

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 10 January 2005 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: JE Coston (chair) PK Oldham EH Baker RH Chapman IR Cowley R Day M Ellwood RJ Farrington B Jefferson CJ Lock IF May (from min 27/05 - apologies for lateness) HM Smith RT Summerfield LC Twinn RLE Waters
The clerk SJ Daniels
Reverend D Chamberlin and 1 member of the public

1/05

1 Earthquake Disaster Appeal

David Chamberlin, rector introduced himself and explained that he wished to build bridges between the church and the village. The bring and buy sale held on Friday 6 January in aid of the SE Asian disaster appeal was an excellent example of the village working together.

An "Asian Disaster Appeal" group had met on 31 December to discuss what Milton could do in response to the disaster. The situation required urgent action. As a result an account specifically for the appeal was opened at the Cambridge Building society under the auspices of the Parish Council - **Milton Parish Council Asian Disaster Appeal Account**. The money raised (to date c £12,000) was being used to send as many "Shelter Boxes" as possible to the disaster area. Each box contains tent, sleeping bags, water purification system etc – enough essential supplies for 10 people for 6 months.

The account would be used as a “post box” account – the church actually paying for the boxes and the Appeal Account reimbursing the church as soon as the cheques received were cleared. John Gray Humphries Way (retired treasurer All Saints’ Church) had agreed to be treasurer. Two signatures from four needed to authorise cheques – JEC, PKO, HMS and RTS. It was anticipated that this account would be short term. If the group continued with long term aspirations then a separate body would be formed (a charity?) with its own bank account. It was noted that the group was a village group not a Parish Council group.

Council **approved** the opening of the account.

2 Apologies for absence – none

2/05

3 Casual Vacancy – to co-opt new councillor

(421/04)

Council could co-opt as ten electors had not asked for an election. Two residents were interested in becoming a councillor. One had sent a “letter of application”. The clerk would ask for the other candidate also to send one. **Action: the clerk**
[It was suggested that it would help future candidates to have a list of topics to cover eg work, family, interests, reasons for wanting to become a councillor. The clerk would be able to advise.]

3/05

4 Declarations of Interest – RHC item 6 Grass cutting contract (personal) PKO item 6 Country Park (prejudicial) RLEW item11 Bowls (personal)

4/05

5 Minutes - the Minutes of the meeting of 6 December 2004 were approved following an amendment – to be signed.

5/05

6 Clerk's / Chairman's Report

(426/04)

Parish Priorities

- Office
- Recreation land - nothing further to report.

6/05

Bus Shelter – cost to replace panel £162.466/05

(433/04)

7/05

Grass Cutting Contract 2005-08 – Mr Buchan had met the clerk and would meet PKO and RLEW on Wednesday 19th January at 1pm. It was considered prudent to include a “12 month get-out” clause in the contract – to be decided at February meeting.

(449/04)

8/05

Computer – the computer started to malfunction again within a week of the last meeting. As a result World of Computers replaced it with a new one (with a 3 year guarantee) and Phil Daft MD installed it on site.

(452/04)

- 9/05 Gritting of cycle / footbridge - the grit bin at the Milton end of the Cycle/foot bridge was knocked over (reported on Wed 29 Dec) and sand spilled on to the pavement. According to David Gilkes the County Council grit the Jane Coston bridge - when a frost has been forecast over a 2-5 day period. As the bins were not locked residents could also spread grit on the bridge. The clerk had asked Philip Adams to clear away any rubbish from the bin – Council to pay him half an hour each time (£2.75). Letter from A Middlebrook: CCC was investigating the implications of gritting the bridge. HA and CCC were looking at the “slippery” surface.
- 10/05 National cycling network signs – CCC with the help of Millennium Commission were suggesting the provision of cycling signs in the village – at no cost to the parish. Suggested locations: junction of cycle / foot bridge and industrial estate, Coles Road heading towards Country Park.
- 11/05 Trees – members of the cemetery and allotments committees met on site to look at old ash trees that may be a hazard – large branches were in danger of dropping. John Hellingsworth to meet PKO on 13th January at 2.30pm to advise.
- 12/05 Allotments – ME had transplanted blackberries to fill in the gaps along the A10 boundary fence.
- 13/05 Country Park – copy of letter of complaint sent to S McIntosh of SCDC from a resident received. [The ranger, whilst driving through the park almost ran into a dog.]
- 14/05 Audit – Moore Stephens, auditors, had asked for: a breakdown of all expenditure and income over £100; an explanation for our large reserves; and an explanation for the difference between the figures in box 7 and box 8. The clerk understood that the auditors had now completed the audit. Confirmation I writing was awaited. Noted that the internal auditor’s fee had gone up from £12 per hour to £13 per hour.
- 15/05 Conditions of Service for Clerks – SLCC had negotiated with NALC a new Terms and Conditions Agreement for Clerks. Relevant points to be reported to Council.
- 16/05 Community Care - Claire Gawthrop had resigned as relief warden. Community Care committee to discuss.
- 17/05 Mud on road - an accident was caused recently - a car skidded into the ditch on mud left on Butt Lane by lorries leaning the landfill site. The clerk would contact CCC and Waste Recycling. *Action: the clerk*
- 18/05 Seat - a resident had asked if she could have a seat along the river bank (towards Clayhithe) in memory of her husband. HMS to discuss with Conservators.
Action: HMS

7 Planning

- 19/05 The minutes of the Planning meeting held on 20 December 2004 were received and noted.
- 20/05
(23/01) P Mannu – 4 Coulson Close – extension – amended plans – **for information.**
- Decisions received
- 21/05
(441/04) Bidwells Unit 25 Science Park – addition of windows - **approved.**
- 22/05
(442/04) Mr & Mrs Perril 233 The Rowans – extension - **approved.** External materials to be identical to those used for existing building.
- New Applications
- 23/05 S/2537/04 JC Hawkins 189 The Sycamores – two storey extension – **no recommendation.**
- 24/05 S/2545/04 J Beynon 9 Hall End – removal of existing garden wall and construction on new alignment - **refuse.** [7 votes in favour, 3 against and 2 abstentions].
Concerned about the safety aspect for vehicles exiting the garage at 24 Fen Road.

- 8 Highways**
 25/05 The minutes of the Highways meeting held on 20 December 2004 were received and noted.
Options for pedestrian crossing Cambridge Road – M Davies CCC could not agree to a pedestrian crossing at Council's preferred crossing line near Winship Road. His options were: a refuge at the desired line or a Toucan crossing near 73 Cambridge Road.
 Proposed and seconded that Council ask for:
 1 A Toucan crossing at the preferred crossing line between The Rowans and Winship Road junctions. If this proved to be unable to satisfy the safety audit then a Toucan crossing near 73 Cambridge Road and a refuge at The Rowans junction would be acceptable.
 An amendment was proposed and seconded that Council ask for:
 2 A Toucan crossing at the preferred crossing line between The Rowans and Winship Road junctions
 The amendment was lost – 5 votes in favour, 6 against and 1 abstention.
 The substantive motion (1 above) was then **APPROVED** – 7 votes in favour and 5 against.
 The clerk would ask M Davies to quote the regulation that prevented the installation of a crossing at the preferred point. *Action: the clerk*
 Another site meeting would be requested if necessary.
- 9 Minibus**
 26/05 The minutes of the Minibus meeting held on 20 December 2004 were received and noted.
 Usage had increased in the last quarter. The minibus was providing a service to the community at a reasonable cost.
AGREED
 to approve the recommendations for tariffs 2005 as set in minute ?.
- 10 Boundary Fence Froment Way and School**
 27/05 **AGREED**
 (447/04) to accept the quotation of £360 to plant along the boundary (pyracantha and ceonothus) and to allow PKO to spend up to £400 if necessary.
 PKO had met M Waggett. Hazel trees could also be planted.
- 11 MCC - update**
 28/05 Main meeting 26 January, Finance and Recreation Grounds meetings in January also. Drainage work had been completed.
 Recent vandalism: space net and bowls green; The Sycamores play area before Christmas. The clerk would write to Inspector Ormerod about levels of policing in the village. *Action: the clerk*
 RLEW was supervising a young offender. The offender would paint swings on Coles Road recreation ground. He had paid £100 compensation to RJF – to be paid to MCC and £100 to L Henderson – to be paid into youth account.
 Rd commended the quality of internal decoration and tree work.
- 12 Bills for Payment and Money Received**
 29/05 **AGREED** to confirm payments already made cheques 2928 - 2931
 to authorise payments cheques 2932 – 2942
 [2 abstentions].
- 13 County Councillor's Report**
 30/05 Crime figures – not available.
 Pedestrian crossings Tesco were being improved.
 Budget consultations were taking place.

31/05

14 District Councillors' Reports

Public entertainments licence – Lion & Lamb – SCDC were monitoring. Noise levels were now lower.

Recycling Bins Tesco – a new “roll-on roll-off” container was in place. The clerk would write to Tesco about the level of litter and broken glass in the car park and area. *Action: the clerk* [Agreed with one abstention].

Joint Strategic Forum – sewage works relocation. A consultation report was due in January. SCDC officers were recommending that the works be moved to a site north of Waterbeach.

HMS had met with some travellers at Chesterton Fen. The green box which had been withdrawn was due to be re-instated at Easter.

32/05

15 Correspondence

- Victim Support - request for donation
- SCDC - Community access points
- CCC - East of England Plan: Public Consultation
- Fire & Rescue Service - Precept 2005/06

16 Dates of Next Meetings

Planning 24 January

Finance 24 January

Council 7 February

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

Signed.....Chairman.....Date