

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 9th January 2006 at 8.15pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: JE Coston (chair) PS Badley AJ Campbell RH Chapman IL Davis R Day M Ellwood
RJ Farrington IF May PK Oldham J Payne HM Smith RT Summerfield
RLE Waters County Councillor M Williamson and 1 member of the public

Public Participation – none

1 Apologies for absence – B Jefferson

1/06 **2 Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting of 5th December 2005 were approved and signed as a true record.
(473/05) **Records** - Minutes were all kept. The clerk kept all records that he considered might be useful for future local historians. These records were open for any member of the public to view.

3 Declarations of Interest – none

2/06 **4 County Councillor's Report** – See below (as MW was at Landbeach PC this item was moved to 16).

3/06 **5 District Councillors' Reports** – See below - moved to 17.

6 Clerk's/Chairman's Report

4/06 **Christmas** - problems with supply of lights this year. Thanks to RHC for putting up the lights. JEC would liaise with the church about dates and consider arranging singing carols round a tree next Christmas. RHC confirmed his offer of a tree for the village.

5/06 **Crime** – JEC reported that Mark Hopkins would contact MPC to discuss Parish Council consultations in about three months.
(467/05)

6/06 **CALC training** – 23rd January at Waterbeach. AJC unable to attend on that date.
(468/05)

7/06 **Land Registry** – noted that Council did not need to register its land again.
(475/05) With regard to the land north of Milton this would come in for compulsory registration anyway and therefore there would be no need to make a voluntary application.

8/06 **Rowing Lake** – there were concerns about the transport implications for Milton.
(476/05)

9/06 **Food van Cambridge Road** – confirmation that as the van was more than 5 metres from the highway:
(477/05) the County Council could do nothing.
the Police could do nothing – not obstructing highway.
the SCDC could do nothing – not on the Consent Street (Cambridge Rd/High St) and therefore he did not need SCDC's "consent".
The Parish Council could do nothing – has no powers.
The Mexican and kebab had come to an understanding – Mexican food during day (11.00am - 2.30pm) and kebab in the evenings.
Both vans were regularly checked for hygiene, litter etc by SCDC and were complying with regulations.

10/06 **Milestone Old A10** – the milestone near the allotments was in a sorry state of repair. The clerk had spoken to Mrs Farrington, the secretary of the Milestones Society and also with the conservation department of SCDC. It was one of 4 on the A10. The 4 may be listed (although the one at Research Park had been replaced by a new one and was 100 yards + beyond the mile). Although Mrs Farrington reported that volunteers should be able to clean it and paint it at little cost SCDC conservation department advised against this - safety issues for working on road side verge.

AGREED

to find out the ownership of the milestone. **Action: the clerk**

11/06 **Grass Cutting County Council Grant 2006** – letter from Michael Oakman (CCC) advised that agency money may be reduced by 20% next year as the County intend paying for 4 cuts not 5. Although the CCC originally paid for 4 cuts per year not 5 the number of cuts had been increased to 5 in 2002.

12/06 **Standing Orders** – these had now been updated. *Ad hoc* committee to review them all and Council's Policies in readiness for the next Council in May 2007.
(489/05)

- 13/06 Finance – Budget and precept would be set on 23rd January.
- 14/06 Code of Conduct – noted that the Government were proposing changes to the Code of Conduct. Issues which will affect members directly: rules for personal and prejudicial interests should be made clearer – there should be a reduction in the number of personal interests that need to be declared. The definition of personal interest should be amended so that members need not declare an interest where it is merely something that they share with a wide community.
Personal and prejudicial interests in planning applications will be changed to allow any elected member to speak (but not to vote).
- 15/06 Street Lighting – two residents had asked for a street light between 16 and 20 Walking Way. The County Council quoted c£1,000 but had no funds available. MPC would have to meet the cost.
It was **AGREED** to take no further action. The clerk would advise the residents to contact County Councillor M Williamson and Milton Charities. *Action: the clerk*
- 16/06 Police Authority Budget 2006-07 – a series of consultation meetings had been arranged concluding on 15th February.
- 17/06 Fire Authority Budget – consulting about an increase of 3%.
- 18/06 Local Access Forum – notice of forthcoming meetings.
- 19/06 Planning Workshop – CPRE are holding a planning workshop on Saturday 11th March in Wimblington.
- 20/06 Community Access Point Meeting – 9th February at 6pm Cambourne.
- 21/06 Guided Bus – Bob Menzies CCC had offered to talk to Council about the guided bus.
- 22/06 New Bus Service – new Citi2 bus service to Addenbrookes via Chesterton, town centre and Mill Road had started that day. Approximately 50 minutes from Milton to the hospital. It was hoped that this did not impact adversely on Service 19 and 19A.
- 23/06 **7 Planning** – the minutes of the Planning meeting held on 19th December 2005 were received and noted
- (510/05) Chesterton Fen – response from SCDC one unauthorised site – two mobiles at Camside Farm. These would be moved on to an approved site. There were breaches on the lawful sites – plots being occupied by non travellers/gypsies – many from Eastern Europe. Enforcement action would be taken.
- Decisions received
- 24/06 Napp Pharmaceuticals Ltd Science Park – installation of external plant – **approved**.
(444/05) In accord with: Structure Plan Policy P1/3 - Sustainable Design in Built Development and Local Plan Policy EN6 - Noise and Pollution.
- 25/06 Tesco Store – display of signs – **approved** for a period of 5 years.
(460/05)
- 26/06 Cambridge Regional College – 15 metre high wind turbine – **approved**.
(461/05) **Landscaping scheme to be approved**. Revised alignment noted.
Policies:
Structure Plan: P7/7 - Renewable Energy Conservation;
South Cambs local Plan: EN44 - Renewable Energy and Conservation of Energy.
- 27/06 Stannifer Developments Ltd – highway improvements to the A10 - **refused**.
(463/05) **Local Highway Authority (LHA) considered the proposed 10m wide carriageway an unacceptable highway safety risk – Contrary to Policy P8/1 Structure Plan.**
Safety audit not submitted. LHA did not agree with Methodology used within Transport Assessment.
Highways Agency directed Planning Authority to refuse permission as there was “insufficient information available to the Secretary of State to determine whether the proposed development would generate trafficincompatible with the use of the trunk road.....and with safety of traffic on the trunk road.”

This direction to be maintained until the Secretary of State comes to a view or until 28th February.

Propose replacement of A10 bridge with surface crossing would increase the danger especially for school pupils.

Proposed replacement of A14 bridge not technically feasible on the current site.

Insufficient information to judge impact on:

dust, noise, vibration, pollution, changes of level and surface water drainage;

trees, hedges and ditches;

ecology;

sites of archaeological interest (3 milestones and Car Dyke Roman canal omitted from the Environmental Statement);

risk of flooding;

safety of 4 public footpaths.

Contrary therefore to:

Structure Plan: Policy P1/2 – Environmental Restrictions on Development;

Policy P1/3 – Sustainable design in Built Development;

Policy P7/6 – Historic Built Development.

South Cambs Local Plan:

Policy EN12 – Nature Conservation: Unidentified Sites; Policy EN 13 – Protected Species; Policy EN15 – Development Affecting ancient Monuments or other Archaeological Sites; Policy EN18 – The demolition of Listed Buildings; Policy EN28 – Development within the Setting of a Listed Building; Policy CS5 – Surface Water Drainage.

28/06
(481/05)

P Keene 17 Butt Lane, Milton – extension - **approved.**

Details of the materials to be used for the external walls and roof to be approved; no windows, doors or openings of any kind to be inserted in the west and east elevations of the extension; the ground floor roof lights situated above the kitchen in the west elevation to be fitted with obscured glass.

The following policy refers:

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2004: HG12 - Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings within Frameworks.

29/06
(482/05)

R Cawthorne 3 Wilson Way – Garage at Land at Wilson Way, Milton - **approved.**

The following policy refers:

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2004: HG12 - Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings within Frameworks.

30/06
(483/05)

K Wynn - land Adj. 31 Willow Crescent, Milton - details of design and external appearance and landscaping of the building in accordance with outline planning permission dated 6th October 2005, reference S/1573/05/O – **approved.**

Details of the materials to be used for the external walls and roof and landscaping to be approved.

The following policies refer:

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003: P1/3 - Sustainable Design in Built Development;

South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2004: SE3 - Limited Rural Growth Settlement;

HG10 - Housing Mix and Design; TP1 - Planning for More Sustainable Travel; EN5 – The Landscaping of New development.

The reserved matters were not considered to be significantly detrimental to the following material planning considerations, raised during the consultation exercise:

- Impact on the character of the area
- Future change of use
- Siting
- Access

New applications

31/06

S/2455/04 Cambridge Regional College – erection of business and training centre – reduction in depth of building by 4 metres and subsequent alterations to internal arrangement and elevations - **for information only.**

32/06

S/2219/05 Trinity College Unit 208 Science Park – extension amendment – provision of additional 8 covered cycle spaces plus locker/shower room – **for information only.**

- 33/06 Local Development Framework (LDF)
The LDF would guide the way development takes place in the period up to 2016 and beyond. The submission LDF documents together with the Cambridge East Action Plan (a Joint Plan) had been submitted to the Secretary of State and were subject to a six week period of public consultation until 17th February.
- 34/06 **8 Minibus** – the minutes of the Minibus meeting held on 12th December 2005 were received.
It was **AGREED**
to accept the recommendations for 2006 tariffs.
- 35/06 (466/05) **9 Quotation for cleaning war memorial**
There were no grants available for two reasons: 1. the memorial was not listed and 2. SCDC had frozen all their grants.
Ivett & Reed felt that the lettering did not need attention at this stage. One side was slightly more worn than the others although not sufficiently worn to require attention. The inscription could be hand cut on site at a cost of £11.00 per letter plus VAT - 42 letters on the southern side (inc 1914 1918) – cost would be £462.
AGREED
to find out financial and other implications of having the memorial listed.
Action: the clerk
- 36/06 (486/05) **10 Parish Council Office**
Electricity used by bowls club June 02 – June 05 6824 units = 2275 per year.
AGREED
to pay electricity charges above 2275 units per year. Payment for water use to be negotiated. These charges would be subject to review.
Action: the clerk

Office name to be: Parish Council Office
The clerk would contact the Post Office about the address.
AGREED
to have an official opening on the day of the APM – 24th April – to be opened by the Chairman.
The clerk would invite Jem Belcham, Planning Officer. *Action: the clerk*
- 37/06 (487/05) **11 Land update**
RHC, JEC, RD, IFM, RLEW and the clerk had met with Mark Liddiard and Jim Hill of the Football Association on 9th December at Rectory Farm. The meeting had been very positive. A report had been circulated and noted.
The clerk had sent in two planning applications: for change of use from agricultural to recreation and one for a sports pavilion together with car park.
Thanks to RHC for his hospitality.
- 38/06 (488/05) **12 Youth Shelter** – RHC and his engineers replaced seats and also metal cladding from the store to make the roof safe (after discussion with the clerk) as there was concern about potential liability.
Thanks to RHC for making the shelter safe.
Urban Engineering in a letter dated 5th December could “offer no further assistance” and felt that the company had “met its obligations” and that the damage was not their responsibility.
Youth Building
- Fundraising update – Total estimated cost £108,000 of which £78,000 was pledged. Council agreed to fund 10% (£2,000) from its £20,000 pledged to release £20,000 funds from Evolve EB (Donarbon), as with WREN (mi ??? refers).
WREN were expecting progress within six months. SCDC’s pledge would probably be reviewed after 18 months.
Garfield Weston’s decision would be received within 8-16 weeks. CCC had sent a letter of support. HMS expected a formal offer of grant.
Thanks to HMS for her continuing efforts.
- Revised quotation - **£94,602 + £3,615** for demolishing and removing existing building - [2004 quote was £91,258 demolition £3,448].

Project manager – **AGREED** – to ask three firms to tender for project managing the building. A working party PSB, AJC, JEC, LH, JP and HMS would draw up a specification. **Action: HMS**

Youth Councils - The clerk recently attended an interesting presentation on Youth Councils by the Town Clerk of St Neots. St Neots give their Youth Council £10,000 per year out of a budget of £1+ million. A brilliant new skate park had been built through the efforts of the Youth Council. For the scheme to work properly a person with passion and commitment for Youth Councils is essential.

39/06
(479/05)

13 Country Park

A letter of thanks was received from Cambridge Mencap for allowing them the opportunity to address the December meeting.

ME reported that CM were consulting with other managements of other Country Parks. Information packs had not been sent out by SCDC to other interested parties.

- SCDC proposal for Local Nature Reserve Application - Council would not object to the Country Park becoming a Nature Reserve so long as it did not conflict with present users ie fishermen, dog walkers etc.

A consultation meeting about the future of the Country Park was due to be held on 22nd January at the Visitor Centre. The clerk would write to SCDC expressing Council's disappointment that SCDC were not proposing to leaflet every household.

Action: the clerk

It was **AGREED** that JEC, on behalf of Council, use the text from a SCDC poster to produce a leaflet for distribution by Village View distributors and Councillors.

40/06

14 MCC Update

The Community Centre had been re-roofed – extra cost £7,000. New guttering had also been installed. The south façade was due to be replaced in April.

MCC management meeting in two weeks, Finance next week. Revised costings for improvement works not yet known – it was hoped that the figures would be ready for Council's Finance Meeting 23rd January. Grant request would be decided at MCC Finance meeting.

41/06

15 Landfill Liaison

Waste Recycling Group had arranged a meeting for 19th January in the bowls pavilion from 7pm to discuss their proposed planning application to revise their timescale.

The chairman, therefore, suggested that there was no longer a need to close the meeting as all the details would be available for discussion on the 19th January.

RHC, RD, JP and PKO would attend – HMS and RTS as District Councillors.

42/06

16 County Councillor's report

County Council Budget – although there would be no cuts affecting Milton specifically there would be cuts in youth provision and general road maintenance during the next two years.

Pedestrian Crossing – belisha beacon – MW would follow this up.

Cycle Accidents – there had been three cycle / vehicle accidents near Winship Road recently.

43/06

17 District Councillors' reports

Cambridge Road Industrial Estate – Pine Direct had appealed against enforcement action (min 387/05 refers). Traffic Consultants for Pine Direct had put forward a good case for not dismissing the appeal on traffic grounds. MW would ask David Lines to consider double yellow lines along the south side of the road. Noted that a safety audit had been conducted from the bridge to the Country Park.

44/06

18 Bills for Payment and Money Received

CONFIRMED - payment of cheques 3157 – 3165

AGREED - payment of cheques 3166 – 3173 and online Inland Revenue

45/06

19 Correspondence

CCC - Budget consultation for 2006/07

20 Dates of Next Meetings

Planning and Finance 23rd January
Council 6th February - items for agenda to the clerk by 27th January

The meeting ended at 10.00pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....