

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 7 November 2005 at 7.00pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: JE Coston (chair) P Badley AJ Campbell IL Davis R Day M Ellwood RJ Farrington B Jefferson IF May J Payne HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters County Councillor M Williamson + 1 member of the public

Public Participation - none

1 Apologies for absence - RHC, PKO.

419/05 **2 Declarations of Interest –** RTS item 3 (Pond Green), HMS item 3 (member of SCDC Planning Committee), RLEW item 11 (Member of bowls club).

420/05 **3 Planning Application S/1926/05 Stannifer Developments Ltd – highway improvements to the A10 between A14 interchange and River Great Ouse in the Parishes of Milton, Landbeach and Waterbeach [related to application for new settlement – “Mereham” - near Wilburton and Stretham]**

Andrew Bennett, Project Manager for Mereham and David Tucker, Transport Planner attended

DT summarised the alterations proposed for the A10 and specifically the proposals for Milton. He anticipated that a Public Inquiry would take place in about a year.

Council asked for assurances that there would be consultation before the implementation of any of the proposals.

Thanks to Andrew Bennett and David Tucker for attending.

It was **AGREED** to send the following comments to SCDC:

“Milton Parish Council considered this proposal at our meeting on Monday 7th November. We are concerned that despite this application having been in the planning stage for some time that we have not been consulted earlier and that we are constrained by very tight deadlines in which to make our comments. Consequently we consider that the comments below are merely our initial response and that we may wish to comment in more detail when we have had sufficient time to consider the proposals especially as they relate to Milton.

In our comments we use the words "high street" (all in lower case) to refer to the main road which changes name from Cambridge Road, to High Street, to Ely Road as it runs from south to north through the village. We also note that for historical reasons High Street turns off the high street at Pond Green, where the high street becomes Ely Road, only to re-join the high street later. This can cause some confusion.

We have noted the comments from the County Council in their letter to the developers dated 11/04/05 (Transport Appendix 1, pages 23-25) and we see little to disagree with. We wonder why the applicant has put in this application given these comments from the main landowner. We concur with the County's view that widening the A10 as proposed would be dangerous. We also appalled by the proposal to replace the Jane Coston bridge so soon after it has been opened and we will be making similar comments but in more detail to Cambridge City Council when it is proposed there.

We would also note that the possibility of making the Jane Coston bridge suitable for buses was considered and rejected during the planning phase.

Despite our fundamental disagreement with the proposal to widen the A10 we have some comments to make if it is allowed to go ahead:

1. As traffic lights are proposed for the junction of the A10 with Humphries Way and Landbeach Road we would be looking for a pedestrian crossing to be incorporated into the design to make it safer for pedestrians to cross while making their way to our cemetery from Milton.

2. At the Butt Lane junction we oppose the removal of the existing bridge, for which we fought hard at the time the bypass was created, on safety grounds. There is currently no easy access for young children from Butt Lane to the A10 - replacing the bridge with a ground level crossing would give them very easy access if they are playing at the end of Butt Lane on the village side. In addition this is the cycle and pedestrian route to Impington Village College.

3. There is currently a bund all around the village on the bypass side which provides noise reduction. We would be looking for this bund to be extended across Butt Lane on the village side where the road is already permanently closed to form a continuous bund.

4. As owners of land immediately adjacent to the A10 (from Butt Lane to Humphries Way) we would want planning conditions on the application to ensure no damage to our land, which we have been managing under a policy of natural progression for a number of years and which is now starting to bear fruit. Any incursion by vehicles would be most unwelcome at this stage and we note that the applicants propose to develop right up to our boundary.

5. Outside the village we note that the applicant proposes to improve the existing off road cycle path up the A10 which runs as far as the Denny End junction but have no plans for cycle provision north from there. We understand that the developers of the Research Park are already exploring extending this path as far as the Research Park. We would strongly suggest that the applicant's proposal should allow for this.

Turning to the changes proposed for Milton outlined in Transport Appendix 4 we are less than impressed that the applicant has got this far without making any attempt to consult the village or the parish council on their proposals.

We also note that this application proposes change to land (Pond Green) and structures (bus stops) which we own and that no notice has been served on Milton Parish Council.

We have the following comments to make now:

6. Fundamentally we think this whole application is flawed: the changes to the A10 will put more light controlled junctions on the bypass. Drivers don't like more traffic lights and will see a diversion through Milton as the way to avoid them. The measures outlined in Transport Appendix 4 really don't address this problem - they may slow the traffic down, but they won't reduce it.

7. Although we have no problem with the proposal for a constriction on the high street Ely Road section south of the northern junction with High Street we would not like to see the current constriction removed as this helps reduce "rat running" via High Street/Landbeach Road back to the bypass and it also reduces the speed of traffic in that section of High Street.

8. The design appears to ignore the off road shared use cycle path on the east of the high street, for example in figure 4.1 where the pavement appears to become cobbled to pass behind the bus shelter. Cobbles are not a bike friendly surface.

9. We object to the proposals to remove the bus lay bys and bus stops. We believe that there should be a public debate about the proposals for the bus service through Milton. Should there be a dedicated bus lane along the A10?

10. There are many points in the Transport Assessment (Appendix 4 – pages 9-10) that we are not happy with and would want further consultation.”

The Highways and Planning Committees would meet to discuss more fully. Residents to be informed through Village View.

421/05

4 Casual Vacancy – Co-option of councillor - Philip Badley was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. He signed the declaration of acceptance of office. Noted that a second candidate had withdrawn his nomination.

422/05
(403/05)

5 Youth Youth Club

Mark Peck, area manager for South Cambs attended in place of Julian Ayres. The Thursday club had closed because of staff shortages and youngsters' behavioural problems.

The Monday club was operating with very low numbers attending. It was proposed to close both clubs (after an inspection to be held in November) and to re-establish the clubs in 2006.

Detached work would take place. MPC would not be expected to fund youth work during the time of closure.

Closure would:

- Break the cycle of disruption; and
- Give the youth workers the opportunity to improve their skills and confidence in order to improve the quality of the provision.

The appointment of an assistant at Impington Village College was a step forward in establishing relationships with students there.

Noted that Niki Clemo, the new City/South Cambs Areas Director, would consult before taking any decision about the future of the Milton/Impington patch.

New youth building

HMS' report had been circulated CJ Murfitt was re-costing the project. HMS was approximately £20,000 short of the target. Youngsters would be encouraged to be involved in the fund raising.

It was **AGREED**

to continue to support the new youth building project
- 9 votes in favour 4 abstentions.

Thanks to Mark Peck.

Youth shelter and skate park update

The seats had been removed and stored. Rob C reported that he could arrange to have the seats replaced with tamper proof bolts.

Living Spaces inspected the shelter on 18 October and agreed to pay the remainder of the grant. [LH, chairman of youth committee, reported that a subsequent email from Ben Murphy of Living Spaces suggested that there was an element of doubt that the grant would be paid and that Council would probably need to negotiate with Urban Engineering to repair the shelter.]

Urban Engineering felt that they had now executed their responsibilities in installing this shelter and that the shelter had been subjected to a severe attack by vandals and that most materials of this nature would fail under a violent and prolonged aggressive assault.

JEC offered to pursue Urban Engineering to repair the shelter. Copies of correspondence to be forwarded to Living Spaces. **Action: the chair**

Members were reminded that bolts in the concrete were a hazard.

The skate park had been repaired.

423/05

6 Minutes – the minutes of the meeting of 3 October were approved and signed as a true record.

424/05
(386/05)

7 Clerk's/Chairman's Report

Remembrance Day Ceremony – Harry Capitain would say the exhortation. Year 6 from the school would attend.

AGREED to donate £30 to the British Legion for the wreath.

425/05

Crime – noted that crime figures were now on the web.

426/05

Community Care – the clerk had applied to CCC and SCDC for grant aid for 2006-07.

427/05

CALC training – 3 members were interested in attending a CALC training course at Waterbeach (date to be agreed).

428/05

Play repairs – the clerk had arranged to replace the rotten stile at Rowans play area and to repair gate (was not shutting). Cost: Labour £230, rubbish clearance £48 = £278 + £128 for materials = £406 in total.

- 429/05 Residents' requests:
 1 Letter asking that something be done about the French coach parked overnight on The Rowans - a Summer problem? PC Shulver had previously looked into this and reported that no offence was being committed. The clerk would be willing to write to the appropriate college. [It was not known which college was involved].
 2 Two residents had asked for a street light in Walkling Way between 17 and 20 near the seat. The clerk would contact CCC. **Action: the clerk**
- 430/05 SLCC Regional One Day Conference – on Tuesday 22 November at Lynford Hall Country House Hotel Mundford Thetford. **Anti-social behaviour and community partnerships to tackle vandalism** are on the agenda. The clerk and RLEW would attend. Cost = £73 + travelling.
- 431/05 Waste Management – Draft Supplementary Planning Document published for consultation. Comments to be made by 19 December.
- 8 Planning**
- 432/05 (325/03) Q.ton – Unit 24 Science Park – 100 bedroom hotel, health / fitness centre and additional conference facilities. As the scheme had not been progressed by the applicant SCDC had treated the application as “disposed of” and withdrawn it from the records.
- 432/05 (67/04) Cambridge Regional College – master plan to include extended main reception area, extended parking facilities and two new teaching areas – application withdrawn.
- 433/05 (353/05) Mr N O'Connor Long Acre Farm Chesterton Fen – application for skip business to be determined at Development Control Committee CCC on 14 November.
- Decisions received
- 434/05 (314/93) Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust - Land adjacent to Milton (to the East) and between Milton and Waterbeach, in the Parish of Milton, Waterbeach and Landbeach - change of Use to Rowing Lake and Country Park, construction of new and changed roads, a canal, bridges, embankment and boathouse including wardens' accommodation (2 residential units) - **refused**.
 The planning application was received on 3rd June 1993 and was accompanied by an Environmental Statement (ES). At Planning Committee on 3rd November 1993 the Council resolved that, subject to the prior completion of a Section 106 Legal Agreement to secure appropriate management, to secure completion or reinstatement, to protect awarded watercourses through the site, to secure public access and to protect the public from payment of traffic management orders or highway alteration costs arising from the development, it was minded to approve the application.
 The Section 106 Agreement had not been completed. In view of the considerable period which has lapsed since the preparation of the ES and the changes which the Trust proposed to make to the scheme, it was considered that the ES could no longer be relied upon to allow the Council to approve the application or to consider changes to the scheme without the submission of a new planning application.
- 435/05 (37/05) RD Clark Long Acre Farm Chesterton Fen Road – alterations and change of use of agricultural building to form skate park together with café / recreation area and access, parking and bus turn around area (renewal of time-limited permission S/1755/99/F) - **refused**. Within an area prone to flooding - contrary to Policies P6/4 Structure Plan 2003 and CS5 Local Plan 2004. 0017/05.
- 436/05 (164/05) O Upton 3A Grange Park Chesterton Fen Road - siting of 3 Gypsy Mobile Homes and 6 Touring Caravans (3 Pitches) - **approved**.
 Use of the land as a caravan site by any persons other than gypsies as defined in Section 24 (8) of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 as amended not authorised. Consent for use of the land for a total of 3 pitches with a maximum of one mobile home and two touring caravans permitted on each.
 None of the mobile homes to be sub-divided.
 Policies: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Structure Plan 2003: P6/4 – Drainage South Cambridgeshire Local Plan 2004: HG19 - Sub-Division of Mobile Homes HG23 - Gypsies and Travelling Show People, CNF6 - Expansion of Caravan Sites in Fen Road, Chesterton, CS5 - Flood Protection.

- 437/05
(352/05) Mr and Mrs Whitelock 1 Walnut Close - rear extension - **approved**.
External materials to be identical to those used for existing building. Conditions to protect trees on site.
Structure Plan 2003 Policy P13 – Sustainable Design in Built Development.
Local Plan 2004 Policies: HG 12 – Extensions and alterations to dwellings within framework; EN5 - The landscaping of new development and EN6 – Tree preservation orders and hedge retention notice.
- 438/05
(354/05) Mr K Wynn 31 Willow Crescent – bungalow - **approved**.
Application for approval of the reserved matters to be made to the Local Planning Authority before the expiration of 3 years from the date of this permission.
Details of the following to be approved by the Local Planning Authority; Design and external appearance of the building; landscaping of the site; the materials to be used for the external walls and roof; surface water drainage; foul sewage disposal; refuse storage accommodation; treatment of all site boundaries; and the work completed in accordance with the approved details before the building is occupied or the development is completed, whichever is the sooner. During the period of construction no power operated machinery to be operated before 08.00 hours on weekdays and 08.00 hours on Saturdays nor after 18.00 hours on weekdays and 13.00 hours on Saturdays (nor at any time on Sundays or Bank Holidays).
- 439/05
(355/05) Mr and Mrs Turner Chesterton Auto Services Fen Road Chesterton – change of use from industrial (b1) to dwelling - **approved**. In accord with following Policies: Structure Plan 2003 Policy P6/4 – Drainage; Local Plan 2004 Policies CNF4 - no further commercial development, CNF5 – no residential development unless essential for agriculture or other use and CS5 Flood protection. 1580
- 440/05
(356/05) Unit 191 Napp Pharmaceutical Holdings Science Park - construction of a car park – **approved**.
Schemes for the provision and implementation of surface water drainage and for the provision and implementation of pollution control to the water environment to be agreed.
- 441/05
(393/05) Napp Pharmaceutical Holdings Unit 191 Science Park – gardeners store and machinery garage - **approved**. Colour to be agreed.
- 442/05
(394/05) SY Tjinakiet 22 Froment Way – retrospective application – repositioning of fence – **approved**. Colour of fence and planting scheme to be approved.
- 443/05
(395/05) Mrs K Dowling - extension and conversion of office / workshop into dwelling and erection of garage adjacent Half Acre Cambridge Road - **approved**. Details of external materials to be approved. No further windows, roof lights or dormers to be inserted at first floor level.
Policies: Structure Plan 2003 - P1/3 – Sustainable Design in Built Development; Local Plan 2004 – SE3 – Limited Rural Growth Settlement; HG10 – Housing Mix and Design; EM8 – Loss of Employment.
- 444/05
(396/05) Mrs K Dowling land adjacent Orchard end Cambridge Road – bungalow – **approved**.
Details of external materials and treatment of all site boundaries to be approved. Property not to be occupied until completion of conversion of office above to residential use.
Policies: Structure Plan 2003 - P1/3 – Sustainable Design in Built Development; Local Plan 2004 – SE3 – Limited Rural Growth Settlement; HG10 – Housing Mix and Design.
- New Applications
- 441/05
(602/01) S/2103/01 Lancashire Industrial and Commercial Services Ltd – Penfold Farm Ely Road – change of use to golf practice centre including club house, par 3 golf course, shop/office, car park, access and bridle path/pedestrian link to rowing lake and park - addition of fire escape stair to rear of building – **for information only**.
- 442/05
(163/05) S/0345/05 Mr & Mrs I Richardson 7 Humphries Way – roof of conservatory amended to hip, door re-sited. **For information**.
- 443/05 S/1976/05 Mr & Mrs Corkin 44 Fen Road – single storey rear extension – **no recommendation**.

- 444/05 S/1983/05 Napp Pharmaceuticals Science Park – installation of external plant – **no recommendation.**

- 445/05 S/2030/05/A Tesco Store Ltd – signs – **no recommendation. It was unclear what Tesco was trying to achieve with the bus lane.**

- 446/05 **9 Finance** - The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 17 October 2005 were received and noted.

- 447/05 **10 Land update**
(401/05) Land Searches – the searches had not revealed any relevant information.
Update – nothing to report. JEC had been unable to arrange meeting with archaeologist.
Outline Application – it was **AGREED** to apply for outline permission change of use of the land to recreation ground and the erection of a pavilion. [Without permission it would be pointless purchasing the land]. RHC, JEC, RD, IFM, HMS and RLEW would meet to draw up the application. 11 votes in favour 1 abstention.

- 448/05 **11 Office**
Work had started and was expected to take 12 weeks. Updated quotation for electrics not yet received.

- 449/05 **12 Standing Orders and Committees** – deferred till December.

- 450/05 **13 MCC update** – Buildings Committee to meet 8 November.

- 451/05 **14 Tree Work – Quotation**
AGREED
to accept quotation of £980 + VAT to re-pollard trees at the rear of houses and cut back overhang from standing trees, in tree belt buffer zone between The Sycamores and the A10.

- 452/05 **15 Request for Access across Parish Council Land**
Deferred till December meeting.

- 453/05 **16 Bills for Payment and Money Received**
CONFIRMED - payment of cheques 3117 – 3120
AGREED - payment of cheques 3121 – 3138
(plus minibus cheques – to be notified).

- 454/05 **17 County Councillor’s Report** - none

- 455/05 **18 District Councillors’ Reports** - none

- 456/05 **19 Correspondence**

CALC	-	Bulletin
Victim Support	-	Request for donation
CCVYS	-	Youth Network day
CCC	-	Directory of Childcare Services
	-	Proposals to ease congestion Milton Road
Cambs Horizons	-	Public Question & Answer meeting

- 20 Dates of Next Meetings**
Planning 21 November
Council 5 December

The meeting ended at 10.00pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....