

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 07 March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: RT Summerfield (chair) PS Badley JE Coston GA Covell R Day TA Drummond M Ellwood
RJ Farrington M Hersom B Jefferson IF May HM Smith RLE Waters
Three members of the public, the clerk and assistant clerk

1 Apologies for absence - AJ Campbell SC Humphreys Cllr M Williamson,

2 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial

Personal:

TAD – Land update agenda 18 – member of Colts football club

HMS – Planning agenda 6 - a member of SCDC's planning committee.

Prejudicial:

JEC - Request from cricket club agenda 8 - husband a member of cricket club

TAD – Request from cricket club agenda 8 - son member of cricket club

RD and RLEW - Request from cricket club agenda 8 - both vice presidents of cricket club

ME – Planning agenda 6 application S/0202/11 – immediate neighbour to application site

HMS - Planning application S/2139/10 - a member of SCDC's planning committee that had already discussed the application.

3 Minutes - the minutes of the meeting of 07 February 2011 were approved and signed as a true record.

4 Public Participation – no member of the public wished to speak

5 Clerk's/Chairman's report

Litter (PC4/02-11) – Noted that PC Shulver had had a quiet word with CWA. No further action.

Milton to Impington cyle lane (PC5/02-11) – site meeting was held on 10 Feb.

Highway issues (PC5/02-11)

The Rowans/Cambridge Road junction – PC Shulver had not noticed any problems with parked cars at this junction but would monitor.

Pedestrian crossing – PC Shulver emphasized that “pedestrian crossings should be used as a give-way, i.e. stop, look and make sure all vehicles have stopped before you cross.”

LocalGiving.com (PC5/02-11) – Milton Community Care Scheme was now active on the LocalGiving.com website: <http://localgiving.com/MiltonCommunityCareScheme>. It was free for three months.

County Council grant of £1800 towards the Community Care scheme was received. The assistant clerk had agreed to attend a County Council organised workshop about funding on 15 March as no member of the Community Care committee was available.

The clerk reported that SCDC had granted £1200.

MCC (PC8/02-11) – undertaking received from MCC to pay any amount above £70,000 back to Council should the VAT claim on the refurbishment work be rejected.

Cemetery – rabbit burrows have been treated. No mole activity. (Command Pest Control report 09/02/11).

A10 bridge - the probation service had cleared litter from both sides of the A10 bridge including the P&R side.

Emergency Plan – Noted that Lawrence Green SCDC would attend July 11th meeting to discuss an Emergency Parish Plan - how MPC and the local authority could work together to improve our response should a major incident occur that affects the area. JEC had offered to liaise with the school although (Min PC5/12-09) – no progress to date.

Youth Participation Strategy - a copy of the Children and Young People's Plan had been received

Seat – a resident wished to put a wooden seat around the horse chestnut tree Ely Road (opposite Symbian).

The clerk would inform him that Council now installed metal seats (less maintenance and vandalism).

Action: the clerk

Review of recycling banks – as the new blue bin service now provided additional capacity to collect cans, glass and cartons at the kerbside SCDC was proposing to remove can, glass and carton banks from recycling sites and replace them with a range of new banks for new materials e.g. books, shoes, textiles, small electrical items.

Parish Council election – nomination papers for the forthcoming election received.

Golf course (PC12/02-11) – meeting held on 4 March. CCC officers were looking into what action if any could be taken.

6 Planning

For information:

S/01556/10/CW Long Acre Farm, Chesterton Fen Road (P6/10-10) - stockyard and screening area; change of use of stables to office, toilet, rest room and store; plastic and cardboard storage area within existing building; tree planting at rear paddock – to be determined by CCC development Control committee on 10 March.

Decisions received:

S/0303/10 Mr Patrick Davies Steeldome Ltd (PC6/02-11) – 296 bedroom hotel (C1) following demolition of existing health club (D20 and offices (B1). Change of use of existing Trinity Centre (D2) to hotel facilities (C1) with connection to hotel for associated restaurant, bar and meeting rooms along with associated landscaping, car parking and pedestrian links - **approved**. **Various conditions: materials, Travel Plan, drainage, contamination risk, pollution control, flood alleviation measures, landscaping, tree protection, management of lake, external lighting, air quality assessment, cycle parking, provision of fire hydrants, access levels, renewable energy scheme.**

S/2115/10 Mrs R Munro 9 The Sycamores (P5/12-10) – two storey side extension – **approved**.

New applications:

S/2139/10 South Cambridgeshire District Council Blackwells Caravan Site Kings Hedges Road – additional caravan plot; extensions to day blocks including provision of air source heat pumps; erection of metal palisade on site boundaries – **no recommendation**.
HMS left the room while Council made its decision.

S/0202/11 Ms F Roberts 48 Fen Road – single storey two bedroom dwelling on land adjacent 48 Fen Road – **no recommendation**.
8 votes in favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions.
ME left the room while Council made its decision.

7 Country Park

a) to consider making a contribution towards the regular upkeep of Tomkins Mead (PC4/02-11)

M Woolhouse's paper requesting a contribution had been circulated.

Issues Should Council ask its own contractor for a costing?

Was a weekly grass cut necessary?

Was it necessary to walk the reserve daily (and indeed did this happen)?

Tomkins Mead should remain a low key nature reserve and needed a different level of care from the Country Park.

Milton Parish Council owned Tomkins Mead and had a responsibility to maintain it.

The Country Park was separate from Tomkins Mead and was a facility for all of the Cambridge area and Milton residents should not be expected to pay for "all".

Although the Country Park was a benefit for all it also caused inconvenience to neighbours in Milton ie MCC.

AGREED

to make a one-off contribution of £500 for 2011/12 – to be reviewed annually.

10 in favour 3 against.

The clerk would circulate the MPC / CSLT Agreement for regular inspections of Tomkins Mead.

Action: the clerk

b) to support the grant application to SCDC for refurbishment of the toilets in the Country Park car park - AGREED.

8 To consider grant to cricket club

JEC, RD, TAD and RLEW left the room while Council made a decision about this item.

AGREED

to ask the cricket club to supply the following information: its financial position and age range of the third team; and to send a representative to the next meeting if possible. *Action: the clerk*

9 To consider grant of £150 towards youth Food & Hygiene course (PC5/02-11)

Minutes of the recent Milton Action for Youth meeting were received.

AGREED to pay £150 towards the Youth Food & Hygiene course (within budget).

10 To consider accepting quotation from Suffolk ACRE for insurance

AGREED to accept Suffolk ACRE's quotation for a 5 year (Long Term Undertaking) Policy.
12 in favour 1 abstention

11 S106 money

As a result of new developments S106 money was available for use on sport/recreation areas. To enable the release of this money two parish councillors were obliged to sign an indemnity agreement with SCDC.

AGREED that any two from the chairman, vice-chairman and two district councillors (provided that they were also parish councillors) could sign the Parish Council indemnity agreement.

12 Telephone box Coles Road

The box had been vandalised. Apparently the box did not make any money and it cost BT to keep repairing it. Council could adopt the box for £1. There would be ongoing costs – mainly to repair vandalism.

Council felt that there should be at least one kiosk in the village.

The assistant clerk would investigate whether BT had a responsibility to maintain a kiosk in the village.

Action: assistant clerk

It was suggested that the village should be consulted – via the Village View.

Decision deferred to next meeting.

13 County Council consultations:

Bus service changes – the County Council had proposed changes to the number 9. Stagecoach had informed Council that the citi2 would cease to come into Milton and start and terminate at the Science Park (a commercial decision).

These changes together would result in no bus service to and from Milton during evenings and Sundays. The withdrawal of the evening services a consequence of the County Council's decision to withdraw all funding for subsidised bus services in the County.

Mr Campbell of Stagecoach was unable to attend the council meeting. Cllr MW was arranging a meeting with Mr Campbell and the chairmen of Milton, Landbeach and Waterbeach Parish Councils.

Council was extremely concerned about the change to the #9 service (Littleport-Ely-Waterbeach to Cambridge), the evening and Sunday journeys of which were scheduled to be deregistered.

It was **AGREED**

a) to write to the Head of Transport Services at CCC:

- as Stagecoach had just announced changes to the Citi2 service the County Council should reconsider the proposed changes to the #9 service;
- notes for the 400 and 401 services stated that CCC intended to retender some journeys for these services due to the lack of alternative services. With Stagecoach's elimination of the Citi2 service from Milton, the #9 service was now in that same category;
- There was an added concern that journeys from the village (especially early morning journeys) would be affected as the #9 service may be full up or delayed by the time it reaches Milton.

Noted that HMS had obtained a petition with 50 signatures and was thus able to speak at CCC Cabinet.

b) to write to Stagecoach:

- expressing dismay that Stagecoach had taken this decision. Moreover, the manner in which the changes were announced, with no consultation whatsoever, was also extremely disappointing;
- requesting a public meeting with Mr Campbell in the very near future; and
- urging Stagecoach to reconsider the proposed changes to the Citi2 service which would affect a wide range of residents – students, working professionals, the elderly and infirm.

Action: the assistant clerk

Highway wardens

Cllr MacGuire was asking villages if they were interested in taking part in a scheme for Highway Wardens for each village. The clerk would inform the CCC that Council was happy with the present arrangement.

Action: the clerk

14 Climate Week – 21 to 27 March – to consider taking part

The Environment Group did not have the capacity to take part but was joining with the Histon & Impington Group activities.

15 MCC update

Refurbishment: All completed, with just a couple of minor teething problems, such as the push button entrance doors need slightly adjusting. I have received only positive comments from our users and overall, the Committee and myself are delighted with the improvements.

Maintenance and Improvements: Work has been carried out to the car park at the Sycamores Rec to fill in all the potholes.

Bookings: Very little to report, all our regular groups continue to use the facilities, with the exception of the Friday morning Aerobics class, who have had to cancel due to a lack of participants.

Youth Building: No new bookings or enquiries have been received, so the building is only used by the Youth Club on a Tuesday evening and Young Carers on a Saturday morning.

Vandalism: Nothing to report, which is obviously very pleasing.

16 County Councillor’s report (emailed as Cllr MW was unable to attend)

1 The Citi 2 (see agenda 13 above).

2 P&R lights - no progress. I am about to launch an attack on another front! Keep an eye on the press!

17 District Councillors’ reports

District Council magazine survey.

HMS:

Chesterton Fen sewage connection appeal

Anglian Water had yet to send the details of what it would cost them to connect up the area, to the Environment Agency, as requested before Christmas, so the decision will be more than a couple of months away.

Although the clerk had reported that the dumping had been cleared there was still an ‘awful’ mess in Chesterton Fen. It had been reported that on the site behind 'The Barn' there was burning of rubbish, early morning and late afternoon, most days.

The probation service was helping to clear litter.

Effluent was still seeping into the Cam.

Action: the clerk to contact Will Tipper Environment Agency to try to progress the sewage connection.

South Cambs budget meeting

This went off without any surprises. Unlike the County and Cambridge City meetings, which were full of protesters in the public gallery, there were just 2 spectators and no dramas. It was hoped that there would be few if any redundancies: empty posts had not been filled for a year now. A proposal that the Council should actively try to share posts and services with neighbouring authorities to save money, and should create a policy on sharing officers and services was not carried.

South Cambs was not cutting its funding for grants: this was cut drastically last year, and would be reviewed again next year.

Planning service scrutiny review

HMS attended a forum to discuss the shortcomings (and successes) of the planning department: the council was trying to improve now that the cuts in staffing had been implemented and things were settling down. The new web site for the planning applications was still being developed and improvements to the user interface had been promised.

A Forum for Parish Councillors to discuss the planning service with the scrutiny task and finish group was coming up soon.

18 Land Group

Planning Application for change-of-use on College of West Anglia (CWA) land submitted to SCDC.

Meeting with Chris Hack of CWA to confirm boundaries of land; he will conduct an in-house survey ASAP; recognized need to offer the parish more land in lieu of Salop Trust land; may offer some land from field behind farm buildings. Glen Singleton of CWA to leave at end of April.

Meeting with Institute of Groundsmanship Regional Advisor Allan Moore to discuss layout of pitches; he recommended having a feasibility study done if change-of-use application is successful.

19 Bills for Payment and Money Received

CONFIRMED & AGREED payment of cheques 100417-100433

20 Correspondence - none.

21 Dates of Next Meetings - Community Care 17 March 11am; Planning 21 March; Maintenance 28 March; Council 4 April

22 Items and Reports for April agenda (to be received by Monday 28 March)

The meeting ended at 9.55pm.

Signed..... Date.....

Bills and Money Received Feb-Mar 2011

01/03/2011	Interest	Interest 28/02/11	223.41
07/03/2011	Cambs County Council	C Care grant 2011/12	1,800.00
10/02/2011	HM Revenue & Customs	VAT to 31/12/10	8,281.10
12/02/2011	Eclipse Internet	Broadband February	-17.94
21/02/2011	H Woodruff	Bus shelters January	-56.00
21/02/2011	Town & Country Tree Surgery Co	MCC	-685.00
		MPC	-1482.20
21/02/2011	Buchans Landscapes	Grass cutting month 10	-2316.26
21/02/2011	Cemetery Fees	Plots K3/4	400.00
22/02/2011	BT	Office phone	-99.32
02/03/2011	Receipts	Photocopying	20.00
07/03/2011	Staples	Folders/envelopes	-32.21
07/03/2011	ESPO	Photocopy paper	-45.89
07/03/2011	P Capitain	Redecorating office	-238.71
07/03/2011	Buchans Landscapes	Grass cutting month 11	-2316.90
07/03/2011	Dial-A-Ride	Trolley Bus February	-96.00
07/03/2011	H Woodruff	Bus shelters March	-56.00
07/03/2011	David Ogilvie Ltd	Cemetery seat	-744.00
07/03/2011	Cambs County Council	Food/Hygiene course	-150.00
07/03/2011	CBS Office Solutions	Photocopying	-30.72
		Printer drum	-64.20
28/02/2011	T Farrington	Atlas	-3.99
28/02/2011	Staff salaries	February	-2687.39

	TOTAL 08/02/11 - 07/03/11		-398.22
	TOTAL INFLOWS		10,724.51
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS		-
			11,122.73

	NET TOTAL		-398.22