

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 2nd October at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: JE Coston (chair) PS Badley AJ Campbell IL Davis (from/ 440/06 - apologies for lateness) M Ellwood RJ Farrington B Jefferson J Payne HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters
The clerk, County Councillor M Williamson (part) and 3 members of the public (part)

Public Participation – none

1 Apologies for absence - RH Chapman R Day IF May PK Oldham

2 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial - none.

404/06 **3 Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting of 4th September 2006 were approved and signed as a true record.

4 Clerk / Chairman’s report

405/06 Crime – there had been several house burglaries in the area during in both the daytime and in the evening recently. The next Histon Neighbourhood Panel Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11th October 06. Neighbourhood Conference November 4th 2006 at Hinchingsbrooke House

406/06 Police representative correspondence – questionnaire received from Police Authority. JEC as parish rep would respond.

407/06 Clerk’s audit – week 5 Aug 11 hrs, Sept Week 1- 34 hrs, week 2 - 20 hrs, week 3 - 12 hrs, week 4 – 18 hrs – total 83 hrs.

408/06 Park & Ride exhibition – at the bowls pavilion on Tuesday 3rd October 5.30-7.30pm.

(337/06)

409/06 Field adjacent Tesco / A14 – noted that Balfour Beatty were in the process of removing everything from the site and the site “will be returned to its existing form” (Michael Jones planning assistant SCDC). RTS had asked that enforcement action be taken.

(337/06)

410/06 Arrangements for November 11th – the school would not be involved as 11th November falls on a Saturday but would be happy to pass on details to the children. The clerk would inform the rector of the arrangements.

(343/06)

411/06 Travellers Liaison Forum – to be held on Thursday 5th October at Cambourne. HMS intended to attend and would ask PKO if he wished to attend also.

(346/06)

412/06 Saltex September 2006 - JP, RLEW and the clerk attended the Saltex exhibition.

(354/06)

413/06 Graffiti – The graffiti removal supplied by Alex worked well. JEC and the clerk had been trying without success to ask the County Council to clean the graffiti from “their” road signs. The clerk had arranged to have the graffiti removed from the street names “The Rowans, Bene’t Close, Cambridge Road” although it was really the responsibility of SCDC.

(358/06)

In future the clerk would arrange for Council’s own employee to do the work.

RTS has made further enquiries and the SCDC service was not likely to be available much before the end of October. [See maintenance minute 396/06 below].

414/06 Audit – The Annual Return had been audited. No comments from the auditor. Fee £660 + VAT.

415/06 North West Cambridge Area Action Plan Issues and Options Report – this report received. Public consultation period from 25th September to 6th November.

416/06 Community Care – The mobile warden now had 25 clients. Meeting of Community Care committee to be arranged.

417/06 SLCC – Questions to the panel - a recent SLCC meeting was devoted to clerks’ questions. A report was circulated to Council.

418/06 Guided Bus – Local Liaison Forum to be held at Impington Village College on 3rd October 7-9pm.

419/06 Road closure Science Park – noted that there would be temporary changes to the vehicular access on 17th November during the BBC Children in Need Fun Run between 09.30 and 13.30.

420/06 Waste – CCC had appointed Donarbon Ltd as the Preferred Bidder for the “waste Private Finance Initiative Project” contract. The objective of this project is to reduce the amount of household waste sent to landfill each year.

5 Planning

- 421/06
(360/06) Appeal – enforcement notice appeal by Nelson O’Connor - confirmation received of Public Inquiry date 3rd and 4th October at the Guildhall. Alleged breach of planning control at Long Acre Farm Chesterton Fen Road: “without planning permission, the change of use of the land from agricultural use to a use for the importation, storage, sorting, processing and export of waste and the raising of the level of the land by the depositing of waste material”
- Decisions received:
- 422/06
(325/06) Ms S Lee 6 Sunningdale Chesterton Fen Road – erection of a day room (retrospective application) - **refused**. **The structure significantly exceeds maximum size of 4.5m x 4.5m permitted under SCDC’s Caravan Site Licence. Building has many of the characteristics of a bungalow – detracts from openness of the surrounding area and harms its rural character and appearance. Therefore contrary to Policy HG23 (7) of South Cambs Local Plan. Allowing this application would make it difficult to refuse similar proposals and the cumulative effect would be to detract further from the rural nature of this locality.**
- 423/06
(370/06) Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust - Change of Use of Land to Create a Multi-Sport Park, Construction of Lakes with Water Storage, Canal, New and Changed Roads, Cycling and BMX Tracks, Bridges (3), Engineering Operations, Embankments and Landscaping and Outline Permission to Construct a Sports Centre, Boathouse, Finish Line Towers (2), Warden Accommodation (2) and Amenity Blocks (3) at land Between Milton & Waterbeach In the Parishes of Milton, Landbeach & Waterbeach.
DEFERRED pending receipt of drainage and hydraulic information from the Phase 2 Flood Risk Assessment and further transportation, ecology and landscaping information, but minded to approve subject to the information contained therein being satisfactory to the Local Planning Authority (taken from draft minutes on SCDC web site).
The chairman reported that MPC were praised at the SCDC Planning meeting for a clear, concise and detailed submission.
- 424/06
(371/06) Dr J Wilson new house Ely Road – use of building as chiropractic office – **approved**. **Number of employees working on the site at any one time not to exceed 2. Premises to be used for Clinic and Health Centre and for no other purpose. Hard and soft landscaping scheme to be approved. Spaces to be laid out for 4 cars to be parked and for vehicles to turn in order to leave the site in forward gear. Opening hours for customers 0700 – 1900 weekdays 0800 - 1300 Saturdays. Following Classes prohibited: Classes A (erection of gates, walls of fences) and B (construction of access to a highway). South Cambs Local Plan 2004 – EM6 (New Employment at Rural Growth and Limited Growth Settlements).**
- 425/06
(373/06) Telstra Europe Ltd Platinum House Innovation Park – construction of enclosures to house electrical transformer, generator and condensers – **approved**.
To be approved: details of power driven plant, including heating, ventilation and control of odour etc, materials for external walls, hard and soft landscaping, scheme for provision and implementation of pollution control to the water environment.
Structure Plan – **P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Development)**
South Cambs Local Plan – **TP1 (Planning for More Sustainable Travel)**.
- 426/06
(374/06) Quintain Estates & Development Plc – Unit 140 Science Park – cycle store and provision of additional disabled parking bay – **approved**.
Structure Plan – **P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Development)**
South Cambs Local Plan – **TP1 (Planning for More Sustainable Travel); EN5 (Landscaping of New Development); EN7 (new Tree and Hedge Planting)**.
- 427/06
(375/06) Napp Pharmaceutical Holdings Ltd – Unit 183 Science Park – cycle shed – **approved**.
Details of the replacement tree to be approved.
Structure Plan – **P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Development)**
South Cambs Local Plan – **TP1 (Planning for More Sustainable Travel); EN5 (Landscaping of New Development); EN7 (new Tree and Hedge Planting)**.
- 428/06
(376/06) Napp Pharmaceutical Holdings Ltd – Unit 191 Science Park – cycle shed – **approved**.
Structure Plan – **P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Development)**
South Cambs Local Plan – **TP1 (Planning for More Sustainable Travel)**.
- 429/06
(378/06) SPP (Southern) Ltd - car park at Tesco Cambridge Road – change of use of part of car park to car valeting operation including siting of cabin and canopy - **approved**.
To be approved: details of power driven plant, including heating, ventilation and control of odour etc, external lighting including flood lighting, materials for external walls and roof in particular the colour of the canopy and cabin, scheme for provision and implementation of pollution control to the water environment. No power operated machinery to be operated before 0800 weekdays and Saturdays nor after 1800 weekdays 1300 Saturdays.
South Cambs Local Plan – **SH7 (Vehicle Sales, Maintenance and Plant Hire)**

- 430/06 (379/06) Mr Jutla 15 Froment Way single storey rear/side extension – **approved. Details of materials for external wall and roofs to be approved. No windows, doors or openings to be in the south eastern elevation unless approved by LPA.**
Structure Plan – **P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Development)**
Local Plan – **HG12 (Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings within Frameworks).**
- New applications:
- 431/06 S/1684/06 Dr T Matthams 66 Fen Road – new dwelling following demolition of existing bungalow – **no recommendation. No objection so long as the ridge height is not significantly different from number 68 Fen Road.**
- 432/06 S/1726/06 Mr Jutla 15 Froment Way - dormer windows and extension to front gable - **refuse. Over development of the property and out of keeping. Inappropriate in the street scene.**
- 433/06 S/1764/06 A Webb Lomas Farm Chesterton Fen Road – variation of condition 1 of pp S/1953/00/F which restricts the number of caravans to 3 to allow an additional 4 caravans (total 7) [retrospective application] – **no recommendation so long as this is in accordance with SCDC Policies for Chesterton Fen.**
- 434/06 S/1773/06/PNT British Telecommunications PLC – 2 telephone poles and associated wires at Ely Road Milton (for chiropractic office) – **refuse. Strong objections to more street clutter in the Conservation Area; surprised that ducting was not routed underground during the time that the verge was dug up. These cables should go underground.** RTS declared a prejudicial interest.
- 435/06 (394/06) **6 Maintenance** – the minutes of the Maintenance meeting held on 18th September were received.
The following recommendations: were considered:
Cemetery - BJ, HMS, RLEW and the clerk offered to visit the City Cemetery on Friday 6th October at 1pm to view the Jewish section and to gather further information from Mrs Gilinsky a Trustee of the Cambridge and Suffolk Jewish Community. HMS would find out planning regulations concerning cemetery buildings in the Green Belt.
- (395/06) Purchase and installation of gate at the allotments - a quotation of £500 for the gate and £150+ for installation was received. ME would seek an alternative quotation. **Action: ME**
- (397/06) Planting of open spaces – deferred till November
- (399/06) Purchase of two bins - **AGREED** (8 votes in favour 2 abstentions)
to purchase two bins from Glasdon at £424.56 + installation to replace damaged bins at Humphries Way and Froment way open spaces.
The clerk reminded Council that there was no chairman of Maintenance at present.
- 436/06 (351/06) **7 Quality Status**
AGREED
that the Chairman and Clerk should seek Quality Parish Council Status
- 437/06 (304/06) **8 Play bark - Proposal to purchase play bark 50 cu metres @ £31 per cu metre or 100 cu metres @ £29 per cu metre** - deferred till November.
- 438/06 (384/06) **9 Youth Building**
Update: shutters were in place interior works could now continue; project was 3 weeks behind – Murfitts were confident of catching up; there had been a small fire in the building – no damage done; 2 CCTV cameras (chunky type) had been vandalised and Tom Crawford had replaced these free of charge with discreet cameras; the system would be extended to cover the youth building; there would be no annual service charge – all included in the costs for the first year and thereafter Council would pay for Tom Crawford’s time approximately 2 hours per year. This would be cheaper than a service contract. Having been “trained” to operate the system PSB would train members of the sports clubs.
Heating: a briefing paper detailing the running costs and the positives and negatives of the quartz halogen and wet heating systems had been circulated.
It was **AGREED** (7 votes in favour 3 abstentions)
to authorise the additional expenditure of £3281 required to complete the youth building project with the revised (wet) heating system.
Deeper foundations - **AGREED** (7 votes in favour 3 abstentions)
to ratify an extra charge £1084 for deeper foundations as required by the Building Control Inspector.
A representative from Evolve EB had inspected the building and was pleased with what she saw. Steel shutters may need painting.
The chairman commented that the Parish Council now had a lovely general use building and that a management group should be appointed to oversee its use – for November meeting.
Noted that CCTV was insured (see bills for payment).

439/06 **10 Policy on the use of Photographs - External Links from Council’s Web Site** – deferred till November
(320/06)

440/06 **11 Country Park**
(385/06)

Cabinet meeting discussed:

- Land in middle owned by CCC
- Trial partnership with College of West Anglia (report back in December)
- Procurement options for catering
- Exploring development of Trust (long term)

and agreed to impose £1 per car compulsory car parking charges – from about January (machines need to be ordered and installed). Simon McIntosh would be happy to discuss signs for MCC to discourage parking there. RTS reported that the cabinet would review in 6 months. Noted that the Advisory Group was scheduled to meet on 9th October. An article in the Village View would ask for volunteers to join the Friends.

441/06 **12 Land update - Proposed letter to SCDC re LDF and EDF Energy site11**
(386/06)

It was **AGREED** by all

to send a further letter to SCDC. The chairman and vice chairman were given the authority to amend the wording so long as the emphasis and content were not changed.

The appeal process had started. Copies of documents submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by SCDC received.

442/06 **13 Milton Road/Cowley Road junction**

AGREED by all (copy to Julian Huppert and Michael Williamson)

to send a letter to A Frost expressing concerns about cyclists are going to negotiate the junctions at Cowley Road (in both directions); the inconvenience caused to pedestrians and cyclists during the works.

443/06 **14 MCC update** – AGM set for 4th October.

444/06 **15 County Councillor’s report**

Highways meeting – a meeting for local Parish Councils was scheduled to be held at Waterbeach on 18th October. Bob Howard and Michael Oakman (CCC) would attend.

A10/A14 interchange – traffic congestion was still causing problems in Milton during peak hours. MW would monitor.

Slap-Up junction – improvements were not “in hand” as minuted (min 339/06). Improvements had been proposed and were on the list for funding.

445/06 **16 District Councillors’ reports**

Bus shelters – lights in the bus shelters were not working. **Action: the clerk**

Crime Reduction – HMS attended the recent Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership meeting and suggested that Milton invite the “youth arson” project to put on a demonstration in Milton. **Action: the clerk**

RTS would attend Neighbourhood Panel meeting and raise the problem of arson.

Ditch beyond Goding Way – HMS had pointed out to Pat Matthews of SCDC some peculiar features of Milton’s drainage which had come to light during the recent water leak in the High Street.

Donarbon – planning application (min377/06) to take clay off site was being considered; there would be a maximum of 10-15 vehicle movements per day.

446/06 **17 Bills for Payment and Money Received**

CONFIRMED payment of cheques 3339-3342

AGREED payment of cheques 3343-3353 + online to Inland Revenue

JEC abstained.

447/06 **18 Correspondence**

Cambridge Older People’s Enterprise (COPE) - newsletter

ACRE - A Rural Strategy for Cambridgeshire 2006-2010; Annual Review 2005-06; Community Action

19 Dates of Next Meetings

Planning - 16th October

Finance - 16th October

Council - 6th November

Community Care tba

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.

Signed.....

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