

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 7 February 2005 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

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

1 Apologies for absence – none

54/05 **2 Casual Vacancy – both candidates were considered**
(2/05) **AGREED** by 8 votes to 5 to co-opt Alex Campbell on to the Council.

3 Declarations of Interest – there were no declarations of interest.

55/05 **4 Minutes** - the Minutes of the meeting of 10 January 2005 were approved and signed as a true record.

5 Clerk's / Chairman's Report

56/05 Asian Disaster - nearly £14,000 had been raised.
(1/05) The account would be closed on 14 March and future funding channelled through the church. Thanks to J Gray for acting as treasurer.

57/05 Parish Priorities
(5/05) - Office – nothing to report
- Recreation land - Mr Nuttycombe CCC had identified land north of the A10 by pass off Landbeach Road at approximately £10,000 per acre.
RTS felt that Council should wait for the Park and Ride site to be developed (off Butt Lane) in the expectation that land may become available there.
RHC, RD and IFM (and JEC if available) would meet to discuss and report back to March meeting.

58/05 Policing
- Tesco – a meeting was scheduled between the Tesco manager and JEC, BJ and HMS.
- PCSO – RTS reported that PCSO Lee Page was being reassigned to Milton along with Histon and Impington as from 7 March.
- PC Schulver was to be assigned 3 villages (instead of 9) with Milton as his main village including Chesterton Fen.
- Vandalism was a particular problem especially at Milton Community Centre and grounds.
AGREED to invite Inspector Ormerod and the Tesco manager to the March meeting to discuss the above.
- Police Consultation meeting at Bar Hill on Thursday 10 February.
Noted that MCC were investigating the provision of CCTV.

59/05 High Street/Cambridge Road resurfacing - The works was planned for April.
(398/04) High Street / Cambridge Road was in next years provisional budget and Atkins were currently organising details of works for Ringway to start on site in April.

60/05 Gritting of cycle / footbridge - both grit bins had been knocked over again and sand spilled on to the pavement. They had been put back and refilled. Noted that County Council had agreed to let MPC fix them with alloy bolts. CCC to repay costs.
(9/05) Meeting to consider CCTV on the bridge was scheduled for 8 February. The police supported Council's view that CCTV should be provided.

61/05 Pedestrian Crossing – a letter from Mike Davies confirmed that a zebra crossing or a central refuge were the only options allowed at the desired line (between 83 Cambridge Road and Winship Road).
(25/05) **AGREED**

to ask for a zebra crossing as close as possible to the desired line.

An extraordinary meeting would be called if the County Council considered this not possible.

The clerk would remind M Davies that Mark Kemp had given assurances that the funding would be safe even if the scheme were put back to the next financial year.

62/05 (469/04) Landbeach Road / Humphries Way junction – The resident of Landbeach Road did not wish to cut down his hedge as it acted as a visual and noise barrier.

6 Planning

63/05 The minutes of the Planning meeting held on 24 January 2005 were received and noted.

64/05 (20/05) P Mannu – 4 Coulson Close – extension – amended plans – **for information.**
Minor changes to windows and doors.

65/05 (34/05) J Beynon 9 Hall End – repositioning of boundary wall to accommodate 1m wide landscaping strip along Fen road elevation – **for information.**

66/05 Mr & Mrs M Chapman 47 Cambridge Road – revised plan showing hip end (39/05) extension roof; repositioned ground floor window to the rear elevation – **for information.**

Decisions received

67/05 (446/04) Mr & Mrs Bellars 1 Lyndhurst Close – double garage - **approved.**

New Applications

68/05 (41/05) S/0049/05 Napp Pharmaceutical Holdings Ltd Unit 191 Science Park – siting of temporary building to provide IT project facility – amendments – minor elevational changes - **for information.**

69/05 S/0154/05 PJ Hull – 14 Cambridge Road – vehicular access – **no recommendation.**

70/05 S/0165/05 NTL Ely Road – installation of 2 antenna and retention of 4 antenna on existing tower - **no recommendation.** 12 votes in favour 2 abstentions. Concern was expressed about possible radiation dangers.

7 Finance

71/05 The minutes of the Finance meeting held on 24 January 2005 were received and noted. Risk Assessments (min 48/05) to be discussed at March meeting.

AGREED to accept

recommendation that Council precept for £80,000 for 2005-06;
detailed budget for 2005-06; and
to approve MCC grant of £25,000.

(47/05) Noted that the Audit 2003-04 was completed.

8 Grass Cutting Contract 2005-08

72/05 (7/05) Response to Herald Contract Services' Queries – **AGREED** to send a letter to Herald Contract Services explaining that the law fully supported the Council in closing the meeting to the public (min 449/04). Council were impressed with the quotation submitted by Mr Buchan and his proposals for carrying out the work and felt that this constituted “Best Value”.

The clerk assured Council that he had kept a comprehensive file of issues relating to the contract which included complaints.

Contract – insertion of clause

1. There was no mention of a “termination” clause in the original tender pack or indeed in the clerk’s letter dated 07 December 04 which accepted Mr Buchan’s contract price. This letter effectively confirmed the contract as detailed in the tender pack.
2. Mr Buchan had accepted that letter as a contract between the two parties.

AGREED

not to include a “get-out” clause in the new contract.

It was noted that the contract could be terminated in any case if the terms of the contract were not being met.

- 73/05 **9 Cemetery**
Unstable Grave – all the headstones had been checked. One (John Wilson 1909) was found to be unsafe. The cross was taken off its base and laid alongside the grave. The clerk would try to notify relatives. **Action: the clerk**
- Trees – following advice from J Hellingsworth PKO had asked Burleigh Tree Surgery for quotations to:
1. Remove large bough from ash tree at cemetery (back to the trunk) and strip out the ivy.
 2. Prune back two boughs of oak at Cemetery.
Quotation: £180 + VAT.
 3. Strip ivy, remove dead wood and reduce crown by 30-40% of ash at allotments.
Quotation: £460 + VAT.
- AGREED**
to accept quotation of £180 and to spend up to £460 to do what was necessary to the ash tree (3) in consultation with RD.
12 votes in favour 1 abstention.
- Action: the clerk and PKO**
- Water – there had been a request to lay on water at the cemetery. RHC had offered to dig a trench and lay a pipe from his supply to the cemetery.
It was **AGREED**
to take no further action.
9 votes in favour, 1 against and 4 abstentions.
Thanks to RHC for his generous offer.
- 74/05 **10 MCC - update**
Costs for work at MCC would soon be available.
- 75/05 **11 Bills for Payment and Money Received**
CONFIRMED payment of cheques 2944 - 2948
AGREED payment of cheques 2949 – 2969
13 in favour 1 abstention.
The clerk had bought a new ink jet printer £41 to replace printer not working.
RJF felt that the youth centre Performing Right charge seemed to be out of proportion with the figure paid by MCC.
- 76/05 **12 County Councillor's Report**
Crime figures – not received.
Highways budget 2005-06 – the provisional County Council Highways budget would not allow for minor works such as bollards and double yellow lines.
Marshalls Airport – possible relocation to Waterbeach.
Sewage Works – cause of recent smells – broken pipe.
- 77/05 (459/04) **13 District Councillors' Reports**
Ditch - Fen Road – meeting with the residents scheduled for 10 February. Some residents had already cleared out their part of the ditch. Volunteers from RAF Honington had offered to clear out the ditch near the Hospice. The church youth group were also willing to help. EDF Energy were looking at the lake and its surrounds.
As a result of the work the water standing in the ditch in Old School Lane had gone down by about 2 inches.
- 78/05 14 Correspondence
CALC - Bulletin; seminar on Quality Councils
ODPM - Freedom of Information Act 2000
- 15 Items for March agenda**
Youth
- Dates of Next Meetings**
Planning 21 February Youth 28 February Council 7 March
- The meeting ended at 9.35pm.
- Signed.....Chairman.....Date