

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 14 July 2014 at 7.00pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: Jane Coston RT Summerfield A Bradnam RJ Farrington IF May
MC Perkins HM Smith G Heaney DJ Chamberlin I Tyes.
Clerk
County Councillor Maurice Leeke (arrived 8pm)
4 members of the public to discuss trees.

1. Impington 75th Anniversary

Amy Wormald guest speaker from Impington village college came to talk to and invite the Parish to the 75th Anniversary weekend on the 13th and 14th of September 2014. Information about the event will be on notice boards and other information areas around the village.

2. To accept and approve apologies for absence.

JEC Apologies – Personal
HS Apologies – Personal

3. To approve the minutes of the Council meeting of 2 June 2014 Approved and signed as a true record.

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

At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the council members unless invited to do so by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of interest and dispensations:

a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda;

Ian Tyes – Grant application for Action for Youth.

b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any);

c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

HS & AB member of South Cambs planning team.

GH purchasing a house at the North Lodge Bellway site.

6. Casual Vacancy.

There were two applicants for discussion, Prof Stirrups and Adam Dark. The Parish Council agreed that both applicants could be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

7. Clerks Report.

Baits bite lock animal attacks.

Clerk received an email into the office about a number of animal attacks and subsequent deaths of pets near Baits Bite lock. Two rabbits and a cat have been killed by what is thought to be a dog or dogs. Parish advised the resident to contact the police and let member of the community know through Milton chat.

Bank signatories.

Paperwork given to Anna Bradnam to add signatory to the list of people that can sign cheques for the co-op bank. – Now signed.

Email from resident regarding lorries parking on the entrance to the village.

A long email received from a resident regarding the amount of lorries in the village, causing damage to the verges and paths and parking on double yellow lines. Full email and 13 photographs are available to look at in the parish office. Clerk to respond where appropriate. – Send email to ML

Bus Stop update.

The graffiti has been removed.

Temp clerk update.

Temporary clerk Karen Cameron to start soon on a Wednesday.

Assistant Clerk update.

Interviews for assistant clerk to take place w/c 21/07/2014

Landbeach Road to be used by Skanska (A10 Milton to Landbeach junction cycleway improvement)

The closed off part of Landbeach Road (at the top of Humphries Way) will be used by Skanska for their site welfare whilst construction is underway at the A10 Milton/Landbeach junction cycleway improvement. Steven Lander (Scheme Delivery Manager) has the Parish Key.

8. Planning: Minutes for the Planning Committee meeting on 23/06/14 received.

Decisions received:

S/1022/14/AD – Tesco – 4 Unilluminated Signs for click and collect area – APPROVED.

New applications:

S/1339/14/FL – Mr and Mrs A Horne – 22 Old School Lane, Milton – 2 Storey Extension to provide first floor accommodation with undercroft parking. Prop RF **NO RECOMMENDATION** DC Second All agreed.

**Action
Clerk**

S/1560/14/FL – Mr and Mrs Smith – 9 Goding Way, Milton – Extensions – Two Storey Rear and Single Storey side. Prop RF **NO RECOMMENDATION** DC Second All agreed. Clerk to email SCDC to mention that the proposed east elevation is missing a window.

S/1558/14/AD – St Johns College – Cowley Road / Milton Road JUNCTION, Milton – Display of 6m x 3m sign to advertise availability of Maurice Wilkes Building. Prop RF **NO RECOMMENDATION** DC Second All agreed.

Trees

2 Ely Road, Milton Chiropractors. Planning application received into the office after the response date to be discussed. The decision made by SCDC was to entirely fell two established Ash and a Sycamore trees at the Chiropractors to make way for car parking. The Ash is diseased and close to the boundary, however the Sycamore is acting as a barrier for neighbouring houses and does not need to be felled. MPC managed to put a hold on the fell of the trees, and after a meeting between residents and the Chiropractors they have decided to cut back the Sycamore for the time being.

9. **Maintenance:**

Cemetery.

We are currently unable to lock the gates at the cemetery. This has proved to be a problem as some visitors to the site have been driving into the cemetery. Clerk to arrange for Paul Capitain to look at.

Action Clerk.

There has been a recent anniversary for one of the graves and there seems to be a lot more flowering around a particular grave.

Chairs are at the Cemetery facing a certain grave. And some vases are being stored on the wild flower meadow. Clerk to email the traveller liaison co-ordinator to ask for the chairs to be removed.

Action Clerk.

Clerk to arrange with Buchans to have the weeds around the noticeboard at the bottom of Coles Road cut back and the grass mowed.

The noticeboard at the bottom of Coles Road will shortly be taken down so that some repairs can be made to the wall. Email from the owner of the wall has asked MPC for a contribution for 20years worth of wall space. RF Proposed £100. DC 2nd. 7 Agree, 1 against, 1 Abstain. Clerk to obtain quotes for a replacement noticeboard for September meeting as current board is

A working group has been arranged to look at play equipment for Fromont Way and The Humphries Way playareas. GH AB MC JC and possibly a member of the public who has shown interest.

Quotation for £150.00 has been received (Three quotes were asked for but only one received) to deep clean the bus stop opposite the Waggon and Horses. GH proposed we accept the quote, DC 2nd. All agreed.

10. **Grant Applications.**

Milton Hospice. Not approved.

1st Waterbeach Guides. Not approved.

Action for Youth. (IT left the room for the decision) – JM Proposed £500.00 Grant 2nd GH. 6 in favour 2 against. APPROVED.

Milton Primary School for Fruit Trees – IT Proposed covering the shortfall of roughly £40.00 – GH 2nd All agreed.

11. **Staffing.**

Delegation of powers to the staffing committee to allow appointment of Assistant Clerk should interview and references be satisfactory. Prop IT Second RS. Interview for Assistant Clerk 21/07/2014.

G Faulkner has completed 4month probation period for Milton Parish Council.

12. **Community Care.**

Tracey has taken on three new Clients on her mobile warden scheme taking her to 19.

13. **Finance and Administration.**

Local Highways improvement deadline is in September. IT to meet with ML to discuss plans and bring back to the September PC meeting. (Agenda Item)

Cost approved for Anna Bradnam new Councillor training courses.£105.00 All agreed.

Approval for two new parish councillors to attend the new councillor training courses. £210.00 All agreed.

14. **Bellway.**

S106 Legal fees: - Approval of costs of up to £5,000 proposed RS 2nd DC All in favour.

Report from meeting with Peter Jones and Bellway on 26th June 2014

We met with Peter 3pm-5pm today, first at the PC office, then onsite at North Lodge Park.

RS, IT and HMS were present in the office.

1. We explained what we wanted him to do and he assured us he would oversee the land levelling and building of the sports pitches in the next few months. We gave him the letter you wrote this morning. He will bill us when he requires payment.
2. He understands that drainage is important but there is no possibility of adding drainage pipes underground, so the composition of the materials in the made-up ground and the topsoil is

critical. Sand could be added.

3. The existing grass surface under the site compound and spoil heaps should be roughed up before any extra soil is laid so that the whole thing drains well into the existing land.
4. The pitches will be constructed and then very soon handed over if Bellway leave the site in Spring 2015, and at that point we will be responsible for bedding in and establishment of the pitches.
5. Peter suggested we may benefit from Vertidrain-ing the pitches, which might cost about £1,200 each time. This is similar to opening up the structure under the ground with a fork, and can be usefully done each year for 5 years, then again as needed.
6. The pitches would need to be mown with cuttings removed for the first summer and would need fertilising. He can advise on this.
7. Looking at the distance that the northern pitch has to drain, Peter wondered whether a French drain between the pitches might be useful, leading to a soakaway. It is likely that this is not allowed by Conservation (because of the archaeology underneath).
8. We might need a contingency of up to £30,000 to improve the drainage overall, after construction.
9. We also said that if there was something that could be done during construction of the pitches to improve later performance, that Bellway had no budget for, we could perhaps contribute, if it would save us money on long-term maintenance. Any funds would be subject to a vote at a Council meeting.

RS, HS and Peter then went to North Lodge Park. By chance we met Lee Penrose (<tel:864562>) the site manager, who had not been present at our previous meeting there.

Lee said that he knows nothing about pitch construction but Pat (the surveyor at Bellway Head Office) would have the details of the proposed construction that Peter needed. She also has a technical expert there who may know more. After the workmen had finished we walked into the site compound where the pitches will be and Peter looked at the spoil heaps that are available for pitch levelling and construction. He took a number of photos and left confident that he knew the next steps. He will phone Pat tomorrow.

The next meeting should involve Bob Waters (860620) and Roger Day (862246), with Lee and Peter, to look at the construction on site.

The pavilion foundations will be laid before the end of July, and after that they will start levelling for the pitch construction. Peter will be back from holiday well before then, and will arrange to be there at the start of operations on preparing the ground for the pitches. Perhaps earlier liaison may be needed if more sand needs to be ordered for soil conditioning?

Richard - should I send these notes to Land Group, Peter, Bob and Roger?

Hazel

15. **No reports from external meetings.**

16. **MCC Reports Andy Gray.**

Community Centre Report - July 2014

Maintenance/Improvements:

Nothing to report.

Bookings:

Plans for the Village Fayre (Saturday 12th July) are all in hand. This is the last year for the present organising Committee and there have been no volunteers to help run the Fayre next year, so it's future looks rather worrying.

Many of our regular groups cancel their bookings during the School Summer Holidays, but these should all resume again in September.

Staff:

Linda remains on long term sick leave, whilst Kevin and Ray share most of the locking up duties.

Youth Building:

Nothing to report

Vandalism:

Nothing to report.

Andy Gray
Community Centre Manager
09/07/2014

17. **County Councillor Maurice Leeke Report.**

Work on the cycleway has started.

Park and Ride charges will come into play on the 22nd of July – Parking in Butt lane and surrounding to be monitored.

The idea for charging people with bus passes on the park and ride has been dropped.

The works for the Busway extension will start on the 28th of July, including works on the bridge underpass. This will be closed. Cyclist will have to use the road, or cross over the road at the traffic lights both before and after the bridge. Pedestrians will have to do the same. There will be a sign for motorists not to overtake.

Milton Impington cycle-path (St Andrews Road) imminent.

There will shortly be a consultation on the river bridge – fen road.

There is land available in Waterbeach that is likely to be utilised by house builders due to the lack of sufficient housing in Cambridgeshire.

Weeds on Highways – Gulley plan, agenda schedule from September.

Question for ML - Litter-picking A10 and large Milton roundabout over A14? ML to check on progress.

18. **District Councillor Report.**

Councillors Report – July 2014 – Hazel Smith

Neighbourhood Panel

Although this now covers a larger area it was very interesting and well worth going. For Milton I raised the question of graffiti, both identifying tags and cleaning it off. Tags can be sent to PSCO John Mason. The cleaning is South Cambs officer Chris Bradley's responsibility – he liaises with community service teams who do the work under supervision.

Burglary has been on the rise across the area and remains a priority for the police. It emerged that Histon and Impington is a particular hotspot, and some of the burglars are coming in from Essex and Suffolk along the M11 and A14, so our village will be very accessible for them. There are also cases of home-grown burglars, and the police do have intelligence on them. As usual the figures for Milton are lower than elsewhere.

Bike theft was mentioned and the advice from the Inspector was to double lock your bike – thieves come prepared for dealing with a particular type of lock – if your bike has 2 different locks on it, they will choose the one next to it instead. Sound advice.

Before the next panel meeting the police should ask the clerk whether there are any pressing village issues to be addressed. These are reported to the meeting.

Manhole covers

After the litter pick we became aware that there were 2 which had been lifted, under the JCB cycle bridge, one of them left half-off. Anglian Water sent a chap to sort it out straight away, for which I am very grateful, especially as the dangerous one wasn't one of theirs!

Histon and Impington Neighbourhood Plan

The villages have put forward a policy in the SCDC Local Plan for a mixed-use vibrant area around the old Histon station site on the Guided Bus route, hoping for a local centre to develop there. Unfortunately the old Bishops Hardware Shop site has been sold to developers who put in a plan for a block of flats with no other uses. The planning committee refused it, on grounds that it went against this policy in the emerging Local Plan and we wanted a better design on the site, but instead of negotiating they have gone for an appeal.

Following on from that, and seeing Cambridge marching out to meet the village at the NIAB site (Darwin Green) which stops at the A14, they have resolved to try to take more control of what should and should not happen in their villages by formulating a full-blown Neighbourhood Plan. SCDC will make officer time available to help them put their ideas together. It should be noted however that these plans cannot just say 'No' to further development – they have to offer extra areas for development, which will then be zoned in the planning policy.

New bridge near Chesterton's Cambridge Science Park Station across the River Cam

A new pedestrian and cycle bridge is proposed just North East of the railway bridge at Chesterton Fen. This will be part of the long-term project to build the 'Chisholm Trail' from the Science Park across to the main railway station. There is consultation in the next few weeks – the closest venue to us is at Shirley School, Nuffield Road 4-6:30 on 21st July. Around half of the required £4m for this project has been found, including £1m from the Government – more bids are expected.

Northern Corridor S106 funded projects

The Milton to Landbeach cycleway is now entering Phase 2. Money from this source has also been offered towards the Station Bridge above. There will be improvements to the Gilbert Road/Milton Road junction, and traffic calming on Fen Road Chesterton (next step is further consultation this month).

New schemes have been put forward and up to £100,000 agreed towards widening the foot/cycleway just

North of the Jane Coston Bridge in Milton.

Local Plan problems

There is consternation at SCDC because our planning policies have been shown to have holes in them, through which developers can drive a coach and horses. 2 sites at Waterbeach have been given permission by a planning inspector at appeal for a total of 150 houses, between Bannold Road and Capper Road, which are fields that separate the 'camp' from the 'village'. This was an area that the Local Plan had earmarked as new Green Belt, necessary separation for the new town. This is a local disappointment, but also the judgement is a disaster for the Local Plan, as the inspector ruled that SCDC is about 1350 houses short of the '5-year land supply' that they require us to hold. In short, this means that developers putting forward new sites for development are much more likely to get permission on appeal until the other 1200 houses required in the plan have been consented.

New council year

I have now taken a place on the Northstowe Planning Committee, and left the main SCDC Development Control Committee: we will still be represented on there as Anna will start on that committee next month.

Affordable housing at North Lodge Park

The 35 new flats and houses will be available from late summer.

18 will be shared ownership (part-buy, part-rent) and these are:

- 8 x 2 bedroom flats
- 8 x 2 bedroom houses
- 2 x 3 bedroom houses

Register on helptobuyese.org.uk if you are interested in these properties.

17 will be rented from Sanctuary Housing in Ely:

- 6 x 1 bedroom flats
- 4 x 2 bedroom flats
- 4 x 2 bedroom houses
- 3 x 3 bedroom houses

These will be allocated to people on the South Cambs housing list, via the Homelink system so you need to register on their website <http://www.home-link.org.uk/>.

Hazel

Anna Bradnam reported to the Parish Council that, following a number of reports of odour suspected to be from the Landfill Site, on Milton Chat from residents in the west of the village (The Sycamores, Butcher Close, Faulkner Close and her own experience in Coulson Close), Anna had requested a meeting with Andrew Papworth, FCC Environment, who manages the Landfill Site at Butt Lane. Anna wants to find out what sorts of waste the site receives, how it is stored, how the site is managed and if anything has changed recently, as smells from the site seem only to have become a problem in the last six months.

- 19. **Bills for payment.**
Cheques number 101142 – 101151 Proposed to approve AB second MP All in favour.
- 20. **Correspondence.**
- 21. **Dates for next meetings.**

Signed..... Date.....