

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 01 November 2010 at 7.00pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: RT Summerfield (chair) PS Badley AJ Campbell JE Coston GA Covell R Day M Ellwood
RJ Farrington M Hersom SC Humphreys B Jefferson IF May HM Smith RLE Waters
Cllr M Williamson, the clerk and assistant clerk

1 Apologies for absence – TA Drummond.

2 Updates in Youth Services

Paula Mayes Youth Work Co-ordinator - Cambridge City North and Linda Henderson chairman Milton Action for Youth.

Paula reported that as from April 2011 there would be no funding for the provision of open access for youth from the County Council. Youngsters were being consulted. LH would attend the December meeting to bring ideas from these and other consultations in the village. Thanks to PM and LH for attending.

3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial

HMS - planning (agenda 7) personal – member of SCDC planning committee

4 Minutes - the minutes of the meeting of 4 October 2010 inc confidential minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

5 Public Participation – no member of the public was present.

12 County Councillor's report (brought forward)

- Foot-cycleway to Impington – see DC report below.
- Winship Road / Cambridge Road junction – M Davies hoped that the scheme could be delivered sometime before 1st April 2011.
- A planned Children's Centre currently based in Education IT centre was planned at Waterbeach in school grounds - offers a range of services and support especially to pre-school children and parents.
PSB declared a personal interest as his wife worked for the County Council as 'Strategy and Support Manager' for Children's Centres.
- Transport strategy.

6 Clerk's/Chairman's report

Cambs & Peterborough Minerals & Waste Plan – examination of core strategy by an inspector to take place between 30 November and 17 December at Shire Hall.

Neighbourhood Panel meeting – meeting 12 October; profile update – level of crime in Milton reduced. Report of crime figures for October from PCSO John Mason was received.

Exception Sites Review Group – meeting at SCDC Cambourne 8 November. The chairman would attend.

NALC – Policy Consultation – Code of Practice on local authority publicity - Copy to be found at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/1727384.pdf>

Quality Status (PC7/10-10) – the chairman and clerk had met with CPALC. The clerk would put together a portfolio to include 12 months minutes, attendance record etc. One of the new tests involved “promoting local democracy.” As part of this the clerk had written an article to be delivered to the whole village in December. SCH agreed to obtain a quotation for printing.

11th November ceremony (PC7/10-10) – **AGREED to make a donation of £35 to the British Legion for the wreath.**

Tomkins Mead (PC7/10-10) – RD and RLEW had walked Tomkins Mead with M Woolhouse. Improvements to be made to the path; two metals signs to be replaced. Thanks to RD and RLEW.

Christmas lights (PC8/10-10) – Mr Harrold was unable to help. The assistant clerk would ask CWA. **Action: assistant clerk**

Cemetery – noted that a resident had commented that the cemetery was well cared for.

Village View – a resident, Tim Hall, with 23 years experience of magazine and newspaper publishing, had come forward to offer his services as publisher for the magazine.

Registry – the Land Registry were trying to get Parish/Town Councils to register all their land. Apparently 30% of freehold land in England was not registered. The clerk had been through all the documents relating to land owned by Milton PC and confirmed that Council had the title deeds for all of its parcels of land.

7 **Planning** - the minutes of the planning meeting held on 18 October 2010 were received

Appeal: J Lindsay 17A High Street (PC7/09-10) – against refusal of planning permission for development extension

Decisions received: none

New applications:

S/1394/10 Andrew Everitt 46 High Street – replacement of the existing flat roof on the single storey extension to the front of the property with a pitched roof - **approve**.

S/1593/10 Mrs D Miller 73 Coles Road – single storey front extension - **approve**.

S/01777/10/CW Donarbon Ltd Ely Road Waterbeach - construction of a Materials Recycling Facility including welfare/office building, weighbridge gatehouse, haul roads and associated infrastructure and permanent retention of temporary car park – **no recommendation**.

S/1744/10 Ben Moore Land to the rear of ‘The Barn’ Chesterton Fen Road – erection of stables and associated use of land for stabling and grazing of horses.

Refuse – in view of the history of the site in which a stable ‘became’ a dwelling there were concerns that this could happen again. The size of the proposed stable block was out of keeping with the rural scene within the Green Belt. In addition Council queried the need for two storeys, stairs, toilet and kitchen in a stable block.

The application was incomplete in that the plans did not show the type of materials to be used.

8 **Maintenance – to consider quotation for tree works** (Min M12/09-10)

AGREED (2 abstentions) **to accept quotation of £1806 for various tree works (MCC share to be £685).**

9 **Appointment of Trolley Bus co-ordinator / representative** – report from JEC received. It was hoped that a volunteer could be found.

Village View representative – JEC agreed to continue as representative.

10 **Community Care – the minutes of the Community Care meeting held on 14 October were received**

Donation - the clerk had spoken with the resident (min CC7/10-10), who was willing to put a questionnaire in the Village View. Council explored ideas: internet access, helping unemployed. It was agreed to wait for responses to questionnaire.

Noted that the clerk had contacted Cambridge Community Foundation about the grant application for 2011/12 and discovered the deadline was 17 September. MW had written to CCF supporting Council’s request for the grant application still to be considered.

A letter had been from SCDC about “Grants to the Voluntary and Community Sector 2011-12” which states “...as in past years, we make an exception for Milton Parish Council in applying to this scheme, which otherwise would be solely for VCS organisations” - the deadline for applications being 17 December 2010.

11 **MCC update**

“Refurbishment: Although the work was progressing very well, it has been delayed by a couple of weeks, due to a change in design/manufacture of the toilet cubicles. Completion is now expected early December.

Bookings: Very little to report, all our regular groups continue to use the facilities, although Tumbletots have recently cancelled their Wednesday morning session due to lack of numbers. However, their Tuesday and Saturday sessions continue as normal. Saturday night enquiries remain very quiet.

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: The Garage at Coles Road and the builder’s container were both broken into on Sunday 10th October. However, nothing appears to have been stolen.”

13 District Councillors' reports (full reports attached to minutes)

- Foot-cycleway to Impington – to be completed before April 2011.
- Tesco meeting – clerk to write to manager about general appearance of site. **Action: the clerk**
- Golf course – concerns about land filling. The clerk to ask the Environment Agency, County Council and South Cambs District Council for a site meeting. **Action: the clerk**
- Chesterton Fen drainage – County Highways had cleared some drains at the South end. A meeting that week would try to encourage action to clear ditches right along to Camside Farm.
- Park and Rides – value for money?
- The impact of the Spending Review on South Cambs
- Planning
- Hauxton Remedial Works
- Wind Farms
- South Cambridgeshire Chief Executive Jean Hunter
- PCSO and district councillor surgery (HMS) Thursday 4 November

14 Land Group

As there was no confidential business it was agreed not to exclude members of the public to this item. RTS reported on the 22nd October site visit to the College of West Anglia (CWA) land, where RTS, JEC and HMS met with CWA officials as well as representatives from Savills and Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust. The point of the visit was to discuss/confirm the two boundaries which had been staked out by CWA for the proposed land swap with the parish. The land agent for the Salop Trust (Cambridge Sport Lakes) confirmed the southeast boundary as staked. CWA will re-stake the south boundary adjacent to the current farm buildings 5 metres into the parish's proposed land. It was **AGREED**

that all available parish councillors will meet on Saturday 20th November at 9am to look at the proposed site; Asst Clerk to send email reminder

RTS reported that Urban Renaissance Villages (URV), the firm which has outline planning permission to develop the former EDF site into a retirement village, intends to submit a planning application to change the proposed development to general/open market housing instead. URV had tried to sell the site but encountered difficulty due to the age restriction (as a retirement village, the units would only be available to those over 55 years of age). Councillors were generally open to the principle of converting the site to general housing, although JEC emphasized the need to avoid cramped, 'ghetto-style' development. It was also noted that any proposed development would need to include provision for affordable housing. Finally, the current S106 agreement would have to be re-negotiated in light of the proposed changes. There was a general query as to when parishes normally receive S106 monies and HMS will look into this issue.

15 Bills for Payment and Money Received

CONFIRMED payment of cheques 100340 – 100344

AGREED payment of cheques 100345 -100355

The assistant clerk had negotiated a reduced rate for electricity. Council confirmed that payments to E-on would now be made by direct debit.

The clerk had purchased box files for the minutes (1953-2010) which he hoped to leave at the archives office Shire Hall in the new year. He understood that the archives office preferred to use their own filing system which cost £5 per file.

AGREED to thank Paul Oldham for putting scanned minutes from 1894 on to the web site.

Action: the clerk

16 Correspondence

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| CPRE | - | Hedgerows Course 27/28 November |
| Magpas Helimdix | - | request to sponsor training course, doctor or rapid response vehicle |
| Victim Support | - | requesting contribution |

17 Dates of Next Meetings

Minibus 3 November; Staffing 15 November 9am; Planning 22 November; Council 6 December

18 Items and Reports for December agenda (to be received by Monday 29 November)

Policies

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

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