

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 06 June 2011 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: RT Summerfield (chair) AJ Campbell JE Coston TA Drummond M Ellwood RJ Farrington
M Hersom IF May J Mowatt MC Perkins HM Smith I Tyes A Winnington
Cllr M Williamson and the clerk

1 Presentation of Quality Status certificate by Steve Wilkinson chairman of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Re-accreditation Panel

Steve Wilkinson congratulated Council and presented the re-accreditation certificate.

2 Apologies for absence - DJ Chamberlin GA Covell.

3 To consider co-opting a new councillor – 3 candidates stood for co-option. Amanda Winnington was elected.

4 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial

HMS – Planning agenda 12 personal - a member of SCDC's planning committee.

TAD – Land Group update agenda 24 personal - member of Colts football club

5 Minutes – the minutes of the meeting of 09 May 2011 were approved and signed as a true record.

19 County councillor's report (brought forward)

"Park and Ride lighting

According to Campbell Ross-Bain 2/3 of the lights should turn off each night.

Community Transport

Following comments a couple of months ago at a MPC meeting I am in the process of setting up a meeting with a number of relevant parties [including Milton, Landbeach and Waterbeach] to see if we can make progress by doing some information sharing.

There are a number of local organisations that provide some form of community transport and it would be good to see how they might work together. Speaking to Gavin Moulton at the County Council he has mentioned a number (the Beaches Community Car Scheme, Cambridge Dial-a-Ride, the Milton Community minibus) and there may be others.

I shall very shortly contact these organisations to see if they would be interested in having a meeting to start the process of information sharing.

Meanwhile, on the subsidised bus front, some of you will know that a resident of Milton is seeking a Judicial Review into the whole County Council policy of cutting bus subsidies. I spoke to Glenn Edge today and he tells me that meetings are happening between the County Officers and their lawyers. We shall wait and see the outcome of this process."

JEC, HMS and MW would discuss community transport ideas with Glenn Edge. Council fully supported their efforts.

6 Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak – no members of the public were present.

7 Clerk's report

Minibus web site – **AGREED** that Martin Cooper assistant Cub Leader could manage the minibus part of the web site in place of Bob Pain.

South Cambridgeshire News - the latest Local Development Scheme Timetable setting out the timetable for the South Cambridgeshire Development Plan was now available on the South Cambs website.

South Cambs needed to prepare a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) as part of the evidence base of the new South Cambridgeshire Development Plan.

Cambridgeshire News - the examination into the Core Strategy of the Minerals and Waste Development Plan (MWDP) was held at the end of 2010. The examination into the Site Specific Proposals DPD was scheduled to begin on 28 June 2011 to consider the representations received about specific sites allocated in the MWDP for minerals and waste.

National News - East of England Plan – Decision by Government to revoke regional spatial strategies – the Government is to carry out an environmental assessment of its decision to revoke regional spatial strategies.

Gypsy and Traveller Consultation - the Government had published a consultation document about Planning for Traveller sites and is inviting comments until 6 July 2011.

Civil Parking Enforcement – Cambridgeshire County Council was proposing to introduce civil parking enforcement in East and South Cambridgeshire. Comments to be sent by 17 June

Minutes – Ian T would be known as IT in the minutes.

Clerk's retirement – the chairman confirmed that he had received the clerk's notice to retire in May/June 2012.

8 Planning

- **minutes** - the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 23 May 2011 were received and noted

- **Planning report** - Enterprise Nurseries Site (PC15/05-11) - from Charles Swain SCDC:

"I can confirm that I have recently inspected the premises (Tuesday 19th April) regarding this matter and have discussed my findings with the planning team leader, Kate Wood. It would appear that the vehicle movements recently reported including gravel are legitimate and that they are part of the planning consents for the site. The owner of the site has confirmed that the vehicle movements are being carried out during office hours to avoid causing a nuisance to immediate neighbours.

The completion of the approved KOI pond along with the landscaping scheme should be completed within the next two to three months ready for business in August/September. The building which is also being refurbished will be used in connection with the approved use of the site.

As to residential use of the building this would require investigation, however I understand that there was a previous residential unit at the premises and therefore the use may be lawful."

The clerk would confirm that the residential use was actually in a house next door to the Enterprise Nurseries and query the depth of the pond as there seemed to be a lot of earth being moved. **Action: the clerk**

A welcome policy: It was SCDC's intention to keep parishes "in the loop" regarding planning queries.

From Charles Swain (phone 19/05/11):

"43A Old School Lane – outbuilding in rear garden is permitted development (SCDC received a report to investigate).

31 Froment Way – the brickwork is not ideal but is not in breach of anything. Therefore no action will be taken. It is being used as an office – the resident is working from home and it is low key.

33 Froment Way – garage being used as a separate let and will require planning permission. SCDC has issued a planning contravention notice. The garage was used as an annexe and after the house was sold the new owners have let it.

Business in Conder Close – alleged to be causing a nuisance. This is being investigated / monitored by SCDC.

Golf Course – no response from the golf course re the signage. Consent will be needed for this and the illumination."

- **Planning Application S/0032/06/F Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust Development of land between Milton and Waterbeach (Rowing Lake) proposed Section 106 Agreement and Draft Planning Conditions**

In November 2009 Council sent comments to SCDC. HMS and the chairman met (on Bank Holiday Monday) to ascertain whether these comments had been incorporated in the proposed S106 recently received. (JEC had been unable to attend).

JEC felt that Council should repeat its long held concerns and ask for assurances that these concerns would be met.

It was **AGREED** (11 votes in favour and 2 abstentions)

to send comments about the flood risk assessment. Action: the clerk

- **Planning briefing meeting at SCDC 17 June** – IT agreed to attend.

Decisions received:

Mr D Taylor 4 Coles Road – construction of dormer window (PC15/05-11) – **refused**.

Incongruous and dominant, visually unattractive in the street scene. Contrary to Policies DP/2 and 3 of SCDC Local Development Control Policies Development Plan Document 2007.

Napp Pharmaceutical Ltd Cambridge Science Park – Extension & alterations to building 191 to provide new ancillary restaurant, plant room with new landscaped area, outdoor terrace and CCTV pole camera (P5/04-11) - **approved**.

S/0735/11 Napp Pharmaceutical Ltd Cambridge Science Park – Erection of temporary restaurant/ catering facility building and office reception building for a period of up to three years (P5/04-11) - **approved**.

New applications:

S/0946/11 – Mencap Rosewood, High Street – replacement day room – **no recommendation**.

S/1032/11 – Mr Webb 25 & 26 Southgate Farm Mobile home, Chesterton Fen Rd – erection of brick wall and gates along the frontage (retrospective application) – **no recommendation**.

- 9 Proposal to erect pedestrian barriers adjacent bowls green and pavilion**
 After considerable discussion it was **AGREED** (1 abstention) that in order to make the path safer for pedestrians
to ask P Captain to quote (with drawing) for erecting a barrier. Action: the clerk
- 10 Youth update**
 - **Minutes** - the minutes of the Milton Action for Youth committee meeting held on 16 May 2011 including Youth Club report were received and noted
 - **Additional road signage** – noted that the County Council was rightly cautious of erecting unnecessary signage in order to cut down on roadside clutter and how it detracts from the “ruralness” of areas.
 It was **AGREED**
not to ask the County Council for additional signage.
 Signs at the entrance to the Sycamores recreation ground would be the responsibility of MCC.
- 11 To consider Christmas tree and lights using system designed by speeditree.co.uk**
 It was **AGREED**
 a) **not to use this system due to cost, possible vandalism and the need to use volunteers;**
 b) **to ask Rob Chapman if he would be prepared to erect the lights on the horse chestnut tree as usual and his charges for doing so;**
 c) **to ask EDF to quote for supplying power to Pond Green so that lights could be erected on that site. (11 in favour AJC against) Action: the clerk**
- 12 Play update and proposal to ask Fenland Leisure Products to carry out play equipment repairs as detailed in attached report**
 The chairman apologised to the chairman of the Maintenance Committee for dealing with this item at Council but as the report had highlighted areas of concern it seemed appropriate to deal with it as a matter of urgency.
 Fenland Leisure products from Wisbech had recently conducted a play inspection. Their report containing costs for repairing defects was circulated. The total cost for all the repairs was £1560.
 After much debate it was **AGREED** (11 in favour 1 against and 1 abstention)
to delegate whether to disable / remove the maypole swing to ME and to ask the Maintenance Committee to consider the best way forward to action the other repairs.
- 13 To receive report on bus usage survey from A Bradnam and HM Smith**
 HMS had sent her report to Stagecoach, Whippet and the County Council and had received replies from Stagecoach and the County Council. HMS intended to discuss the bus survey with the manager of Tesco.
 Thanks to HMS and Anna Bradnam for all their work.
- 14 Proposed visit to Chesterton Fen and Village tour** (See item 20 below)
 A small group would visit Chesterton Fen – date to be agreed.
 It was suggested that a boundary walk take place in September / October.
 Village tour – Tuesday 14 June 7pm – meet at the office.
- 15 To receive Flood report and possible flood risk to Milton**
 A report was received from HMS (see item 20 below). It would be a few years before a full flood report for Milton was commissioned.
- 16 Equality Act 2010**
 As a result of this Act there was a change of emphasis from taking equality into account to promoting it. There was a need to show the impact for example on disabilities when buying a new minibus.
AGREED
to appoint Ian Tyes as Council’s Equality Representative that he should advise Council on Equality matters, conduct an Equality Impact Assessment and review Council’s existing Policies.
- 17 To receive Independent Internal Audit Report**
 The year end internal audit report was received and noted.

18 MCC update

“Refurbishment”: Final invoice still awaited from Grantchester Developments one minor 'snagging' item still to be rectified, although the entrance doors have now been repaired and are working perfectly.

Maintenance and Improvements: The wooden floors in the main hall and lounge have been scrubbed and resealed, the Annexe down pipes and gutters are in the throes of being renewed and the slabs outside the Community Centre lounge will be replaced at the start of June.

Bookings: During May, we hosted 2 large Saturday Night events, the Senior Football Club Player of the Year and the Colts Football Club Presentation Evening. Both events were very well attended and proved to be a big success for both the clubs. Sally and Lawrence from the Lion and Lamb are our new bar stewards and they settled into the role very smoothly.

On Saturday 14th May the CDNL held their annual Netball Tournament, which again proved to be a massive success. Parking spaces at the Community Centre proved to be very difficult to find - apologies to those of you who live in Coles Road who were inconvenienced by cars parked outside your home.

Thursday evenings also prove to be very busy as the CDNL run a Summer Netball League. This will go on until the end of July.

Youth Building: The building continues to be used by the Youth Club on a Tuesday evening and Young Carers on a Saturday morning.

Vandalism: Once again, I am very pleased to say that I have nothing of any note to report.”

The recent play inspection highlighted problems that were being dealt with eg Spider’s web had been removed.

AJC as a regular user commented on the “job well done” to the floor.

20 District Councillors’ reports - Report from HMS

“Litter pick in Milton

This is on Sunday 5th June, from 2pm at the Parish Office.

Chesterton Fen sewage connection appeal

The decision is due any day now.

Rubbish on Chesterton Fen

There has been a lot of correspondence from the rowing fraternity about smelly ditches and rubbish at Grassy Corner. South Cambs and the landowner have dredged the ditch out, and with the dry weather it had (finally) dried out over most of the length by the path. There was just some fairly recent dry litter in the ditch including five shopping trolleys in that area. (It did occur to me that in many places I’ve been on a canal boat, those shopping trolleys would have been in the river once a week, but fortunately our own residents are not that antisocial ...) I spent an hour down there on 20/5/11 collecting up the litter and shopping trolleys.

We are organising a litter pick there just before the university bumps, on Sunday 12th June. Michael has offered to let us use his caravan for ablutions if necessary, and we have 6 volunteers so far, I think. Jim has confirmed that Parish Council insurance will cover us.

Bus cuts

I have written to Andy Campbell (Stagecoach), Campbell Ross-Bain (Cambs County Council, P&R) and Glenn Edge (Cambs County Council).

Andy Campbell’s reply;

From the survey the highest usage appears to be from the 9/X9, this is the service which was withdrawn by the county council. Therefore I would suggest you contact Glenn Edge at Shire hall. The current numbers using the Citi 2 late night bus puts that in danger, we have no plans to add an additional service at 20.00hrs. I can't see much point in meeting because nothing has changed since our last meeting.

Glenn Edge has replied

... Given your comprehensive data, I am forwarding it to Stagecoach and Whippet to see if they would consider providing a commercial service. However, although I can appreciate your suggestion to divert the P&R service to serve the village as this is simply not practical as we would not be able to get the bus back into the P&R site from the Waterbeach end of the village without going up to the A14 roundabout and coming all the way back again. Our buses are not able to get into the site from the Ely side of the A10.

Surface water flooding plan (see item 15)

I went to the County Council Enterprise, growth and Community Infrastructure Scrutiny committee where they were discussing the Cambridge and Milton Surface Water Flood Plan. **Milton** is the 6th out of 11 prioritised districts of the area. The first 2 on the list have been studied in detail and action to improve the performance of the areas in times of heavy rainfall has been recommended. This prioritised list will take some time to work through, so any action in Milton will not be for a few years.

Winter gritting/salt spreading

This happened to be on the same agenda of the Scrutiny committee. 3 of the District Councils and a number of Parish Councils are working with the County Council to spread salt when the weather turns snowy. Employees of other councils get a short session of training and are then insured by the County Council while doing this work. Materials are provided by the County Council. They have spread molasses in some places instead of salt, and some parishes have used a backpack containing brine. The operator can walk the village paths squirting brine onto the paths, and some parishes have found this to be effective. The County hired a quad bike and towed a spreader (either brine or salt) to treat cycle paths in the centre of the city of Cambridge last year, 13 times during the cold weather. If other areas want the same treatment then they are encouraging businesses there to sponsor a similar service. One run of the quad bike (including labour, hire and materials) costs £1,000. For comparison, one run of gritting the entire County's precautionary network costs £25,000."

The clerk would ask Mark Kemp CCC to put the A10 and A14 foot/cycle bridges on the quad bike gritting route.

Action: the clerk.

It was suggested that Council consider applying for salt.

“Tesco

I have written to the Tesco manager, Matt Brown, and he has agreed to meet – no date yet.”

Agreed that HMS and IT would meet him at 3pm on a Tuesday.

21 Land Group update

RTS reported that SCDC wants to include an S106 Agreement in the permission for change of use of CWA land to recreational use. SCDC is concerned that both the Landbeach Road and CWA permissions would be implemented and would like MPC to be bound to revoke one of the permissions were the other implemented. RTS pointed out that the draft S106 Agreement sent by SCDC stipulated that MPC owned the freehold of both properties, which is incorrect. HMS said that permission goes with the land, so that any agreement entered upon by MPC would not bind third parties from implementing either permission. JEC noted that SCDC requesting such an agreement from the parish was highly unusual and said the parish should not be bound in such a manner. IFM added that the CWA land would be adequate for the junior football players, but the adult team might well need more land in the future. The parish would also incur a fee of at least £350 for the drawing up of such an agreement. It was **AGREED**

to write to Karen Pell-Coggins and inform her that MPC is not the owner of either property and that the S106 Agreement is unduly onerous on the parish as well as meaningless as it does not prevent a third party from implementing either permission.

Action: Asst Clerk

22 Bills for Payment and Money Received

CONFIRMED and AGREED payment of cheques 100484 -100490 and minibus cheques 300016/17.

Receipts: noted that J Skinner had taken on the horse grazing land as from 1st June for 12 months (PC24/0-11).

23 Correspondence - none

24 Dates of Next Meetings

Community Care Thursday 9 June at 11am

Planning (if necessary) 27 June 7pm (NOT 20 June)

Maintenance 27 June 7.30pm

Minibus 4 July 7.30pm

Staffing to be re-arranged from 6 July

Council 11th July

25 Items and Reports for July agenda (to be received by Tuesday 5th July)

Lawrence Green SCDC Emergency Plan.

The meeting ended at 9.59pm.

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