

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 11 June 2007 at 7.00pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: JE Coston (chair) RH Chapman PS Badley (part) AJ Campbell G Covell R Day M Ellwood
S Humphreys B Jefferson HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters
The clerk, County Councillor M Williamson and Denis Payne, Chairman Impington Parish Council (part)

Iwan Jones – Development Manager Urban Renaissance Villages (URV) – land at Milton Hall

The chairman welcomed Iwan Jones who explained his company's proposals for a retirement village on approximately 1.8 hectares (C 4.5 acres) of land at Milton Hall. There would be 80-120 units both single and 2 storey, a medical centre, library, shop, restaurant, bar and billiards room available to all the village. URV intended putting on an exhibition to find out ideas from the village and hoped to submit formal plans by the end of the year. On average URV employed about 40 people in their retirement villages. They aimed at quality developments. The units would be leasehold.

URV would try to keep within the existing building footprint to avoid encroaching on Green Belt. Recreation facilities for the village (eg Colts football pitches) on the land behind Milton Hall would be considered as part of a Section 106 Agreement. Permissive access rights would be needed.

Thanks to Iwan Jones for his presentation. MPC looked forward to a continuing dialogue with URV.

Public Participation – no members of the public were present.

1 Apologies for absence – RJF, IFM

252/6-07 **2 Vacancy** - no candidate had yet come forward. To be considered again at July meeting.
(209/5-07)

253/6-07 **3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial**

HMS item 6 planning – personal (member of SCDC Planning Committee); RTS item 9 Country Park personal – member of Save Country Park Campaign and member of SCDC Interview Panel of bidders; JEC item 9 Country Park personal – member of Save Country Park Campaign.

254/6-07 **4 Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting of 14 May 2007 were approved and signed as a true record.

5 Clerk's/Chairman's report

255/6-07 Public Houses – Signs – the enforcement officer had advised the Jolly Brewers to remove some of its notice
(12/3-07) boards or submit a planning application. The conservation team felt that the same applied to the Lion & Lamb. The landlord of the Lion & Lamb had agreed to put in an application.

256/6-07 Cambridge City Council Development Strategy – Consultation period on the Issues and Options Report 11 June
to 23 July.

257/6-07 Cambridge Sport Lakes – newsletter. Open House 12 June Cambridge Blue Gwydir Street.

258/6-07 Web site - the Chairman and clerk had not yet met with PK Oldham. A policy to agree who had access to the
(193/4-07) site and the content on the site was needed as Council was responsible for what was published. It was Council policy that all communications go through the clerk.

259/6-07 Risk assessments – (minute F&S Committee 248/5-07 refers) Completed forms were in the office.

260/6-07 Highway matters: - noted that MW was following up the various outstanding highway issues - CCTV on
(217/5-07) bridge, Double yellow lines, flooding, light at pinch point Ely Road, bus shelter hard standing area Landbeach Road and overhanging pyracantha The Rowans. (See County Councillor's report).

261/6-07 Land adjacent A14 - the clerk would write to David Atkinson CCC expressing concern that a large amount of
(220/5-07) material had been brought on to the site and not removed and that the land had not been returned to its previous undeveloped state. (Copies to Environment Agency and SCDC Enforcement Officer). **Action: the clerk**

262/6-07 Park & Ride – planning approval decision received with various conditions (attached to minutes). Visit to the
(224/5-07) site to see archaeological finds arranged for 11 July.

263/6-07 Crime – the recent Histon Sector newsletter had reported on an Environmental Visual Assessment conducted by
the police. RHC, the clerk, PC Shulver and two PCSO's had since walked the village and found that the open spaces were well maintained. The clerk would ask PCSO Scott Evans to retract the "uncomplimentary" statement made in that newsletter. **Action: the clerk**

- 264/6-07 Travellers - Consultation with the Travelling and Settled Communities - Thursday 19th July 2007 3 - 7pm at South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne
South Cambridgeshire District Council intended producing a Gypsy and Traveller Development Plan Document which would identify guidelines for future Gypsy/Traveller sites and suggest locations for future sites within South Cambridgeshire.
- 265/6-07 Youth building – noted that as the youth building had not yet been handed over to MCC Council must pay the rates.
(188/4-07) The chairman was concerned about the lack of progress and time spent by the clerk on youth building issues. The cleaner had reported that he did not wish to clean the youth building any more. A temporary cleaner was being employed. Two enquiries for the caretaker / cleaner post had been received. (Job description needed).
The chairman, clerk, RJF and J Gray would meet to discuss the way forward.
Noted that the CCTV should be checked weekly. Youth committee would discuss who should have access to CCTV.

6 Planning

Decisions received:

- 266/6-07 A Webb Lomas Farm Chesterton Fen Road – change of use of display to day room (retrospective application) –
(129/3-07) **approved.**
Structure Plan Policies: **P1/2 (Environmental restrictions on Development); P6/3 (Flood Defence); P9/2a (Green Belt)**
Local Plan Policies: **GB2 (Green Belt); HG23 (Gypsies and Travelling Show People); CS5 (Flood Protection);**
Core Strategy DPD 2007: **ST/3 (Re-using Previously Developed Land and Buildings).**
- 267/6-07 F Smith Darrens Farm Chesterton Fen Road – stable block – **approved. Conditions imposed relating to**
(181/4-07) **period of construction work; if the building ceases to be used for stabling of horses for a continuous period of 12 months the block must be demolished.**
Structure Plan Policies: **P1/2 (Environmental restrictions on Development); P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Development); P9/2a (Green Belt).**
Local Plan Policies: **GB2 (Green Belt); GB3 (The Location of Development); GB5 (Recreation Role of the Green Belt); RT1 (Recreation and Tourism Development).**
- New applications:
- 268/6-07 C/11/40/072 Mrs Mitton 40 High Street – removal of sycamore - Conservation Area – **tree should be replaced by similar.** (Delegated).
- 269/6-07 C/11/17/072/04 Phillips & Feeley Ltd – various tree works at Milton Hospice Grounds – **no comments.** (Delegated).
- 270/6-07 S/0933/07 J Crickmore The Barn Chesterton Fen Road – carport - **no recommendation.**
- 271/6-07 S/0953/07 Mr & Mrs R Billet 81 Cambridge Road – two storey extension to side - **no recommendation.**
- 272/6-07 S/0974/07 Tesco Stores Cambridge Road – installation of ATM and anti-ram bollards – **refuse on safety grounds. Parking at the petrol forecourt (already a crime area) and by the zebra crossing to access an ATM in this position would create hazards.**

- 273/6-07 **7 Finance** – the minutes of the Finance & Staffing committee of 21 May were received.
AGREED to approve the recommendations (min 250/5-07) that:
- 1. The separate reserves in the Accounts described as Commuted Sums, Land Sale and Capital Projects Precept be merged into a single Capital Projects Fund;**
 - 2. The Millennium Book Fund be named “Millennium / History Fund”; and**
 - 3. When the furnishing of the Youth Centre is complete any balance on the Youth Centre reserve be returned to the General Reserve.**

AGREED that

Council approve the Accounts 2006-07 (min 250/5-07).

AGREED to exclude members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item by reason of the confidential nature of the business – Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1 (2):

AGREED: Salary Scales 2007 (min 251/5-07)

- a) Council keep the same scales as in 2006 and that pay increases be back dated from 1st April 2007 (as soon as pay scales are agreed);**
- b) to pay the clerk £500 towards completing the Quality Status Application over and above payment for normal duties and to ask CPALC to fund 50% from its bursary fund provided specifically for this purpose; and**
- c) that the clerk be put on SCP 31 on 1st April 2008. (The clerk had asked not to be put on SCP 31 in 2007).**

The clerk was authorised to pay the new rates back dated to 1st April.

274/6-07 **8 Parish Boundary Review and associated electoral arrangements relating to new development at Arbury Park**

Standing Order 69 was invoked to allow Denis Payne to explain the various options. It was important to use local knowledge to control development south of the A14 within Impington parish. SCDC intended holding the new parish council elections in May 2008.
Thanks to D P for his input. DP left the meeting at this point.

RTS declared a personal interest (member of SCDC Electoral Arrangement Committee).
Exhibition to be held at Meadows Centre 13 June – consultation period ends 27 July.
Option 4 seemed logical.

AGREED
to await Impington Parish Council’s views before making a decision.

275/6-07 **9 Country Park update**

(231/5-07) Noted that Councillor Manning had declined to meet the chairman and vice-chairman.
SCDC had short listed three organisations to manage the park:

- 1 National Trust
- 2 Cambridge Sport Lakes
- 3 Cambridge Preservation Society.

The Save Milton Country Park Campaign was reserve if the three bids above fail.

The clerk would invite the three organisations to meet Council. **Action: the clerk**

276/6-07 **10 Land update**

(234/5-07) CCC land at Landbeach was recently sold at auction for approximately £14,000 per acre. Horningsea Parish Council leased land from the CCC at a peppercorn rent. The CCC had powers to sell land to communities at under market value but MW reported that CCC policy was to sell at market value at the price as recommended by their land agent.

ME had been advised that £3,000 - £6,000 per acre was the appropriate price for agricultural / recreation land.

AGREED
that the land group - JEC, RHC, RD and IFM – should meet to put forward a strategy of negotiation to the July meeting and that a working group be appointed at that July meeting to negotiate with the CCC.

277/6-07 **11 MCC update**

Plans to brick the outside of MCC may be discarded as the surveyor was not prepared to put in writing that building a brick façade was an option.

278/6-07 **12 County Councillor’s report**

Highway issues - there seemed to be a feeling among parish councils that the Southern Highways Department was not fulfilling its duties - for example there were still outstanding issues in Milton (min above). The clerk in conjunction with MW would write to Mark Kemp with a copy to Matt Maguire?, portfolio holder.

Action: the clerk and MW

A14/A10 interchange – traffic seemed to be moving better at the interchange. This should be reviewed after the completion of the Cowley Road junction road works.

279/6-07 **13 District Councillors’ reports**

(237/5-07) North Lodge – the SCDC Conservation & Design Advisory Group made North Lodge one of its four priority buildings needing attention (also min 218/5-07).

Tesco – HMS was due to meet the Tesco manager – with BJ and MW. Grass and shrub cutting was on the agenda.

Stanton Nursery – Landbeach Parish Council were concerned about the signs advertising Stanton Nursery along Landbeach Road. The clerk would investigate. **Action: the clerk**

Recycling – Tesco stores throughout the country were replacing district council recycling centres with their own.

280/6-07 **14 Bills for Payment and Money Received (to be circulated)**

CONFIRMED payment of cheques 3521 – 3526 (3527 cancelled)

AGREED payment of cheques 3528 – 3535 (1 abstention).

281/6-07 **15 Correspondence**

- SCDC - Public consultations at May 07
- COPE - Newsletter (monthly publication - not to be minuted in future)
- CDRP - Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership newsletter Jan – March

282/6-07 **16 Dates of Next Meetings**

- Youth** - **20 June**
- Maintenance** - **25 June**
- Planning** - **2 July**
- Council** - **9 July**

The meeting ended at 9.55pm.

Chairman..... Date.....