

## Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 12 July 2010 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

**Present:** RH Chapman (chair) PS Badley AJ Campbell JE Coston GA Covell R Day TA Drummond  
M Ellwood RJ Farrington SC Humphreys B Jefferson IF May HM Smith RT Summerfield  
RLE Waters  
Cllr M Williamson, Cllr M Hersom, the clerk, assistant clerk and two members of the public

**1 Apologies for absence** – none.

**2 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial**

PSB – land update (agenda 7) personal – allotment holder

GAC - land update (agenda 7) personal – allotment holder

RHC – planning applications Enterprise Nurseries (agenda 6) personal – business competitor

TAD – land update (agenda 7) personal – member of Colts football club

ME - land update (agenda 7) personal – allotment holder

HMS – planning (agenda 6) personal – member of SCDC planning committee

As he was no longer chairman of the colts football club IFM had no need to declare any interest for the land item agenda 7.

**3 Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting of 07 June 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.

**4 Public Participation** – the chairman welcomed a resident who asked that council consider his request for skate park facilities possibly linked to play equipment (Min M8/06-10 refers). HMS pointed out that involvement in the project by young people in the village would help any grant application. The resident expressed his willingness to help.

The chairman thanked the resident for attending and explained that his request would be considered at the September maintenance meeting.

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

Double yellow lines (PC9/05-10) – Notice of Prohibition of Waiting Order for Cambridge Road Industrial Estate received.

Rate relief (PC5/06-10) – Council had been awarded rate relief for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

A14 widening (PC5/06-10) – Public Inquiry postponed until the Government's conclusion of spending review.

Verge (kebab van) (PC5/06-10)– K Fauch CCC had agreed to put a bollard at each end of the verge to prevent access by cars for sale.

Viewing CCTV from Jane Coston bridge (PC6/06-10) – Cllr Williamson investigated and found that there was a protocol for the police obtaining pictures from the camera. PC Phil Shulver was now aware of the procedure.

JEC reported that the CCTV was now working.

From A Frost: "Well at long last it is now working. That has to be a record for the longest time to get commissioning done. It is not likely that I will be using the same system again."

Parish Online (PC10/06-10)

1 Land Registry have now responded - "no registered estate.....is shown on the index map in relation to the Property."

2 An A4 map costs £16.99 + £1 postage.

**AGREED** that unless there was a pressing need not to subscribe to Parish Online at this time.

Village Heroes Awards 2010 – SCDC were asking Parish councils to nominate residents who have made a significant contribution to their local community. As it was difficult to single out one individual it was agreed to take no further action.

Refuse – the clerk reported that a resident had been fined £100 + £150 costs for not clearing rubbish from his front garden. In the first instance following complaints the clerk had tried to contact the resident and subsequently asked SCDC to pursue. Eventually SCDC Environmental Health took the resident to court. Noted that the rubbish had now been cleared.

Donation (CC6/06-10) – a resident had made a generous donation for the PC to use for the benefit of villagers in need. Community Care would discuss. Noted that Tesco had agreed to replace the wheelchair (Min CC3/06-10).

Budget cuts - would have impact on Connexions and youth work provision. Meetings being held to consult about the proposals.

South Cambridgeshire Traffic Management Area Joint Committee – next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010  
Noted that petitions were not always necessary to get things done. Council officers had the authority to investigate, and in some cases introduce changes such as road signs, road markings, speed limits and parking restrictions in consultation with local councillors.

Village Fayre – the clerk would write to the Village Fayre committee congratulating them on another successful day. **Action: the clerk**

- 6 **Planning** - the minutes of the planning meeting held on 28 June 2010 were received.  
Planning business deferred to planning meeting 26 July.

- 7 **Land Group** (PC8/06-10) (taken after agenda 16)

- 8 **Finance – to confirm level of reserves**

The external auditor had asked Council to confirm that it was happy with the (low) level of general reserve. Although Council had £228,573 reserves much of this was committed to capital projects. Projected expenditure showed that most of Council's expenditure would be on capital projects and that all Council's liabilities would be met within the reserves. Minute 273/6-07 June 2007 recommended that "*When the furnishing of the Youth Centre is complete any balance on the Youth Centre reserve be returned to the General Reserve.*"

The clerk would inform the youth sub-committee that Council now intended to do this. **Action: the clerk**  
It was suggested that this money could be used towards play equipment.

**AGREED to confirm that Council was happy with the level of reserves. Action: the clerk**

- 9 **Community Care** - the minutes of the Community Care meeting held on 10 June were received and noted.

Wheelchair (CC3/06-10) – already reported in clerk's report above.

Barnabas Court update (CC4/06-10) – the clerk would ask Charles Clay SCDC about a definitive list of applicants. **Action: the clerk**

The clerk had received two letters recently from relatives of clients thanking Tracey and Linda for all that they had done.

- 10 **Maintenance** - the minutes of the Maintenance meeting held on 28 June 2010 were received and noted.

Horse grazing (M9/06-10) -The tenant had confirmed that she had left at weekend 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> July. The chairman would ensure that the field was secure. **Action: the chairman**

Cemetery - tree/bushes near culvert obscured visibility for vehicles turning from the cemetery. To be cut back (in house).

- 11 **MCC update**

Refurbishment: Still awaiting a start date, which looks like this now may be the beginning of August, due to Andy's holiday commitments.

Bookings: These continue much as before. Although Saturday night events have been few and far between, weekend daytime bookings have increased, due to dog shows, latin dancers and children's party's hiring the facilities.

Youth Building: Presently being used 3 times a week during the day (2 to 3 hours per session) by the Centre School at Cottenham + 1 Youth Club sessions on a Tuesday evening + Young Carers on Saturday mornings.

Vandalism: Very little, there have been no incidents of any note to report (long may this continue).

## 12 County Councillor's report

LTP consultation (PC6/06-10) - extended to 30 July.

See <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/strategies/local/> for details.

**Butt Lane Park & Ride Meeting** (PC6/06-10) - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2010 (on site)

Report received from JEC (attached to minutes).

Additional signs were going to be sited on both sets of traffic lights. JEC would continue to chase actions with Alistair Frost.

Additional discussions

Van / Motorhome parking at Park & Rides – noted that motorhomes were directed to Madingley Park & Ride.

**County Councillor's Report – for meeting on 12 July 2010** (full report attached to minutes)

Libraries

Youth provision – approximately one third of the youth budget would be cut – this from a low base already in Cambridgeshire.

The clerk would ask the youth sub-committee to look at the implications and report back to allow Council time to discuss how /what services can be maintained. **Action: the clerk**

Chesterton Station

Budgets

Guided Busway - will cycleway be improved?

Winship Road – MW would ask about recommended improvements to junction at Winship Road as part of the Park & Ride scheme.

Milton to Impington cycle route – delayed due to local concerns and planning issues.

Footpath Baits Bite lock to Horningsea – concerns expressed about new surface. The clerk would investigate. **Action: the clerk**

## 13 District Councillors' reports

Environment Group (PC12/06-10) – notes of meeting held 3 June were received and noted. [This item to be reported in future under Parish Plan].

Councillors' Report – July 2010 – Hazel Smith & Mark Hersom (full report attached to minutes).

1. Housing
2. Planning
3. A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton Improvement
4. Appointment of new CEO
5. Hauxton
6. Sport Lakes Section 106 agreement and planning conditions. Mike Muir-Smith of CSLT was asking for amendments. The clerk would ask SCDC that Council be consulted on these changes. **Action: the clerk**
7. My Big Fat Gypsy Festival - Gypsies helped litter pick after the festival. Noted that some incidents took place that were directly linked to this event. Concerns about contingency plans in place to ensure sufficient room being available in 2011 for caravans if the event were to grow.
8. Grassy Corner. SCDC would not do anything about the ditches.
9. Chesterton Fen sewage appeal – decision expected in November.
10. Energy monitors lent to Milton School
11. Polling station rethink – lounge at MCC?
12. Histon Neighbourhood Panel meeting Tuesday 13 July at Cottenham.

## 14 Bills for Payment and Money Received

**CONFIRMED** payment of cheques 100288 – 100293 and minibus cheques 300006 - 300009 (April-June)

**AGREED** payment of cheques 100294 - 100299

## 15 Correspondence

- NHS - Newsletter "Keeping in Touch"
- SCDC - Guidance on (removal and) adoption of telephone kiosks
- Monthly newsletter - planning consultations

## 16 Dates of Next Meetings

**Finance 26 July at 7pm; Planning 26 July at 7.30pm; Council 6 September**

## 7 Land Group (PC8/06-10)

**Agreed at 9.03pm [Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960] to exclude members of the public to this item as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business.**

The meeting ended at 10.00pm.

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