

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 02 April 2012 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: RT Summerfield (chair) AJ Campbell JE Coston TA Drummond M Ellwood RJ Farrington
G Heaney M Hersom IF May J Mowatt MC Perkins HM Smith I Tyes A Winnington
Councillor M Williamson
6 members of the public (part) and the clerk
In attendance: Sue Humphreys

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting, especially the members of the public.

1 Apologies for absence - DJ Chamberlin.

Resignation of A Winnington – the chairman thanked Mandy for her contribution and wished her and Nick a happy retirement. The clerk had advertised the casual vacancy.

2 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial

Personal:

HMS agenda 6 planning – a member of SCDC Planning Committee.

AW agenda 6 – Jolly Brewers licence application – landlady of Waggon & Horses

RJF – agenda 7 – minibus – 50th Scout Group leader.

3 Minutes – the minutes of the meeting of 5 March 2012 were approved and signed as a true record.

4 Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak –

5 Clerk's report

Litter (7/02-12) – a litter problem still existed, especially at the High Street bus shelter and in Knights Way. The chairman and JEC would talk to the principal of CWA. **Action: the chairman and JEC**

Golf course (5/03-12) – James Tipping CCC had reported that waste material was now being removed from the golf course land as required by the Enforcement Notice. As there were concerns that little action had taken place it was **AGREED to ask for another meeting with Mr Tipping.** **Action: assistant clerk**

Community transport – reminder of evening of 18 April at Marshall's Airport (14/03-12).

Community care grants – grants received for 2012/13: £1528 from SCDC towards the running of the Community Care Scheme and £900 from Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (Winter Fuel Allowance – maximum grant). (Min CC4/01-12).

Trolley bus grant – Milton Charities had granted £900 towards this scheme for 2012/13. The clerk had written a letter of thanks.

Office rates – the gross charge for 2012/13 was £1395. As 100% business rate relief had been applied by SCDC the net charge was £0.

Barnabas Court - noted that Debbie Driver left Barnabas Court at the end of March to start a new post as 'Care and Support Manager' at Richard Newcombe Court on Histon Road. Judy Wakelen would now run Barnabas Court and Ellis House, spending 3 hours a day at each scheme varying between morning/afternoon. The clerk would write a letter of thanks to Debbie for her contribution to the Community Care Committee.

Action: the clerk

Local Plan Workshop – Thursday 29 March at 6.00pm – no representative from Council was able to attend.

SLA youth club – the Service Level Agreement for Youth Work in Milton between Milton Parish Council and Cambridgeshire County Council North City Locality Team April 2012 - March 2013 was signed by the clerk. It guaranteed that “the Parish Council will provide £5967 for the equivalent of one evening of Youth work provision in Milton Youth Centre for 39 weeks of the year (funding to include planning sessions at the start of each term and staff meetings as the need arises).”

A10 lay-by bin – in response to a request the clerk had asked SCDC to consider whether a bin should be placed in the lay-by near Rectory Farm on the A10 as it was a regular stopping place for lorries. The clerk understood that the SCDC operative for Milton litter picks the lay-by fortnightly.

Pedestrian Crossing – a resident had asked “Streetscene” for a pedestrian crossing on the Rowans.

Fen Road – parking – a resident had expressed concern about the hazards caused by parking opposite Coles Road junction near the Jolly Brewers. The clerk would seek the advice of the police. **Action: the clerk**

Musical Theatre and Performing Arts Company - request to place banners 35" by 20" around Milton. Council did not have the power to give permission. Council had been relaxed about local organisations advertising for example a fete or Easter Fayre so long as they remove the adverts after the event. It was **AGREED to turn down the request** (12 in favour 2 against). Council suggested that the company contact the Village View and provide A4 notices for the two notice boards.

6 Planning

Decisions received:

S/1861/11 Sue Horrod 73 Cambridge Road – replacement garage, single storey extension including new porch and alterations (7/12-11) – **approved**.

New applications:

S/0102/12 Mr James Hammond 53 Cambridge Road – dwelling (8/02-12) - amendment. Noted that Mr Hammond had contacted the clerk to apologise for not contacting Council earlier as he had not realised that the access road (Barnabas Court) belonged to MPC and was leased to Cambridge Housing Society.

Refuse - the height of the proposed building was too great in relation to the bungalows at Barnabas Court and 53 Cambridge Road. Cramped and congested form of development, incongruous and inappropriate. Harmful to the character and appearance of the area, contrary to the aims of the relevant Development Control Policies including DP/2.

S/0168/12 Mr A De Simone 33 Froment Way change of use from annexe to separate dwelling – **refuse**. **Cramped development and not suitable for this site. Was there sufficient provision for car parking?** 12 in favour 1 against 1 abstention

S/0384/12 Mr Ian Litterick Iansyst Ltd Fen House Chesterton Fen Road – installation of solar PV panels (retrospective) - **no recommendation**.

S/0487/12 Mr & Mrs Lowndes 27 Cambridge Road – rear conservatory – **no recommendation**.

S/0492/12 Cambridge Regional College Kings Hedges Drive – erection of new ‘Constructive Workshop’ building together with associated parking and landscape works - **no recommendation**.

GH declared a personal interest – as a teacher in a secondary school is involved in encouraging students to apply for places at CRC and many at his current school go on to do courses there.

Jolly Brewers - to amend their hours for licensable activities including the sale of alcohol for consumption on or off the premises, live music, recorded music and provision of dance facilities as follows: (attached)

- 08:00 to midnight - Monday to Thursday, and Sunday
- 08:00 to 02:00 - Friday and Saturday

Noted that SCDC, being a Council that had responsibility for a large rural area, did not have a 24 hour enforcement team to respond to complaints as in Cambridge City. HMS reported that SCDC were trying to improve their enforcement responses although there would not be a 25 hour cover.

It was **AGREED to send the following to SCDC:** (AW did not vote)

“Milton Parish Council strongly objects to this application on the grounds that the public house is in the middle of a quiet residential area and that there would be considerable noise and disturbance to the residents.

This application does not meet any of the four licensing objectives.”

It was **AGREED** (8 votes in favour, 1 against and 5 abstentions) **to add the following comments:**

“We support wholeheartedly the residents’ concerns as detailed in 20 separate letters and voiced at a Council meeting

Late revellers causing noise as they get into their cars and drive off – no noise must be allowed outside the building late at night

Live music travels far at night – if this application were to be allowed then conditions to keep windows and doors closed must be imposed

Disturbance will be more pronounced in this quiet location than at the other public houses on the main road

We are concerned about car parking especially in Church Lane and opposite Coles Road

In addition the East Anglia Children’s Hospice is nearby.”

Thanks to the members of the public for attending.

Northstowe – AJC, HMS and IT had met and prepared a response to the consultation (6/03-12).

It was AGREED to send the following:

1. The main issue for Milton is Construction Materials being brought to the site. They aim to use off-site fabrication for an unstated proportion of the houses, so this could be prefabricated panels as well as aggregates etc. There is no detail in the applications about this - how much, or indeed if, they will use the railhead at Chesterton Sidings. We would want to comment on this - on possible restriction of hours of deliveries, for example. This also applies in so far as the use of the A14 will add to congestion and materials should not be delivered at peak times.
2. Even the start of the development cannot go ahead without improvements to the capacity of the A14, eg new local road alongside the A14, dualling the B1050.
3. We feel it is important to keep the green credentials of this development to the fore:
 - a. The houses should all have a separate greywater system, whether or not it is fed from a separate supply at the start of the development.
 - b. The orientation and pitch of roofs should take account of maximising the potential for solar panels.
 - c. Noise insulation between houses in blocks should be to high standard - floor/ceiling and walls.
 - d. The hot water systems should be convertible to solar feed.
 - e. Thought must be given to allowing for ventilation in double/triple glazed houses.
 - f. A large proportion should be built to Lifetime Home standards.
4. Although the Masterplan states that it aims for a balanced community, there is no detail in the Phase 1 plans about any residential homes, bungalows, sheltered accommodation, etc particularly aimed at older people.
5. Is there a requirement for a bowling alley, ice rink or some such leisure facility not currently provided for in North Cambridge? We didn't see it.
6. Could the service pipes and cables be laid in a more 'continental' fashion, in ducts under verges?
7. The Guided Bus is supposed to provide for many of the residents' journeys. We felt that there should be services direct to Cambridge from close to the homes, from the start, rather than expecting people to change at the P&R
8. There is a general lack of water in this part of the country. The building of more houses makes the storage of water a priority.
9. The provision of cycling facilities is a priority.

7 Minibus

Council confirmed the hand over of the minibus to the 50th Cambridge (Milton and Landbeach) Scout Group together with £1500 (cheque 300026) - in accordance with Minute 8/09-11 and the dissolution of the committee. The chairman thanked C Nunn for chairing this committee.

8 Maintenance - the minutes of the Maintenance Committee meeting held on 26 March were received.

It was AGREED

to adopt the Cemetery Regulations and new fees (M5/03-12) and

in principle to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee by planting an oak tree on Pond Green and with CSLT's assistance to provide a beacon at the Country Park on 4th June.

The clerk was waiting to discuss the oak tree with S Buchan. M Woolhouse of CSLT would arrange with his staff to prepare the beacon. Council would register with <http://www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk>. *Action: the clerk*

The clerk and MW had suggested a budget of £600 to cover the costs. (Noted that the Millennium fireworks cost £650).

This figure would be considered at the May meeting

9 To confirm acceptance of quotation from Wicksteed of £10,250.83 + VAT for fitness equipment to be installed on The Sycamores recreation ground Action: the clerk

Fitness equipment (5/03-12) – the AmeyCespa Community Fund (DCF) through the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation had awarded Council the full grant of £10,250.

The clerk had therefore withdrawn the application to WREN. (Min M7/03-12 also refers).

Thanks to JEC and the assistant clerk for obtaining the grant.

10 Notice of annual audit – deadline to be sent to auditor 6 June

Timeline: F& A recommend approval of the accounts on 30 April
Council approve accounts 14 May

11 Closure of Waterbeach Barracks – to consider forming a joint group of Landbeach, Milton and Waterbeach Parish Councils.

Cllr MW felt that it was logical to have representatives from the three local Parish Councils to look at the proposals for Waterbeach barracks in a systematic way.

AGREED that Council would be sympathetic to join such a group (if invited) should one be formed by Waterbeach Parish Council.

12 Staffing

**AGREED at 9.10 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960] to exclude members of the public to this meeting owing to the confidential nature of the business.
the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 26 March were received**

AGREED to provide the new clerk the CiLCA training through CAPALC starting in June.

The meeting re-opened at 9.25.

13 MCC report

Noted that motor cyclists were congregating during the evenings, especially Wednesday evenings.

14 County Councillor's report (to Landbeach, Milton and Waterbeach Parish Councils)

A10 speed limit

Copy of the formal proposals received. Proposed 50mph limit from A10/A14 interchange to just beyond Denny End, including parts of side roads.

Speedwatch

No response as yet to MW's to arrange training.

New Station

Debate about adding an additional crossing of the railway to ease the access to Fen Road, Chesterton. In Cllr MW's opinion Network Rail were unlikely to consent to the installation of a level crossing north of the new station. As they were trying to close as many level crossings as possible, an installation of a new one would be strongly resisted. A bridge or underpass would be preferred, but the costs would be significantly higher.

County Council meeting

It was agreed to accept the new report from the Independent Remuneration Committee that Councillor allowances should largely remain unchanged.

A debate was held on cycling. After the meeting it was announced that Martin Curtis would be the new 'cycling tsar'.

A debate was held on the drought. MW expressed disappointment that grey water recycling was not included in the design for the new secondary school at Cambourne.

LGSS

This shared services arrangement with Northamptonshire County Council appeared to be attracting additional customers. Norwich City Council will be joining in and two other Councils, one in Cambridgeshire, are showing significant interest.

LGSS were able to provide legal services for Parish Councils. Waterbeach had already used them at a significantly lower hourly rate than directly using a local firm.

Recreation Land

MW would discuss Council's interest in the Landbeach Road site for sports facilities with Stephen Conrad at CCC. *Action: MW*

15 District Councillors' reports - Hazel Smith

Chesterton (Cambridge Science Park) station

Two meetings had been held.

- 1 Access to the station - Jeremy Smith from the County Council explained that there would be a number of ways to get to the station by bike and on foot, as well as the one road access currently planned from Milton Road along Cowley Road. Possible routes: crossing the old railway line, which will become a guided bus track, perhaps from Nuffield Road, and from other residential streets in Chesterton.

The project would be funded from the new railway franchises coming up in the next 2 years - money from that source would not fund a second way across the railway into Chesterton Fen.

Council may wish to ask for safety improvements to the existing level crossing.

Building the station would start early in 2014. There would be 4 or 5 trains an hour stopping there in each direction.

- 2 A new bridge or tunnel across the railway would cost in the region of £8m. A new level crossing would be considerably cheaper. Perhaps the Parish Council could ask for that to be installed – (near the recycling barn owned by Nelson O'Connor).

A bid for some money to put a cycle and pedestrian bridge across the Cam by cantilevering it off the railway bridge across Stourbridge Common had also been mentioned (not dissimilar to part of the CamToo project).

New South Cambs Local Plan up to 2031

As there was no Regional Strategy or County Structure Plan, the district would decide how many houses to plan to build, and where to put them. Developers would make the new S106 (or Community Infrastructure Levy) payments towards increased council costs, and on top of that the government would pay a New Homes Bonus to match the extra council tax raised for 6 years.

South Cambs had a housing waiting list of over 5,000 people or families. The main way to get extra affordable houses for people on the waiting list at present would be to insist on up to 40% of Housing Association houses to be built in each new development. In the future SCDC hoped to start building council houses again, but no money had been identified for that at the moment. Allowing the housing targets to carry forward seemed the best way of providing for the needs of local people.

The meeting starting the process of involving parish councils in the process was due to take place that week. If Council wanted to change the planning policy for the village this would be the time to discuss that.

16 Land Group update

The latest and final version of the S106 had been received from Iwan Jones. Council's solicitor, Taylor Vinters, had looked through the Agreement (costs to be met by URV/Helical).

Land Group would meet with Taylor Vinters on Tuesday 10th April at 4pm.

17 Bills for Payment and Money Received

CONFIRMED and AGREED payment of cheques 100646 - 100661

18 Correspondence

Local Access Forum – meetings and litter picking along rights of way in South Cambs

Local Council Review - Spring 2012 edition

Anglian Water – notice of hosepipe ban for Anglian Water customers as from 5 April.

SCDC – Standards Committee newsletter

19 Dates of Next Meetings

Planning 23 April 7.00pm

APM 23 April 8.00pm

Land Group with sports clubs 26 April 7.30pm

Finance & Administration 30 April 7.30pm

Staffing 8 May 8.15pm

Joint with MCC 9 May (tbc)

Council (APCM) 14 May 7.00pm

Community Care 17 May 11am.

The meeting ended at 9.50pm

Signed.....

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