

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 5 March 2007 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: JE Coston (chair) PK Oldham PS Badley AJ Campbell RH Chapman R Day RJ Farrington
B Jefferson IF May (from min 118/3-07 apologies for lateness – at Landbeach PC) J Payne HM Smith
RT Summerfield RLE Waters
The clerk and County Councillor M Williamson (part)

Public Participation – No member of the public wished to speak

- 103/3-07 **1 Resignation of Councillor** - the chairman reported that due to pressure of work Ian Davis had resigned. The clerk would write a letter of thanks for his contribution to Council. *Action: the clerk*
- 104/3-07 **2 Apologies for absence** - M Ellwood
- 105/3-07 **3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial**
JEC item 8 personal (involved in ‘Save Country Park campaign’) and 10 (lives in Coles Road); RLEW item 8 personal (grandson fishes in Country Park); HMS item 6 personal (member of SDCDC Planning Committee) and 8 personal (involved in ‘Save Country Park campaign’); RTS item 8 personal (involved in ‘Save Country Park campaign’); PKO item 8 personal (involved in ‘Save Country Park campaign’) and 10 (close to his home) RHC item 11 personal (daughter a member of the netball club).
- 106/3-07 **4 Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting of 5 February 2007 were approved and signed as at rue record after a minor amendment.
- 107/3-07 **13 County Councillors report** (brought forward)
Country Park – MW had asked a question at the County Council meeting on 20 February and was expecting a written answer which he would forward to the clerk.
(102/2-07) Park & Ride – consideration of the Park & ride had been postponed until March.
Bus cuts (see Clerk’s report)
County budget – the County budget had been approved. Mobile Library and Discretionary Highway budget cuts approved. Cuts also in older people’s services. No extra funds provided for youth.
(520/06) A10/A14 Interchange – traffic flows appeared to have improved during morning peak time.
Double yellow lines – the clerk would send MW the reply from B Stinton, CCC about MPC funding double yellow lines at foot of cycle/foot bridge.
- 5 Clerk’s/Chairman’s report**
- 108/3-07 Graffiti service - a new free graffiti removal service was now available in South Cambs. Probation Services would work in the district on a Thursday. HMS had signed an indemnity form to enable the service to remove graffiti. HMS had asked the service to look at the two brick bus shelters (min 262/06). Noted that there was graffiti on the Landbeach Road bus shelter, Froment way sign and along path between Froment Way and Butt Lane.
- 109/3-07 Land adjacent A14 - the clerk had written twice to the Enforcement Officer since the last meeting. No reply had
(66/2-07) been received and no action taken.
HMS reported that Balfour Beatty would transport the material from the site by the end of April to the new riverside bridge in Cambridge.
It was **AGREED** (2 abstentions) to ask the Environment Agency to investigate the storage of road planings using the Waste Management Licence Regulations. The clerk would also write to Director of Planning, copied to Chief Executive SCDC and Head of Environment and Transport CCC expressing disappointment at the lack of action and that unless action was taken in the near future Council would enforce the SCDC complaints procedure.
- 110/3-07 Gate Chesterton Fen – gate was being installed 2 March.
(14/1-07)
- 111/3-07 War memorial – had been cleaned. (To be invoiced in April).
(30/1-07)
- 112/3-07 Signs – Jolly Brewers - the Enforcement Officer had promised to talk with the landlord.
(83/2-07)
- 113/3-07 Colts football – letter from the secretary of the colts football club received thanking Council for the donation
(88/2-07) “very much appreciated and is a great help towards the running costs of our pitches outside Milton”.
- 114/3-07 Bus services – following consultation the CCC had been able to save 13 services out of the 15 under review. The
(91/2-07) 19 Sunday service to Wisbech would be replaced by a reduced level of service on a commercial basis.
- 115/3-07 Crime – updates from Eric Spoelstra received. The next Histon Neighbourhood Panel Meeting scheduled for
Wednesday 7 March 07 starting at 7:30pm at the Visitor Centre, Milton Country Park.

- 117/3-07
(90/2-07) Mobile Library – the number of mobile libraries would be reduced from 8 to 6. Consultation on the revised routes to take place in June and changes implemented in January 2008.
- 118/3-07 Office electricity – the clerk was “tweaking” the controls of the storage heaters in order to keep the electricity costs as low as possible. Car park lighting was costing about £70 per quarter. The clerk would charge this to the MCC. *Action: the clerk*
- 119/3-07 Environment Agency – Residents had expressed concerns about the type of material being buried in the golf course Ely Road. Paul Clark of the EA investigated and was happy with the material going into the site. Some plastic must be picked out and some road planings taken off site.
- 120/3-07 Edmund Green - a fence had been erected adjoining 2 Cambridge Road and Parish Council owned land known as Edmund Green. The clerk had met Garry Simcox and Ron Hills, Cambridge Mencap on site. Subsequently a letter had been received from Mr Simcox. The clerk would contact the Land Registry for more detailed plans and then arrange a meeting between the chairman and Mr Simcox to try to determine the exact boundary. *Action: the clerk*
IFM declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting for this item.
- 121/3-07 Community Care grant – the clerk reported that the CCC had awarded a grant of £3,000 for 2007-08 towards the Community Care Scheme. IFM thanked the clerk for preparing the application.
- 122/3-07 Grass cutting – noted that County Council budget for verges would remain the same in 2007 – £1028.74.
- 123/3-07 **6 Planning** – the minutes of the planning meeting of 19 February were received.
- 124/3-07
(475/06) Appeal – Ms S Lee 6 Sunningdale – erection of a day room (retrospective) – due to be heard on 27 March.
- 125/3-07
(96/2-07) Application 1 Burling Walk – copies of correspondence received between a neighbour (consultee) and the planning department SCDC in which the neighbour expressed concern that an amendment to the application was approved without further consultation.
- Decisions received:
- 126/3-07
(539/06) CSR Plc – land at Chesterton Rail Sidings – temporary use of land for car parking – **approved for 3 years. Full green travel plan, a biodiversity enhancement plan (no site clearance until biodiversity enhancement plan approved) and details of car park lighting to be approved; no demolition, removal of vegetation (dead or alive) between 15 February and 31 August without approved mitigation scheme for the protection of bird nesting habitat. Recommendations in Atkins’ report September 2006 “Ecology and Nature Conservation” to be implemented.**
In accordance with following policies:
Structure Plan 2003:
P1/1 (Approach to Development); P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Development); P7/2 (Biodiversity); P8/1 (Sustainable Transport – Links between Land Use and Transport); P8/5 (Provision of Parking); P8/8 (Encouraging Walking and Cycling).
South Cambs Local Plan 2004:
EN12 (Nature Conservation Unidentified Sites); EN13 (Protected Species); TP1 (Sustainable Transport); Appendix 7/1 (Car Parking Standards).
- New applications:
- 127/3-07
(45/1-07) S/2426/06/RM Napp Pharmaceutical Holdings Ltd Science Park – submission of reserved matters relating to Phase 1 siting, design, external appearance and landscaping of 3 B1 office buildings pursuant to condition 2 of pp S/1022/99/0 together with access and car parking and a master plan pursuant to condition of pp S/0035/06/F - changes to layout to reflect amendments to the landscaping scheme – **for information only.**
- 128/3-07
(77/2-07) S/0071/07 J&H Orlander Trust 3-4 Cambridge Road Industrial Estate – erection of building for B1 (C), B2 and B8 uses with associated car parking, revised access to serve new building and news access. Amendments: removal of B1 (c) use and revised parking arrangements – **no recommendation.**
- 129/3-07
(80/2-07) S/0089/07 A Webb Lomas Farm Chesterton Fen Road – change of use of dairy to day room (retrospective) – copy of flood risk assessment received – **for information only.**
- 130/3-07
(98/2-07) S/0168/07 Mrs CM James 7 Butt Lane – first floor extension – corrected plan received showing existing extension alongside proposed extension – **for information only.**
- 131/3-07
(69/2-07) **7 Standing Orders**
AGREED to adopt Revised Standing Orders, Committees and their terms of reference, Disciplinary and Grievance Policies and the Clerk’s Contract.

Noted that the chairman had the discretion to opt to start the meetings at 7pm if necessary.

- 132/3-07
(86/2-07) **8 Country Park update**
Petition had approximately 9,000 signatures.
Stephen Bennett (SB) and PKO had met Cllr Vicky Ford and Simon McIntosh and discussed various issues.
HMS, RTS and PKO met with Garry Simcox of Cambridge Mencap. He confirmed that Cambridge Mencap intended to put in a bid.
A full meeting of the City Council said that it might be able to run the Park as SCDC's sub-contractor.
The Cambridge Evening News intend to launch the "Pledge For The Park". PKO had also had a number of other meetings with potential funders. SB and PKO were scheduled to meet with Vicky Ford and Simon McIntosh again; PKO intended to meet with the BC Trust.
A workshop was scheduled for 29/03 for all interested parties.
Letter received from Councillor Vicky Ford received.

The clerk would try to arrange the APM at the Community Centre as it was expected that members of the public would attend to find out the latest news.
It was **AGREED** (10 votes in favour 3 abstentions)
to invite Simon McIntosh and a district councillor to make a presentation and answer questions. **Action: the clerk**

There were now only two rangers - volunteers were needed.
- 133/3-07
(87/2-07) **9 Land update**
Council had not yet received the valuation of the land between Milton and Landbeach. MW would follow this up. **Action: MW**
IFM had attended Landbeach PC to explain Milton's intentions. Landbeach were concerned about safety and car parking. It was intended to use the pitches for organised matches only. Council and the colts football club wanted to do the best that they could for the youngsters of the village.
Thanks to IFM.
- 134/3-07 **10 Highways – to consider requesting parking restrictions at Coles Road / Fen Road junction**
Parking at this "low speed" junction caused a problem. There were, however, a number of similar problem areas in the village. Even if yellow lines were put down at this junction there would be the problem of enforcement.
It was **AGREED** therefore to take no further action.
- 135/3-07 **11 Request from netball club for contribution towards junior kit**
Two views were expressed:
1 the netball club deserved Council's support as it was providing coaching and sport for 42 young girls. The club was already fund raising and wished to play competitively from September 2007.
2 funding was already provided through the MCC grant by way of a reduced rate for the courts and that this could open the way for further requests.

It was **AGREED** (8 votes in favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions)
to donate £200 to the netball club towards kit for the junior section. Funding to come out of the youth budget.
- 136/3-07 **12 MCC update**
As soon as the planning application was received (min 82/2-07) MCC would send out tenders for the improvements.
Work in hand: new fence around the toddlers playground and drainage work near Country park to ease flooding problems.
MCC had granted £2,000 to the bowls club towards its new ditch surrounds.
All youth centre bookings were to be controlled by MCC.
- 137/3-07
(24/1-07) **14 District Councillors' reports**
Sandy Park Chesterton Fen – at this week's meeting of SCDC Planning Committee officers would be recommending that Sandy Park Caravan site be granted temporary permission for three years
(91/2-07) Meeting with Tesco – new manager would investigate extra CCTV in the car park, review disabled and parent and toddler car parking allocation and tidy site perimeter.
HMS would ask SCDC to clear fly tipping along slip road verge.
The low boundary fence on verge opposite The Rowans would be removed / replaced.
HMS was hoping for a donation to the youth centre.
A helpline had been set up to help motorists who had experienced problems with their cars recently after purchasing petrol.
Two accidents recently on The Rowans near Tesco – visibility problem?
Requests for a footpath on the southern verge near Tesco had been received.
- (91/2-07) Chesterton Fen – HMS had obtained information from AWA about putting Chesterton Fen on the main sewer. If successful this may not happen till 2015.
- (532/06) Guided Bus – layout of Milton Road junction received. There appeared to be a conflict with buses turning right into Cambridge. A dual foot/cycle way was planned as far as Lovell Road.

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15 Bills for Payment and Money Received

CONFIRMED payment of cheques 3447 - 3452

AGREED payment of cheques 3353 – 3464

Cheque 3453 to CJ Murfitt – concrete pad at the skate park (min 328/06 refers);
3456 deposit towards pantomime put on by MCC. MCC to reimburse in December.

CONFIRMED payment of minibus cheques 30 – 34 and direct debits for fuel up to 31 December 2006.

139/3-07
(89/2-07)

16 Correspondence

Department for Communities and local Government - Code of Conduct consultation
on amendments

- Guided Busway - Newsletter
- Papers for next Guided Busway Histon to Cambridge Local Liaison Forum meeting, which focuses on junction layout designs of the Park Lane, Station Road and Milton Road junctions
- Bruno Peek - Invitation to celebrate St George’s Day
- Cambridge Sport Lakes - Newsletter (previously circulated)
- Go-East - East of England regional report for Parish and Town Councils
- CCC - Countryside access issues
- SCDC - Notice of public consultations
- ACRE - Community Life Awards 2007
- English Heritage - Heritage Open Days 6-9 September
- Audit Commission - Appointment of external auditor
- COPE - Newsletter
- Gallagher - Northstowe update

17 Dates of Next Meetings

- Planning - 19 March
- Maintenance - 19 March
- Council - 2 April

The meeting ended at 9.50pm.

Chairman.....

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