

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 17th July 2006 at 7.030pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: JE Coston (chair) PK Oldham PS Badley RH Chapman IL Davis R Day RJ Farrington IF May
(from min 331/06 - apologies for lateness) J Payne HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters
The clerk, County Councillor M Williamson (part) and three members of the public (part)

Public Participation – none

- 307/06 **1 Alistair Frost**
(293/06) **Park & Ride** (see also 215/06)
CCC cabinet approved option 4 (South of Butt Lane) at its meeting on 11th July. The planning process would now begin. Compulsory Purchase Orders would be made if necessary. AF intended inviting Council to a presentation.
The A10 footbridge could not be improved and there was not enough money to build a new bridge. Phased traffic lights would allow pedestrians to cross at the junction.
There were serious concerns about this proposal. Council wanted to be involved as soon as possible at the design stage.
A10/A14 interchange
The traffic was not flowing as well as hoped. Extra sensors in the road were being installed, traffic lights timings were being monitored. It was important to keep the A10 traffic moving. AF would keep Council informed of progress.
MW felt that motorists needed to hear the message that it was quicker in peak times to use the A10 and not “rat run” through the village.
- 308/06 **2 Future Management of the Country Park - Simon McIntosh and Councillor Vicky Ford**
(230/06) **(Portfolio Holder, Community Development, SCDC)**
This item, 11 on the agenda, was brought forward.
Mencap, College of West Anglia and MPC had expressed interest in the management of the Country Park.
VF would report back to Cabinet on 14th September. A meeting with an *ad hoc* was arranged for Wednesday 19th July at 12.30pm in the Council office.
- 3 Apologies for absence** – AJ Campbell M Ellwood B Jefferson
- 309/06 **4 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial** - RHC item 9 personal (RHC has business dealings with Site Enhancements Ltd).
- 310/06 **5 Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting of 12th June 2006 were approved and signed as a true record.
- 311/06 **6 County Councillor’s report** (brought forward)
A10/A14 Interchange – MW was continuing to discuss with A Frost.
Area Joint committee – HMS, RTS and RLEW made convincing reports to the committee (see min 334/06 below).
- 7 Clerk’s/Chairman’s report**
- 312/06 Crime – Neighbourhood Panel meeting on 18th July, South Cambs Partnership Community Safety event on Wednesday 20th September. Histon Police Profile received – to be circulated. **Action: the clerk**
- 313/06 Clerk’s audit – June week 1 - 23 hours, week 2 – 30.25 hours, week 3 – 19.25 hours week 4 – 22, total = 94.50 hours.
- 314/06 Horse grazing rights – the tenant had accepted the increase.
- (287/06) 315/06 Allotments – there had been fly tipping on three occasions recently at the allotments. This had been cleared away by SCDC at a cost of £200. Maintenance committee to discuss at its next meeting.
Arrangements for:
- 316/06 November 11th JEC would invite the school to the Act of Remembrance although this year the 11th falls on a Saturday. PSB would speak to the school. **Action: PSB**
- 317/06 Christmas – carol singing around a Christmas tree suggested. Ideas needed for a venue for the tree.
- 318/06 Milestone Society – Mrs Farrington of the Milestone Society spent a morning voluntarily restoring the milestone near the allotments – erected after the 18th Century Turnpike Act.
AGREED to make a ‘one-off’ donation of £25 to the Society. [9 votes in favour, 2 abstentions].
- 319/06 Warden Impington Village College - noted that Jackie Kearns, the warden was leaving to work for the British Council. JEC had met the four candidates for the post and expressed the hope that there would be more liaison between the village and IVC.
- 320/06 Web site – it was **AGREED** that the website www.miltonvillage.org.uk was the responsibility of the Parish Council. PKO would produce a Policy for the web site. **Action: PKO**
- 321/06 CALC – meeting 24th August. Details of various training sessions received.
- 322/06 SCDC Gambling Act 2005 – Draft Policy received.

- 323/06 **8 Planning** – the minutes of the planning meeting held on 3rd July 2006 were received.
 324/06 Appeal – Wildfowl Cottage – against refusal of planning permission.
 (156/06)
- new applications:
- 325/06 S/1241/06 Ms S Lee 6 Sunningdale Chesterton Fen Road – erection of day room (retrospective application).
Refuse: Contrary to Policy HG14 – “Replacement of a caravan or other mobile home in the countryside with a permanent dwelling will not be permitted” and HG 19 “Any planning permission for a mobile home will be subject to a condition that the mobile home shall not be sub-divided into more than one unit”. [5 votes for refusal, 6 abstentions].
 An up-to-date photograph of Chesterton Fen would be useful.
- 326/06 Enforcement Notice – N O’Connor Chesterton Fen – the clerk would find out the up-to-date position from the
 (273/05) County Council (copy to MW). **Action: the clerk** [Minutes of meeting held in Cambridge still not received].
- 327/06 Waste – Chesterton Fen – it was reported that waste was being moved from Chesterton Fen to the golf club.
 The clerk would notify the County Council (copy to MW). **Action: the clerk**
- 328/06 **9 Play** – the minutes of the play meeting held on 11th July were received.
 (304/06) **AGREED**
 to accept quotation from Site Enhancements Ltd of £638 + VAT to restore maypole swing (Froment Way) and goal posts on Humphries Way.
- (305/06) Skate park – as Murfitt were on site laying the foundations for the youth building the clerk had asked them to
 concrete the area left by the removal of the half pipe. It was agreed that this needed to be done both for safety
 reasons and for a base for the “new” half pipe. Youth Club would be expected to fund raise.
- 329/06 **10 Maintenance**
 PKO explained that overgrown hedges and bushes needed to be cut back adjacent to a house at The Sycamores,
 near the Hawthorn Hedge open space and that this was outside the village contract.
AGREED
 to accept quotation by Buchans of £490 to remove hawthorns etc [6 in favour, 5 abstentions].
 To be done in August.
- 330/06 **11 Financial Regulations**
CONFIRMED the following amendment to Financial Regulations 75(c) i and ii (min 12/06 refers):
 Standing Order 75:
 b. The clerk shall be allowed to spend up to £100 without prior approval of Council.
 c. Where it is intended to enter into a contract for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works
 or specialist services other than such goods, materials, works or specialist services as are excepted as set out in
 paragraph 75(a):
**i. For expenditure of between £100 and £500 the chairman of the spending committee together with the
 clerk shall have executive power.**
ii. For expenditure of between £500 and £2000 prior approval of Council shall be required.
 iii. For expenditure exceeding £2000 the clerk shall invite tenders from at least three firms.
- 331/06 **12 Youth Building**
 Work had started. Heating had not yet been agreed. As this could have cost implications a special meeting may
 need to be convened to consider options.
 (289/06) CCTV - Standing Orders were suspended for this item [11 votes in favour, 1 against]. PSB had obtained
 quotations for fixed cameras which would cover both the youth building (including building works) and
 pavilion.
AGREED
 to accept quotation by Crawford Associates of £3,500 for 6 fixed cameras (first part of installation
 to cover youth building works to be installed as soon as possible) + £500 towards maintenance costs
 [9 votes in favour, 3 abstentions].
- Maintenance costs not yet established - to be discussed also with sports clubs and MCC. RLEW felt that MCC
 would pay for the two cameras and running costs for the pavilion.
- 332/06 **13 Land update - appeal against refusal of planning permission for land north of the A10**
 (290/06) **AGREED**
 to ask for the appeal to be written representation.
- The clerk would send off appeal letters together with all necessary documents. **Action: the clerk**
 [JEC to check status of land behind Milton Hall].

333/06 **14 MCC update**

Refurbishment – MCC were awaiting drawings from the architect.

Village Fayre – was very successful. Letter of thanks to be sent to organisers. *Action: the clerk*

334/06 **15 District Councillors’ reports**

(293/06) Area Joint Committee – good hearing; a petition was presented. The officers would look at the problems with the approach to the foot / cycle bridge and the junction with Winship Road. HMS and RTS spoke against the cycleway scheme between Milton and Impington.

Neighbourhood Policing – a Government minister was due to speak at the Country park on 18th July about neighbourhood policing.

Crime Profile – for Histon sector received. The clerk would circulate. *Action: the clerk* Noted that crime in Milton had increased.

Lock Keeper’s Cottage - a new river manager was due to start work on 1st August. The cottage would be adapted first.

(180/06) Rowing Lake – a meeting with Rowing trust was due to take place to discuss the Section 106 Agreement. Noted that new water and drainage engineers had been appointed.

335/06 **17 Bills for Payment and Money Received**

CONFIRMED payment of cheques 3286 – 3291 (including online to Inland Revenue)

AGREED payment of cheques 3292 – 3303 excluding cheque 3301 to CJ Murfitt.

The invoice from Murfitt was for “supply and fit twin CAT 5 computer plates” in the office. Council felt that this was part of the original specification. [10 votes in favour, 2 abstentions].

336/06 **18 Correspondence**

- CCC - St Andrew’s Street / Hobson Street consultation
- Minerals and Waste Development Plan progress
- Directory of Childcare and Children’s Services
- John Ballantyne and David Hussell - Reorganisation of SCDC
- Cambs ACRE - Notice of AGM 5th September at St Ives
- Royal Mail - Confirmation of new post codes – CB24
- SCDC - Village Facilities information leaflet

18 Dates of Next Meetings

- Finance 24th July 8pm
- Planning tba if necessary
- Council 4th September
- Planning and Maintenance 18th September

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