

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 04 October 2010 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: RT Summerfield (chair) PS Badley JE Coston R Day M Ellwood RJ Farrington M Hersom IF May HM Smith RLE Waters
Cllr M Williamson, the clerk and assistant clerk

1 Apologies for absence - AJ Campbell GA Covell TA Drummond SC Humphreys B Jefferson.

2 Casual vacancy - co-option of councillor (PC1/09-10) – M Hersom was co-opted as a councillor.

3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial

ME - land update (agenda 14) personal – allotment holder

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

PSB - reported that he was no longer an allotment holder.

4 Minutes - the minutes of the meeting of 6 September 2010 including confidential minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

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

6 Clerk's/Chairman's report

Affordable Housing (PC7/09-10) – nothing further to report.

Tomkins Mead (PC7/09-10) – the deeds of the property corresponded with Council's plan. The clerk had suggested that the owners clarify with the Land Registry.

Insurance claim (PC7/09-10) – Allianz Cornhill had agreed to pay £98 (£248 less £150 excess) towards damaged bus shelter repairs Landbeach Road. The clerk was still in correspondence with Allianz Cornhill about a claim for the same shelter originating in April 2009.

Winter Gritting Arrangements (PC10/09-10) – officer not available to attend.

Letter from insurance company 10 Sept: "The Policy would cover liability if the gritting is to be done on a consistent basis to ensure the footbridge is safe to use in icy conditions. A rota is drawn up of when this is to be done and all actions are to be documented. Only the footbridge is to be salted and no other areas."

County Council's Policy (from K Fauch): "As part of precautionary salting the A10 Park and Ride Butt Lane Bridge and Jane Coston Bridge will be treated using Safecote treated salt which will be spread by hand push equipment.

During periods of prolonged cold weather, when precautionary salting is undertaken on consecutive days, the relevant Area Manager (Maintenance) will monitor conditions on the selected bridges. As salt retention on the bridge deck and ramps is likely to be greater than on a normal carriageway, consecutive salting may be suspended if monitoring shows that sufficient residual salt is retained to protect the routes from frost.

The onus is upon the County Council to salt/grit the bridges and not that of the parish."

Integrated Youth Support Services – informal consultation period relation to the integration of the Connexions and Youth Work functions of the Local Authority had now ended. Feedback from consultation received. Formal consultation now runs till 29 October.

Cambridgeshire County Council spend - in light of Central Government's transparency agenda CCC would begin publishing details of every invoice over £500 (inclusive of VAT) paid each month.

South Cambs renewable energy booklet – SCDC was in the process of producing a booklet to encourage residents to insulate lofts, cavity walls etc and could be customised for Milton. HMS would show Council a copy with the Parish Council logo in it.

Quality Status – the chairman and clerk were meeting a representative of CPALC on 7 October to discuss re-accreditation.

Well Being – the clerk explained that the Power of Well Being enabled Council to spend money on any project. To use the Power Council must satisfy four conditions:

- a qualified clerk
- a minimum of two-thirds of vacancies on the council filled at the last ordinary elections
- eighty per cent of councillors trained in the use of the well-being power; and
- published a statement of intent as to community engagement

AGREED to adopt a “Community Engagement Strategy Statement of Intent” (to be published on the web) **and then to apply for training** (after May 2011) **for use of the ‘Power of Well Being’.**

Action: the clerk

November 11th - reminder of ceremony. The clerk had invited the school.

Fly tipping – the clerk reported that the enforcement officer SCDC was negotiating with land owners in Fen Road (near railway crossing) to try to prevent fly tipping. Noted that the field on the right before the crossing was not secured against fly tipping. The clerk would discuss with the land owner.

Action: the clerk

Gypsy and Craft festival – to be held on 23/24 October at the Country Park.

Tomkins Mead – RD and RLEW would walk Tomkins Mead with M Woolhouse Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust.

12 County Councillor’s report (brought forward) (full report attached to the minutes)

Libraries; Butt Lane Traffic Lights; Youth Work.

Butt Lane Gate – MW would ask K Faunch to replace the missing gates with a solid fence. (A gate was originally put up to allow access by a farmer). **Action: MW**

Milton-Impington Cycleway – from Mike Davies Programme Manager - Cycle Cambridge CCC: “We have spent some time investigating the width of verge available, ditches, hedges etc and have now arrived at the conclusion that a new path can be built for shared use between pedestrians and less confident cyclists, though not at the sort of width we would normally aim to provide. It will be 1.5 metres wide, set back 0.5m from the carriageway.

At this width and in accordance with the current policy guidance, school bus travel would not be withdrawn.” (Noted that this did not accord with CCC Policy which refers to “an available route along which a child, accompanied as necessary, can walk and walk with reasonable safety to school.”)

Winship Road/Cambridge Road junction (Min 33/3-09) - improvements to this junction were promised as part of the Park & Ride scheme. The clerk would ‘demand’ that these improvements be implemented. The clerk would ask Cambridge News to cut back the vegetation to assist visibility. **Action: the clerk**

7 Planning

Appeal:

Appeal by Ms Fiona Roberts 48 Fen Road Milton (P3/02-10) against a refusal to grant planning permission for the erection of a single storey dwelling on land adjacent to 48 Fen Road – **appeal dismissed.**

Decision of Inspector:

- **The scheme would fail to preserve the setting of the Grade II listed building, and so would conflict with Policy CH/4 in the Council’s Local Development Framework Development Control Policies DPD.**
- **The parties agreed on the necessity for and size of a contribution for off-site outdoor playspace facilities. No completed agreement under section 106 of the Act was before the inspector and so there is no mechanism in place for delivering the contribution for infrastructure provision required by the scheme.**

Accordingly the inspector concluded that the development would unacceptably exacerbate the shortfall in outdoor playspace facilities in the village, and so would conflict with Policy SF/10 in the Council’s Local Development Framework Development Control Policies DPD.

Decisions received:

Mr R Thompson & Mrs J Morrisey 3 High Street - remove rear lean-to for new entrance lobby/store (PC8/09-10) – **approved. Details of materials to be approved.**

Mrs D Miller 73 Coles Road – extension (P5/07-10) – **refused. Design incongruous with similar dwellings.** Noted that the porch recently built at 81 Coles Road was of similar size

Mr J Lindsay – 17 A High Street – extension - (PC8/09-10) – **refused. Design unduly prominent and incongruous when viewed from the High Street; would detract from setting of Grade II Listed Building.**

C/05007/10/CC - land to the west of electricity sub-station Kings Hedges Road - erection of smartlife low carbon centre (use class D1) and associated works including provision of car and cycle parking facilities access and circulation areas and landscaping (PC8/09-10 – **approved. External materials and landscaping scheme to be approved.**

Mr Webb Southgate Farm Chesterton Fen Road amendment to planning permission S/1653/07 to change the layouts and access arrangements to lots 25 and 26 (P5/07-10) - **approved.**

Various conditions as to use, landscaping works, flood protection measures, foul water drainage scheme, pedestrian and vehicular displays.

New applications:

S/0718/10/A Denby Liddelow Excel8 Learning (UK) Ltd 135 Cambridge Road – 2 fascia signs (PC7/06-10) - corrected plans showing dimensions – **for information only.**

Noted that CCC had received the following application.

S/01556/10/CW - extension to existing waste transfer station including; rear 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 at Long Acre Farm Chesterton Fen Road.

The clerk would ask for an extension to the period for consultation as the application had not been received by the clerk's office. **Action: the clerk**

8 Maintenance - the minutes of the Maintenance Meeting held on Monday 27 September were received and the recommendations a – d CONFIRMED:

- a) **Cemetery: to allow a seat to be installed in the position proposed and that the clerk draw up a plan showing where seats in future would be sited.**
- b) **Allotments Policy: all allotments would be inspected by 1st May each year and those tenants in breach of clause 5 of the Tenancy Agreement would be given till 31st May to tidy their allotments or Council would terminate the tenancy as per clause 7.**
- c) **Allotments: to increase the rent to £20 per 10 pole allotment per annum.**
- d) **Grass cutting and general maintenance contract: to ask S Buchan for his contract price for 2011-12.**

Action: the clerk

MCC Outdoor Recreation Grounds committee had approved 'self help' restoration of the BMX track on Coles Road recreation ground (M9/09-10) by youngsters and parents. To be confirmed by MCC main committee.

RD agreed to ask P Harrold if he could help put up the Christmas lights (M12/09-10). If he could not ME would ask the College of West Anglia.

RTS thanked ME for becoming Chairman of Maintenance.

9 Appointment of:

Trolley Bus representative - JEC reported that the scheme needed a co-ordinator. The chairman asked her to write a brief description of the co-ordinator's role. Agreed to await response from article in Village View.
Village View representative – to be discussed at November meeting.
Tree Warden and Deputy – RLEW was elected Tree Warden and RD Deputy.

10 Proposal to rename Finance Committee “Finance and Administration Committee” (Min PC9/09-10) – AGREED.

11 MCC update

Refurbishment: should be finished by mid November.

Bookings: All the regular groups continue to use the facilities; new bookings - Tumble Tots on a Saturday morning, Zumba classes (Latin inspired dance fitness) on a Sunday morning and Badminton on Monday lunchtime. Saturday night enquiries remain fairly quiet.

Youth Building: This term, the Youth Club will only have one evening sessions (Tuesdays) and Young Carers will continue with their Saturday morning session. However, the daytime booking from the Centre School at Cottenham has been cancelled, due to cost cutting measures.

Vandalism: Very little vandalism to report, apart from a small amount of graffiti on the Annexe.

AGM Wednesday 6 October 7pm.

13 District Councillors' reports

Concrete batching plant at Cambridge Road: planning conditions were being breached - planning enforcement officers were in contact with Grenville Chamberlain and the operators of the site.

Tesco: there was a new manager in place. HMS was due to meet him on Friday 8 October 11am. Councillors welcome to attend. The duty manager had promised to try to get better grounds maintenance - the contractor was apparently coming once a fortnight which was difficult to believe from the state of the grass and the overgrown shrubs both in the borders at the front of the store by the bus stop and along The Rowans where they overhang the road (again).

14 Land Group

AGREED at 8.38pm [Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960] to exclude members of the public to this item as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business

Update on action points from last meeting and report of further meeting with CWA.

The meeting re-opened at 9.02pm.

15 Bills for Payment and Money Received

CONFIRMED payment of cheques 100328 - 100331

AGREED payment of cheques 100332 - 100339

16 Correspondence

Shrievalty Trust - request for donation to help support The Bobby Scheme

Cambridge City Council - Allotment Policy Consultation

Guided Busway - Update; liaison meeting 18 September

CPALC - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Bluntisham Village Hall

Saturday, 13th November 2010 10.00am

NHS - Public consultation – Pharmaceutical Services in Cambridgeshire

27 September – 25 November 2010. Details on

www.cambridgeshire.nhs.uk/have-your-say

17 Dates of Next Meetings

Community Care 14 October 11am; Planning and Finance both 18 October; Council 1 November

18 Items and Reports for November agenda (to be received by Monday 25 October)

The meeting ended at 9.08pm.

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