

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on
Monday 1 June 2015 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: JE Coston (chair), A Bradnam, RJ Farrington, D Stirrups, RT Summerfield,
HM Smith, G Heaney (7.45p.m.)
S Wilkin (SW) (Assistant Clerk)
M Leeke (County Councillor) (8.38p.m.)

Member of the Public: One

1 Apologies for absence

None.

2 Casual Vacancies

David Burch expressed an interest in being co-opted to Milton Parish Council. A confidential vote took place and it was unanimously **AGREED** that David be co-opted onto the Council.

3 To approve the minutes of the meeting of 18 May 2015

It was (Proposed: DS and Seconded RS) that the Minutes of 18 May 2015 were approved and signed as a true record.

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

A member of the public was in attendance for the meeting but did not wish to speak. He was a casual observer who was interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

5 Declaration of interest and dispensations

AB – Planning

6 Clerk's Report

From previous meeting:

Street lighting along Ely Road: Ongoing with SCDC

Relocating Waggon and Horses bus stop: Ongoing with SCDC

Request for a sign to be put up at the Milton Chiropractic Clinic, 2 Ely Road, Milton – A request had been made to supply a design and this was shown to the council. It was **AGREED** that due to the property being in a conservation area the PC would like to see the sign removed from the hedge and then the new sign and pole placed entirely on the clinic's property and it should not overhang the hedge at all. SW to write to the clinic with the PC's decision.

Replacement of spring and netball hoop in Froment Way play area: work awaited

Removal of railway seat in Fen Road: work awaited

Graffiti on Jane Coston bridge: work awaited

Worn tarmac on Jane Coston bridge: Ongoing

Compost bin at Cemetery: This was to be placed on the Maintenance agenda for 22 June 2015

New items:

Child Protection Officer: Linda Henson was happy to carry on in this role.

Request from Velocix to have the grass mown on the verge outside premises at 3 Ely Road: Contractors have this task in hand.

SW had received complaints regarding rats being seen at the brick wall entrance to Tesco's near to the garage and she had reported this to the Manager at Tesco's.

Ongoing problems with rabbits and moles at the Cemetery. Pest control contractors are dealing with this.

Electricity supplier: This was coming up for renewal in December and was to be looked into.

SLCC membership – This had been **AGREED** in Item 14 of the January 2015 minutes.

7 Planning applications

Decisions:

S/0372/15/FL – Chris Peters – 11 High Street, Milton, CB24 6AJ – Erection of part two storey part single storey extension to side and rear of dwelling – **APPROVED**

New applications:

S/1191/15/FL – Trinity College – Erection of three storey building for B1 use, Plots 26/27, Cambridge Science Park, Milton – **NO OBJECTIONS**

S/1137/15/AD – Tesco Stores Ltd – External signage and advertising to New Click and Collect located in Car Park (revised design) – **NO OBJECTIONS**

S/1236/15/FL – Ms Katherine Scott, Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd – Proposed development for a new 450 sq m station building and other buildings – **NO OBJECTIONS** – Comments (1. There was concern that there should be more car parking spaces available 2. Essential to have adequate provision for taxis that would be collecting and dropping off passengers. 3. Any aggregate to be removed by lorries should have hours of operation stipulated.

8 Maintenance

It was (Proposed: GH Seconded: AB) that the quote of £236.64 for spraying the horse grazing field, which was discussed at previous meeting, was **APPROVED** and this was agreed unanimously. The cost was to come out of the "Maintenance" budget.

9 Finance

The minutes of 20 April 2015 were tabled and received.

The independent internal audit had been carried out on 20 May 2015 by Canalbs. A recommendation had been made that a budget of £2,500 should be set up in the event that an election arose. This was **AGREED**.

HMS was thanked for all her hard work concerning the audit.

10 Milton Tennis Club

The unsigned pre-planning application had been received. However, the council required further information and plans before they were able to make a decision. DS agreed to speak to Milton Tennis Club in order to move the matter forward.

11 Milton Action 4 Youth (MA4Y)

It was (Proposed: DS Seconded: GH) that the Service Level Agreement cost of £5,348 be **AGREED** subject to the last sentence under item 2 for the Parish Council being deleted which stated "*£150 of this to be made available as petty cash should it be required*". **ALL IN FAVOUR** of this sentence being deleted. MA4Y next meeting was due on 9 June 2015 at 5.30p.m.

12 Highways Group Meeting

AB was taking forward items which Ian Tyes had been dealing with Nicola Burdon before leaving the Council.

- (a) Moving the Bus Stop to Ely Road
- (b) Speed control on Ely Road
- (c) Street lighting on Ely Road
- (d) White lining for Milton High Street
- (e) Jane Coston Cycle Bridge over the A14 - the asphalt on the path surface is wearing away, leaving a smooth, slippery surface underneath.
- (f) Fen Road surface treatment
- (g) North Lodge Park speed restriction

13 MCC Report

Community Centre Report - June 2015

Maintenance/Improvements: Major repairs have been carried out to the fence around the Sycamores play area

Bookings: There are 2 Saturday night parties during June

Staff: Philip Adams is now acting as key holder and weekend cleaner, which is working well

Youth Building: Nothing to report

Vandalism: Nothing to report

14 Milton Air Quality Group

The 2nd Liaison Meeting between FCC Environment, the Environment Agency, SCDC, Milton Air Quality Working Party, Milton Parish Council and Milton residents, was held on 20 May 2015. We visited the site which had undergone a number of infrastructure improvements since the previous visit by MAQWP in September 2014. The FCC action plan agreed in August 2014, which included regular coverings, thicker clay caps, banning trammel fines for use as daily cover and the installation of the odour neutralising system, had significantly reduced odours from the site. With the exception of an incident in mid March, possibly caused by trialling the odour neutralising system, it was noted that there had been very few odour incidents since the last Liaison Meeting in March 2015.

We were given a tour of the Infinis gas engine compound. Landfill gas could be smelled in the compound (by a number of those present) and it was thought there might be a leak but the sensors worn by FCC staff could not detect it. FCC was asked if there was any potential for pollution of the water in the Thirteenth Public Drain. This drain runs between the Landfill Site and the P&R site and eastwards under the A10 and across Milton Country Park, beside the Visitor Centre to the River Cam. The recent Spartan Race saw competitors crawling through the mud in this drain. FCC/EA agreed that small amounts of suspended solids from surface water runoff might go into the ditch, but since the cells were sealed in clay and the perimeter was monitored regularly, it was very unlikely that any leachate would get into this drain. FCC were thanked for the improvements they had made. A further Liaison Meeting has been planned for September 2015.

15 Staffing Update

A Staffing Committee meeting had been held. It was noted that SW required a contract. The other staff contracts had been reviewed. The committee were looking at ways of dealing with the accountancy situation and various aspects of that going forward. AB had contacted various book keepers and accountants and there had been expressions of interest which AB would be following up. An agreed way of storing confidential papers had been found.

Dianne Marshall (Acting Clerk) was contracted until 12 June 2015 and it was decided not to continue with her services. A letter was to be sent to thank her for her work over the past six months in supporting the council. AB was to draft a letter. The next staffing committee was due to be held on 10 June 2015.

AB was thanked for her work in dealing with staffing matters.

16 North Lodge Update

Due to a rabbit problem on the newly seeded football pitches it was (Proposed: RS Seconded: GH) that £2,000 should be made available, if required, to provide a fencing barrier or any other method of rabbit control. All in favour.

17 Milton Charities Representatives

SW to contact Andy Gray at MCC to ascertain who these representatives would be and put this item back on the agenda for the next meeting.

18 County Councillor's Report

Maurice Leeke gave a verbal report.

The Milton/Impington school bus appeal was to be heard later this month.

Concerns over revamping the 3rd floor of Central Library which will affect study and computer space. This is going to Committee tomorrow as dissatisfaction with insufficient data.

Proposal to reduce the number of County Councillors from 69-61 as part of the review of electoral areas.

Network Rail is closing as many level crossings as possible on other lines and this could affect our local area.

19 District Councillor's Reports - Anna Bradnam

Since the site visit by the SCDC officer and your councillors at **North Lodge Park** in April, in the absence of the promised summary from the officer, I have emailed him with a list of the outstanding issues relating to the lake, landscaping, the pumping station, the open ditch and the boundary with Milton Hall. Residents of NLP are setting up a management committee to liaise with Bellway and, in due course, their agent regarding the ongoing management of the communal areas.

Hazel and I have supported the parents' appeal against the County Council decision to withdraw the free school bus between Milton and Impington Village College. The appeal hearing is scheduled for 30 June 2015.

Bus stop and speed control I was part of the group that met with the County Council officer on site to discuss a proposed project to move the bus stop opposite the Osteria (Waggon and Horses) to Ely Road and to install speed reduction measures north of the Fen Road junction. I emailed a summary of our requests to the officer concerned and we await her advice about how to proceed.

At the Annual Meeting of SCDC on 21 May 2015 we were informed that the Inspection of **Local Plans** submitted by Cambridge City Council and SCDC for joint consideration, was to be suspended, probably for at least six months. This was because the Inspectors were not convinced that the assessment of the number of new houses needed had taken into account house prices and affordability. In addition, since the Plans were submitted, there have been changes concerning affordable homes on smaller sites, housing standards and car parking, as well as the balance between building on the edge of Cambridge versus in new towns and new villages - the inspectors required revisions to reflect these changes. The Inspectors have said this does not mean that more green belt would be built on for the plans to be considered sound, but they have asked for further evidence to help them make an independent judgement. This is very worrying because while the inspection is suspended, developers are submitting applications, which the Committee finds it difficult to refuse.

District Councillor's Reports – Hazel Smith

Local Plan inquiry suspended!

The inspectors have thrown our local plan back to the councils for more detailed evidence to be supplied, particularly about why they didn't take more land out of the Green Belt, but preferred a strategy that involves building large new settlements (on airfields) a few miles further away from Cambridge. They have to show that the transport proposals really will work. This means that the planning policy vacuum we are in, in which developers can expect to get more of their applications approved, will continue even longer than next year. Also the CIL scheme will be delayed which means no infrastructure payments to parish councils.

We will know more after a briefing on Thursday evening.

School bus appeal evidence submitted.

We hope there will be a good lot of publicity from the parents and children taking their appeals to Shire Hall yesterday. They have put together a brilliantly argued case in a very short time, and they are to be congratulated.

A14 consultation

I went to a portfolio meeting to discuss the South Cambs submissions. There is little that is new there - still no detail about how they might get aggregates into the site from the railhead at Chesterton sidings. This will come in the discharge of conditions, and the District Council is only a consultee. We need to keep going to the meetings where they consult with parishes directly.

A North Area Committee meeting was due to be held at 6.30p.m. on 16 June 2015 at the Shirley School.

A14 Consultation meeting was due to be held on 22 June 2014. HMS and Rob Chapman planned to attend again.

20 Bills for Payment and Money Received

The bill for payment sheet was circulated and it was **AGREED** to pay the outstanding bills, subject to HMS’s further confirmation on two of the invoices.

21 Correspondence

- (a) Letter re: Membership of the SLCC
- (b) “The Clerk” magazine - SLCC
- (c) Letter and email from Highways England re: Draft A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon
- (d) HAGS SMP – Play equipment brochure
- (e) Glasdon brochure
- (f) Milton Football Club achievement – It was **AGREED** to send a letter of congratulations
- (g) Email from Inside Government re: Ensuring the Delivery of Statutory Services Across Local Authorities
- (h) Brochure “In Unity” – Issue 7
- (i) James from Beach Electrical engineering Tree Services Ltd (tree services)
- (j) Letter received from Milton Football Club – It was **AGREED** that JEC and HMS would arrange a meeting with Fraser Confrey to clarify matters and item to be put on the next PC agenda.

22 Dates for next meetings

- 9 June 2015 – Milton Youth 4 Action (5.30p.m)
- 22 June 2015 – Planning Committee (7.00p.m.), Maintenance Committee (7.45p.m.)
- 13 July 2015 – Parish Council (papers to be submitted to Asst Clerk by 1 July 2015)
- 20 July 2015 – Finance and Administration Committee (PC Office)

Meeting closed at 9.45p.m.

Signed: Date: