

Minutes of the Maintenance Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 28 June 2010 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: RH Chapman (chairman) JE Coston GA Covell R Day M Ellwood SC Humphreys B Jefferson
IF May RT Summerfield RLE Waters WD Booth E Spong
The clerk

- 1 **Election of Chairman** – RHC was elected chairman. [Election of vice chairman to be discussed at September meeting].
- 2 **Apologies for absence** – D Chamberlin. M Desvaux – because of pressure of other commitments (namely the Foodshare Project) Mark had resigned as an allotment representative.

3 **Public Participation** – no member of the public was present.

4 **Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial**

5 **Minutes – the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2010 were approved and signed as a true record.**

Meeting room electrical works (M4/03-10) – works completed.

Bus stop Waggon & Horses (M10/03-10) – Stagecoach had made their drivers aware of the need to slow down when approaching this stop and check whether any passengers are waiting (see PC9/05-10).

Ownership of verges (M10/03-10) – Old School Lane and Willow Crescent: Land Registry confirm that “no registration or application.....is shown on the index map in relation to the Property.”

Bunding on verge by kebab van (M10/03-10) – had now been done (min PC 5/06-10 also refers).

Bus shelter Cambridge Road (M11/03-10) – light had been repaired.

6 **Cemetery – update** (M5/03-10)

Inspection (by Command Pest Control) on 28 May: several rabbit burrows found in ditch side, all workings treated. No sign of mole activity.

Seat – RHC reported that the seat had now been installed.

Request for seat / plaque - from family of recently deceased resident. Council Policy was to provide the same type of metal seat throughout the village. The clerk would discuss with the family and report back to September meeting. **Action: the clerk**

7 **Allotments – update** (M6/03-10)

Correspondence received – an allotment holder expressed his continuing support for the Parish Council’s administration of the allotments. Noted that some allotments had been sub-let contrary to the Tenancy Agreement. The clerk was satisfied that allotment holders had not “jumped the queue” by this method and that those allotments sub-let had now been reallocated fairly and equitably. The chairman confirmed that at this time there were no plans by the Parish Council to form an Allotment Association and therefore that it would not be a requirement within the Tenancy Agreement that allotment holders must be members of such an association. The clerk to respond to the allotment holder. **Action: the clerk**

Allotment Association (PC11/05-10 refers) – M Desvaux was stepping down from the Milton Allotment Association working party.

Security - no report.

Request for road strengthening - it was agreed to improve the road surface if material became available. The chairman and clerk would investigate. **Action: Chairman and clerk**

Land negotiations (PC11/05-10 refers) – nothing further to report. Noted that the allotment holders generally did not want to move. The chairman reaffirmed that all parties including allotment holders would be consulted at the appropriate time.

Agenda items (M6/03-10) – “inappropriate trees; deposit and review of rents” to be discussed at September meeting.

8 **Play – update** (M7/03-10)

New equipment

- Hawthorn Hedge site. Council had not replaced the wooden houses. GAC would ask parents of young children for their views as to what should be on this site and bring ideas to the September meeting.

Action: GAC

- Skate park. Request for improvements to and/or new skate park had been received. The MCC outdoor recreation committee was scheduled to discuss at its next meeting. As a result of vandalism and poor design the skate park previously provided had mostly been removed. As there were many skate parks in the area it was felt that priority should be given to the Hawthorn Hedge site.

Play Champion (F&S9/04-10) – the clerk had asked through the Village View for interested persons to contact the office. As no one had come forward JEC agreed to include an article in the next Village View. **Action: JEC**

9 Horse grazing rights (M8/03-10)

Notice to relinquish rights by tenant. The clerk would find out exactly when the tenant intended leaving.

Action: the clerk

10 Highway Issues

Flashing speed limit signs – GAC raised this issue. Cost: approx. £4-5,000. It was suggested that Ely Road may be an appropriate place for such a sign. Issues to be explored: accident figures and numbers of vehicles actually speeding. The chairman and clerk would discuss these issues with PC Shulver and report back.

Action: the chairman and clerk

The chairman would also discuss with HMS as a member of Speedwatch. *Action: the chairman*

Noted that the Parish Plan did not highlight flashing speed signs as an issue and that the Parish Plan Transport Group had not met for over a year.

WDB repeated his plea that a reduced speed limit should be considered along the whole stretch of Ely Road.

LTP consultation extended to 30 July.

See <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/strategies/local/> for details.

11 Any other business - none.

12 Date of Next Meeting – 27 September 2010.

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

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