

## Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2006 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

**Present:** JE Coston (chair) PK Oldham PS Badley AJ Campbell RH Chapman IL Davis R Day M Ellwood  
 RJ Farrington B Jefferson IF May (from min 289/06 - apologies for lateness) J Payne HM Smith  
 RT Summerfield RLE Waters  
 The clerk and County Councillor M Williamson

Public Participation – none

### 1 Apologies for absence - none

### 259/06 2 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial

JEC – item 5 (min 281/06) prejudicial; RHC item 6 (min 285/06) personal - conducts business with James Matthews and item 8 (min 287/06)- (supplies hay to the tenants); RLEW item 10 personal (min 289/06) - grandson a member; PKO item 16 Charter 88 (a signatory).

260/06 3 Minutes - the minutes of the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2006 were approved and signed as a true record.

### 4 Clerk / Chairman's report

261/06 Crime – Cambs & Peterborough Distraction Burglary and Rogue Trader Task Force were concerned about the number of such burglaries targeted at older people.  
 Noted that a new PCSO had been appointed.

262/06 Graffiti bus shelters – The Youth Offending Service could clean graffiti for free in the East Cambs area only at present; in the South Cambs area from July/August.

(198/06) Park & Ride – copies of responses by Impington and Histon Parish Councils to the recent consultation were received. (See also District Councillors' reports below). A Frost was interested to know which land MPC owned adjacent A10. **Action: the clerk**

264/06 Highways – PC Shulver would “police” double yellow lines at Cambridge Road Industrial Estate. South Cambs Traffic Management Area Joint Committee – petition for safety improvements at north end of cycle bridge and Winship Road would be presented at this meeting. (See also District Councillors' reports below).  
 Highways committee meeting provisionally scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> June cancelled – not necessary.  
 Representative invited to briefing at Shire Hall 14<sup>th</sup> June 5.45-7.45pm about “tackling the growing challenge of congestion in Cambridgeshire”.

265/06 Country Park - Council's response and three others were discussed at a cabinet meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June. (See also District Councillors' reports below).

(230/06) Clerk's audit – week 1-12 hours, week 2 – 28.5, week 3-35, week 4-20.5, week 5-0 (holiday) – total 96 hours.

266/06 Public Footpath No. 5 – noted that the EHO was considering putting up a barrier to prevent vehicles using the path. The Environment Agency and Cam Conservators were considering “what to do with the water in the ditch”. Sewage had been leaking into the ditch from a poorly maintained cess pit. This had now been remedied.

267/06 Standards Committee – notice of election of a parish council member to the standards committee was received. **AGREED** not to vote as time scale not sufficient to allow Council opportunity to discuss fully. The clerk to respond accordingly. **Action: the clerk**

Village Housing Needs Survey – noted that Council would have to meet the costs of future surveys (previously undertaken by SCDC).

Village Life Fund – noted that the Cambridge Water Company and Cambridge News were providing 10 awards of £250 each towards fund raising for village groups or projects.

### 5 PLANNING

269/06 Appeal by Mr Joseph Upton The Old Coal Yard Fen Road Chesterton against County Council enforcement notice for alleged breach of planning control viz “change of use of land from agriculture (on part) and skip storage (on part) to use for the importation, storage, sorting, processing and export of waste and the raising of the level of part of the land by the depositing of waste material and the siting of an ancillary office building.”

The clerk would write supporting local residents. **Action: the clerk**

270/06 Appeal by Mr Crickmore – conversion of barn/stables into dwelling – due to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

(337/05)

271/06 Appeal by Stannifer Developments against refusal of permission for development at “Mereham” and A10 highways improvements. Councillor Bill Hunt Haddenham had asked for Council's help in opposing the scheme.

272/06 Dr J Wilson new house Ely Road – use of building as chiropractic office – application withdrawn.

(210/06)

Appeal – Long Acre Farm – meeting – no notes of meeting yet received.

273/06 (223/06)

Parish Planning Pack received – help and advice on planning matters in South Cambs.

274/06

Decisions received:

- 275/06  
(138/06) R Boyd dwelling r/o 6 High Street – **approved**.  
**Details of materials for external walls and roof, surface water drainage, foul sewage disposal, storage accommodation, hard surfaced areas including roads, driveways and car parking areas, car parking, turning and loading to be approved.**  
**Existing block of garages not to be occupied other than for purposes ancillary to residential use.**  
**Landscaping scheme to be approved. Conditions also relating to trees and hedges, all site boundaries, windows on north west and south east elevations and hours of working during period of construction.**  
Cambs & Peterborough Structure Plan 2003: **P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Development)**  
South Cambs Local Plan 2004: **SE3 (Development in Limited Rural Growth Settlements), HG10 (Housing Mix and Design), HG11 (Back land Development), TP1 (Planning for More Sustainable Travel).**
- 276/06  
(187/06) Mr & Mrs Aldhouse 2 Willow Crescent – 2 storey extension – **refused. Unacceptable visual impact upon street scene – therefore contrary to Policy HG 12 of South Cambs Local Plan.**  
**Overbearing visual impact and loss of outlook for neighbouring properties. Therefore contrary to Policy HG12 of South Cambs Local Plan.**
- 277/06  
(188/06) Cambridge Mencap 2 Cambridge Road – temporary office unit – **approved till 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007.**  
Cambs & Peterborough Structure Plan 2003: **P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Development)**  
South Cambs Local Plan 2004: **EM6 (New Employment at Rural Growth and Limited Growth Settlements)**
- 278/06  
(209/06) Mr & Mrs R Lemon 16 Butt Lane – bungalow – **refused. Overlooking neighbouring dwellings; overbearing visual impact on 14a and 16 Butt Lane; existing and proposed dwellings would have inadequate north facing outside private amenity spaces. Detrimental to highway safety.**  
**Out of keeping with the character and pattern of development of the area.**  
**Therefore contrary to Policies SE3 and HG10 South Cambs Local Plan and Policies P1/3 and P8/1 of the Structure Plan.**
- 279/06 Bayer Crop Science Unit 230 Science Park signs (retrospective) – **approved.**  
South Cambs Local Plan: **Policy EN40.**
- 280/06  
(212/06) F De Simone 12 Woodman Way – extensions - **refused. Would create a row of terrace houses. Visual break in the built environment would be lost. Out of keeping with and unacceptable impact on the existing street scene and therefore contrary to Policy HG12 of Local Plan.** (Min 223/06 refers).
- New Applications:
- 281/06  
(140/06) S/0224/06 Amgen UK Ltd Units 214,216 & 240 Science Park – covered walkway link and timber decked terrace - reduction in size of covered walkway – **for information only.**
- 282/06 S/1009/06 Mrs C Tomlin 65 Coles Road – conservatory – **no recommendation.** (JEC left the meeting for this item).
- 283/06 S/1011/06/A Tesco Stores Cambridge Road – display panel - **refuse. This would be distracting on a dangerous corner, far too close to a crossing that Council had raised concerns about previously and traffic turning into (and queuing for) the petrol forecourt.**
- 284/06 S/1029/06 Trinity College (CPS) Ltd – erection of new gates and fencing at entrance to Science Park Kings Hedges Drive - **no recommendation.**  
**Concerns: were the emergency services and the tenants on the Science Park consulted? There appeared to be no cycle access. Would there be access for authorised people to open the gate with a swipe card at weekends?**
- 285/06 C/11/40/72 All Saints' Church – tree works – comments:  
1. Yew tree – **an important tree in the Conservation Area. More than enough work had been done to this tree, the crown having been raised to above 3m, and this should now be left alone.**  
2. Two chestnut trees in car park – if these were diseased with bleeding canker then this was currently a very mild case in both trees. **No case for removing the smaller tree at present.**  
3. Lime in corner over church hall – the application was to pollard this at 5m, only 1m about the split. **Suggested that reducing crown, perhaps by "pollarding" at 10m, would be more appropriate if this tree were to remain a visible part of the tree landscape around the church and Conservation Area.**  
4. Leaning Robinia - **agreed that removing this tree would be sensible.**  
5. Holm Oaks - **agreed with the church's proposals for these trees.**

**6 Play** – discussed after District Councillors' reports

286/06 **7 Finance** – the minutes of the Finance meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 were received.  
**AGREED**

to approve the year end accounts and confirm the Statement of Assurance.

287/06 **8 Horse Grazing Rights**  
**AGREED**

to close the meeting for this item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential (commercial) nature of the business.

288/06 **9 Community Care**  
**AGREED**

to continue to close the meeting for this item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business (relating to salaries and personal information).

The meeting was opened again at 8.40pm.

289/06 **10 Youth Building**  
(232/06) Application S/1770/04 amended – repositioning of windows and doors – the clerk had sent in approval under delegated powers.  
Cheque for £22,850 insurance claim received.  
A new quotation from CJ Murfitt Ltd of £105,414 was received to reflect additional and necessary items. Noted that L Henderson was applying to Awards for All for another £5,000 towards equipment.  
Cost of CCTV c £3,000. PSB would discuss with MCC Outdoor Recreation Committee and football / cricket clubs and bring 3 quotations to the July meeting.

It was suggested that a percentage of the insurance money should be used to back the project and that further requests for funding from the insurance money be made as and when necessary.

**AGREED**

to accept the quotation of £105,414 (11 votes in favour, 4 abstentions); and  
to take the balance of £3,644 additional funding from the insurance money (12 in favour, 3 abstentions). [£3,644 being the balance after including the £7,000 contingency already allowed].

RJF expressed concern that the building could be in competition with MCC for the same custom.

290/06 **11 Land update**  
(233/06) **AGREED**

to close the meeting for this item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential (commercial) nature of the business.

The meeting was re-opened at 9.20pm with all present.

**AGREED**

to appeal against SCDC's refusal of planning permission for change of use of land to recreation and the building of a sports pavilion with car park and to allow up £1,000 towards the cost of the appeal. (13 votes in favour and 2 abstentions).

The clerk would notify both SCDC and the County Council. *Action: the clerk*

Noted that the College of West Anglia had available the triangular piece of land just north of the A10 ONLY and nothing else.

291/06 **12 MCC update**

The architect was drawing up detailed plans for MCC refurbishments / improvements.

292/06 **13 County Councillor's report**

A10/A14 interchange – A Frost would monitor slip road out of Milton. Residents had expressed concerns about the lack of traffic lights here. Lane markings on slip road from west needed further away from the junction.

Area Joint Committee (Highways) – cycle way proposal between Milton and Impington was due to be raised again. Council still opposed this idea – the school bus(es) would be withdrawn if a safe route to Impington Village College was provided,

Neighbourhood Policing Panel - attendance by the public was poor. It was suggested that it would be a more efficient use of time if the police were to attend regular Council meetings for a few minutes. During the next few weeks the police would focus on speeding.

293/06

**14 District Councillors' reports**

Park & Ride – SCDC had debated this. No money was available for recreation land. There were complications in the acquisition of both sites 4 and 6 – site 4 had 3 owners, site 6 the land owners were prepared to allow a short term lease only. (See also Clerk's report above). Presentation to be made to County Council July meeting.

Country Park – (see also Clerk's report above) - A new portfolio holder, Vicky Ford, had been appointed. Better marketing , improved catering facilities and car parking charges were suggested at the cabinet meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June. Proposals to be put to September cabinet meeting. MPC would be invited to an informal meeting.

Area Joint Meeting – RLEW agreed to present the cycle / foot bridge safety proposals petition. (See also Clerk's report above).

Travellers' Consultation Meetings – 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June - SCDC were putting together a development plan document. RHC felt that a transit site was needed.

Domestic Abuse – SCDC had produced a Directory of Support Lines / Organisations to help those affected by abuse. The clerk would ask for a copy. **Action: the clerk**

294/06

**6 Play** – the minutes of the Play meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2006 were received.

**AGREED**

to close the meeting for this item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business (relating to salaries and personal information).

The meeting was opened with all present at 10.20pm.

The minutes of the Play meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June were received.

**AGREED**

to replace the maypole post (cost £350-£400) and use existing equipment to reinstate maypole.

**Action: RHC**

Skate park - as there were concerns about safety it was **AGREED**

to remove the half-pipe and flat bank (option 3 in Play minutes) with a view to securing funding for a robust replacement. (11 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention).

RHC would liaise with the clerk to remove the half-pipe and flat bank. **Action: RHC**

295/06

**15 Bills for Payment and Money Received**

**CONFIRMED** payment of cheques 3265 – 3271

**AGREED** payment of cheques 3273 – 3285.

296/06

**16 Correspondence**

- CCC - Roadside Verge Management – Questionnaire
- Heavy Commercial Vehicles issues eg online route map, places to stop
- The clerk would suggest incorporating an overnight stopping area in the new Park & Ride. **Action: the clerk**
- Charter 88 - Sustainable Communities Bill
- Energy Saving Trust - Impartial energy saving advice offered
- Care Network - May Newsletter
- SCDC - Travellers Site Provision – Consultation evenings

**17 Dates of Next Meetings**

- Planning 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Finance 17<sup>th</sup> July (to be re-arranged)
- Council 17<sup>th</sup> July 7pm

The meeting ended at 10.45pm.

Signed.....

Date.....