridge News site had caused problems. This had now been resolved.  
 Skate park – thanks to the church youth group for helping improve the play areas.

**RTS:**

Country Park – SCDC were looking to save money. The cabinet would consider car parking charges and outsourcing the management of the park in June. No housing in the park was planned.  
 Bus fares – the Government scheme allowed free travel for over 60’s within local authority areas. To grant free travel to South Cambs residents into Cambridge would cost SCDC an extra £200,000. SCDC would continue to press the Government to ensure the scheme was “workable”.  
 SCDC management – the senior management was being restructured. This would save SCDC £200,000 per year.

**9 Question and Answer Session**

Issues raised:

Housing at the Country Park, Park and Ride re-location and improvements needed to A10 foot/cycle bridge, Government’s “free” bus fares for the elderly, Waste transfer proposal at Crane Industrial Estate, traffic dangers for cyclists at approach to and CCTV on Jane Coston bridge.

The chairman thanked all for attending the APM and showing an interest.

The meeting ended at 9.25pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

## Annual Parish Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006

### Milton Charities Report

During the past twelve months the Charity has continued actively working in the community supporting individuals, groups and village projects where needed providing they come within the criteria laid down by the scheme to The Charity Commission.

The Charity receives rents from land owned in Milton and Chittering together with interest from investments.

During the last financial year (Jan – Dec 2005) income from Land Rents, Investment income, and miscellaneous (Wayleave payment and donations), totalled **£2821.66**

Expenditure for the same period Cambridge City Council (Alarm monitoring charges), Tunstall Telecom (Replacement alarms), donations and running costs amounted to **£2191.28**

The excess of Income over expenditure for 2005 was **£630.38** giving Milton Parochial Charities a balance in the current account of **£7689.34** at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005, after Bank Reconciliation.

The current value of Shares and units in investments held on behalf on Milton Parochial Charities at 19<sup>th</sup> April 2006 is **£12038.88**

The number of lifeline alarms in use for residents in the village has increased to thirteen. All these alarms are deployed plus one additional alarm is held for emergencies. As reported at the last Annual Parish Meeting it was planned to replaced all the old alarm units, which was completed last year at a cost of **£1010.45**

The Charities continue to work very closely with Tracey Ebbon the village warden, who keeps us in touch with any possible requirements for people living in the village.

In 2006 Milton Charities has donated **£500** to the Community Minibus, **£200** towards the refurbishment of the Cemetery railings, and **£1000** towards the Community Care Scheme, income so far amounts to **£1255.72**

*Barry Jefferson*  
*Clerk to the Trustees*

21st April 2006

## Annual Parish Meeting 06 – Chairman’s report

I would just like to start by mentioning and thanking the parish councillors that have left the parish council during the last year. Lynne Twinn stood down last year due to ill health. She was a great asset to the parish council giving many years of service and especially supporting the work with youth in the village.

Chris Lock moved away and Elizabeth Baker stood down due to pressures of work but both these members took great interest in the parish council especially in youth – so a formal thanks to these three members whose contribution we miss.

During the year we welcomed our new councillors Jenny Payne and Phil Badley and welcomed back Ian Davis after an 8 year break.

Our work as parish councillors has covered a wide spectrum of issues during 2005-06.

We have issued 2 information sheets one about the country park meeting in January and the other was about the changes in the licensing law and the applications from Tescos, the pubs and other local businesses. I would like to thank the village view delivery people, parish councillors and all those who helped us keep the village informed.

Over the years the workload of a parish council has increased tremendously as compared to 100 years ago or even 50 years ago.

Now parish councils cover a full range of issues as you will see from the minutes of last year so it is difficult to cover everything we do in a few minutes of a report.

We have a set of committees working on different projects and reporting back to the Parish Council each month. We also appoint representatives for various duties such as Country Park, Landfill liaison, Milton Charities etc.

During the year we have followed up a range of traffic related issues including asking for a sound barrier on the A14 when it is widened and we can also report that the pedestrian crossing near Tesco that we asked for and are paying towards is now installed.

The parish council owns the recreation grounds but without the foresight of the people involved 20 years ago and the loan that was taken out it seems unlikely there would have been the community centre on this site. The final instalment on this loan was paid in October last year. The parish council continues to subsidise the Community Centre to help with the running costs of this wonderful well run facility that so many village groups use.

The parish Council employs its own village cleaners, owns and manages the allotments and the Cemetery in Landbeach Road and pays for the maintenance and management of these sites. We also pay for village grass cutting and maintenance of open spaces and have recently changed our contractors to Buchan Landscapes. We hope you are as pleased as we are with the contractors and the professional job they do.

We also have a Community Care Committee which oversees the care of the elderly and employ Tracey Ebbon and more recently we have employed a relief warden. We have a Community Minibus group who are responsible for the smooth running of the scheme which allows local people and groups to hire the mini bus.

The Youth Committee have had a busy year with the loss of the old youth building and the planning of the new one. A fantastic job has been done in raising enough funds to start putting up the new building in hopefully June. In addition our Play Committee has had a whole range of issues relating to play equipment on our many play areas. We have maintained, repaired and updated where needed. There has been a lot of voluntary work in these areas so thank you to all involved.

Under Planning we have covered a whole range of work from houses in the village to Science Park plans and more recently the Rowing Lake plans.

On general issues we have been in touch with the police over the year about various concerns and we are working hard trying to obtain more recreation land to accommodate the needs in particular for the colts’ football.

If the parish council disappeared tomorrow there would be a whole range of things that would not happen or be locally managed so I would just like to thank all the parish councillors and staff for all their commitment, professionalism and voluntary work over the year.

Lastly I would like to thank our clerk who has the unenviable task of managing all these issues, supporting our members and keeping them informed.

We are pleased that at last we now have a purpose built office to accommodate everything which we hope will benefit the village.