

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 6 December 2004 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

**Present:** JE Coston (chair) PK Oldham EH Baker RH Chapman IR Cowley R Day  
M Ellwood RJ Farrington B Jefferson CJ Lock IF May HM Smith  
RT Summerfield LC Twinn RLE Waters  
The clerk SJ Daniels + 3 members of the public

**1 Apologies for absence – none**

421/04 **2 Casual Vacancy** – Ian Cowley had moved to Bishop’s Stortford. He did not think that he should continue to be part of the decision making process for Milton as he did not now live in the village. JEC thanked Ian for his contribution. The clerk would write a formal letter of thanks. **Action: the clerk**

The clerk reported that a resident had already expressed an interest in joining the council.

422/04 **3 Declarations of Interest** - RHC item 7 min 448/04 – grass cutting contract (prejudicial)  
IFM item 8 min 449/04 - chairman of colts football club (prejudicial)  
RLEW item 7 min 447/04 – school fence (personal).

423/04 **4 Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting of 1 November 04 were approved and signed as a true record.

**5 Clerk's / Chairman's report**

424/04 Telephone Box – SCDC were unable to protect the telephone box unless “it is unaltered and in a heritage location where it enhances the setting of existing listed buildings or is in an attractive area”.  
(348/04) BT must give 2 months notice if they intend to remove it.

425/04 Remembrance Day - well attended. Harry Capitain spoke the exhortation.  
(350/04) Format of the ceremony to stay the same.

426/04 Parish Priorities  
(384/04) - Office – a builder was drawing up plans (design & build).  
- Recreation land – JEC had met with one of the managers at Shire Hall who had identified land to the rear of Stanton Farm as a possibility for purchase by Council. JEC was trying to find out a price and felt also that it was worth investigating a possible land swap with the College of West Anglia.

427/04 Compulsory Purchase – noted that CRT could not purchase land compulsorily.  
(386/04) (CJ Taylor SCDC)

428/04 Pedestrian Crossing Cambridge Road – the traffic management team of CCC felt that safety concerns could not be properly addressed at the proposed site and had therefore decided not to proceed. A site meeting with Mike Davies CCC had been arranged for Thursday 9 December. (Min 220/04 also refers)

429/04 VAT – the clerk was confident that Council was abiding by Sections 33 and 42 of the VAT Act 1994. (report attached to the minutes)  
(402/04)

430/04 Landbeach Road – AWA were considering different arrangements for securing the site. RD, RHC and RLEW would meet AWA and D Gilkes (CCC) on site.  
The clerk to arrange. **Action: the clerk**  
JEC thanked RHC for what he had done to secure the site.

431/04 Quality status – information about Quality Status was received from CALC. It was felt that there was no benefit in considering applying. PKO as supplier to CALC declared a personal interest for this item.

432/04 Police report - an update on the reorganisation of policing in the Southern Division was received.

- 433/04 Bus Shelter Landbeach Road - the front panel had been broken. The clerk would ask Queensbury for a quote to replace with a solid panel. **Action: the clerk**
- 434/04 Accident Butt Lane – Tom Gillmore Milton School had expressed parents’ concerns about dangers to children crossing Butt Lane. Highways Committee would meet on 20 December to discuss.

## 6 Planning

### Decisions received

- 435/04  
(304/04) J Crickmore The Barn Chesterton Fen Road – appeal against refusal of change of use to tropical plant nursery and retention of caravan - **dismissed**.
- 436/04  
(304/04) J Crickmore The Barn Chesterton Fen Road – inquiry in connection with appeal against failure of SCDC to issue a notice within prescribed period for application above – **application failed**.
- 437/04  
(157/04) Mr F Haslop 5A High Street – appeal against refusal of permission for new dwelling - **dismissed**.
- 438/04  
(358/04) Mr & Mrs Staplehurst 14 Butt Lane – extension - **approved**.
- 439/04  
(359/04) Dr & Mrs A Burn 6 Fox’s Close – extension - **approved**.
- 440/04  
(360/04) Mr & Mrs Chapman 47 Cambridge Road – extension - **refused**. Close proximity to number 49 – over development and harmful to the street scene. Contrary to Policy HG12 of South Cambs Local Plan which requires extensions to be in keeping with local characteristics. Hipped roof would cause extension to appear unduly large.

### New Applications

- 441/04 S/2193/04 Trinity College - Unit 25 Science Park – addition of new windows – **no recommendation** (delegated).
- 442/04 S/2226/94 Mr & Mrs Perril 233 The Rowans – single storey side and rear extension – **no recommendation** (delegated).
- 443/04 S/0730/04 Mr & Mrs Tyrell 145 The Sycamores – extension amendments to windows. **For information only**.
- 444/04 S/2312/04 Tesco Stores Plc – erection of marquee for display and retailing of horticultural produce between 1 March and 31 October 2005-09 - **refuse**.  
**Reasons: safety (blind corners could lead to accidents) and loss of car parking spaces.**
- 445/04 S/2313/04/A Tesco Stores Plc – signs in connection with above - **refuse**.
- 446/04 S/2406/04 Mr & Mrs R Bellars 1 Lyndhurst Close – detached double garage - **no recommendation**.

## 7 Maintenance

- 447/04  
(412/04) The minutes of the Maintenance meeting of 8 November were received and noted.  
School fence:

### **AGREED**

To obtain a quotation for planting shrubs along the boundary.

**Action: the clerk**

M Waggett had offered some hazel trees. PKO would discuss with Mr Waggett and report to the January meeting. **Action: PKO**

448/04 **8 Colts Football**  
**AGREED**

To bring this item forward.  
IFM left the meeting for this item.  
LCT declared a personal interest – grandson a member of the football club.  
RJF declared a personal interest – scouts.  
JEC declared a personal interest – husband a referee of colts football.

The colts football club had incurred extra expense through playing some of its matches at Landbeach and was requesting financial help.  
Standing Orders were suspended to allow colts football officers to speak.  
After reinstatement of standing Orders the following issues were discussed:

- Council already subsidised youth activities through its grant to the Community Centre.
- Between 150 and 200 youngsters played colts football in the village.
- There were not enough football pitches in Milton.
- Would agreeing to this request set a precedent? Every application must be treated on its merits.
- Money had been spent on (and pledged for) youth facilities. It was Council's responsibility to provide services. In this instance the services were not being provided thus obligating the colts football to play at Landbeach.
- Any grant would not come from the youth budget which had been set in January 2004. In future such requests should be made through the youth committee.
- This would be a one-off payment.
- A grant would be good value per capita.

The motion was put that

Council pay £1,000 towards the colts football costs of playing at Landbeach as recreation space had not been found in Milton.

An amendment was then put:

That Council pay from reserves the equipment capital costs of moving to Landbeach – £788.

The amendment was lost on the casting vote of the chairman – there being 6 votes in favour, 6 against and 2 abstentions.

The substantive motion was then put:

That Council pay £1,000 towards the colts football costs of playing at Landbeach as recreation space had not been found in Milton.

This was **CARRIED** – 8 votes in favour, 3 against and 3 abstentions.

449/04 **7 Maintenance** (continued)  
(413/04) Grass cutting and general maintenance contract 2005-08:  
**AGREED**

To exclude the press and public for this item under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 owing to the confidential nature of the business. (11 votes in favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions)  
RHC left the meeting for this item.

**AGREED**

To accept the quotation of £18,520 submitted by S Buchan.  
(13 votes in favour and 1 abstention)

The meeting was re-opened to the public with all members and one member of the public present.

450/04 **9 Youth**

The minutes of the youth committee of 23 November were received and noted.

Council was disappointed that Cottenham VC had not consulted before closing the youth club. Noted that the Tuesday sessions had also been closed because of disruption by the older youngsters.

RLEW had attended a youth offenders panel at which a youth who had committed burglary and criminal damage at the youth centre had agreed to write a letter of apology and do 10 hours reparation. RLEW had asked that he paint the swings, clean off graffiti from the youth building and litter pick the trees and bushes on The Sycamores recreation ground.

An agreement with CVC would need to be drawn up to prevent the youth club from being closed again without consultation.

The front window of the youth building had been broken twice recently and a bin set on fire (at Hawthorn Hedge). The clerk had replaced the bin with one from MCC. Payment to be made.

**Action: the clerk**

#### **AGREED**

To accept recommendation that Council pay the youth cleaner on NJC point 10 - £6.38 per hour for hours worked.

#### **10 PCSO**

451/04 (373/04) Noted that Histon, Impington and Girton now had a CBM. Funding for 22 more PCSO's was available.  
Minute 364/04 was confirmed: "PCSO option to be put to the village in the form of a referendum once we know what the financial impact of 4 (Community Centre, Annexe and Parish Office) is likely to be."

#### **11 To consider replacing computer**

452/04 The clerk reported that there had been serious problems with the computer. The managing director of World of Computers had re-installed the computer and it appeared to be working fine.

#### **12 A14/A10 interchange proposals**

453/04 **AGREED**  
To make the following response to the County Council's proposals for the A10/A14 interchange:

- Traffic lights from Milton slip road should not be removed on grounds of safety.
- Layout of road from A10 north on to roundabout should be investigated. There had been numerous incidents of vehicles driving on the right of the island straight on to the roundabout into the face of oncoming traffic.
- Would dedicated lane from Science Park start at Science Park or Cowley Road traffic lights?

#### **13 MCC - update**

454/04 The Buildings Committee had viewed the latest major refurbishments proposals and were investigating costs.  
Works going ahead: repairs to drainage and to stop water overflowing at main entrance.

#### **14 Country Park report**

455/04 Tree work had started. Whips had been planted between Todd's Pit and MCC.  
RD resigned as deputy to PKO on the Liaison Committee as he was not in agreement with the SCDC "Trees Policy".  
RD's expertise and knowledge would be missed.  
ME agreed to be deputy.

456/04 **15 Bills for Payment and Money Received**  
**CONFIRMED** - payments of cheques 2907 - 2909  
**PROPOSED** - not to pay cheque 2924 to MCC as this was a consequential loss (resulting from break-in at MYC) that MCC should bear.  
 This motion was **LOST**.  
 (2 votes in favour, 9 against and 4 abstentions)  
**AGREED** - to authorise payments of cheques 2910 – 2927  
 (14 in favour 1 against)

457/04 **16 Meetings Venue**  
**AGREED** to continue meeting in the bowls pavilion. (1 abstention)

458/04 **17 County Councillor's Report**  
Crime figures – circulated.  
Cycle bridge – there had been 3 accidents had due to icy conditions. JEC had been seeking reassurances that the bridge would be gritted. Council to support her efforts by letter. **Action: the clerk** Landscaping had been delayed till January.  
Highways – JEC and D Gilkes had toured the village. The problem of the bollards near the fish and chip shop being knocked over was discussed.  
CRT Archaeology – very little of interest found.  
Tesco - JEC had asked the police to contact Tesco about the dangers associated with the pedestrian crossings on their site.  
Sewage Works – often smells occurred in the evenings. AWA could not pinpoint the reason for the recent smells. Complainants were finding difficulty when telephoning in reaching the appropriate person.

459/04 **18 District Councillors' Reports**  
 HMS - Public entertainments licence – Lion & Lamb – SCDC were monitoring. The new landlords/ladies had not been aware of the conditions of the licence.  
 HMS - Tesco meeting – issues discussed: safety at crossings, broken fence at rear of store, wall at side of passageway, litter. The clerk would write to Tesco about the litter problem. **Action: the clerk**  
 HMS - Drainage Old School Lane – the Environment Agency had prepared some booklets explaining the responsibilities for residents adjoining the ditch.  
  
 RTS – Plastics recycling – The recycling bins would now be emptied three times per week. A “roll-on roll-off” container would be provided after Christmas.  
 There would be no green bin collection for 6 weeks during Christmas.

460/04 **19 Correspondence**  
 SCDC - PC nominations for Standards Committee  
 - Community Access Point update  
 Standards Board - Code of Conduct: Guidance  
 Environment Agency - Flood awareness campaign  
 Impington Community Drug Policy Project – Launch event 18 January  
 CCC - Agenda Area Joint Committee (Highways) 13 December

**20 Items for January agenda**

**21 Dates of Next Meetings**

**Planning 20 December**  
**Highways 20 December**  
**Minibus 20 December** (Note that G Sheen chairman intended resigning from this committee because of health problems)  
**Council 10 January**

The meeting ended at 10.25pm.

Signed.....Chairman.....Date