

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 2 February 2004 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre**

Present: PK Oldham (chair) EH Baker RH Chapman JE Coston IR Cowley R Day  
M Ellwood RJ Farrington B Jefferson CJ Lock IF May HM Smith  
RT Summerfield LC Twinn RLE Waters  
The clerk SJ Daniels and one member of the public (part)

**1 Apologies for absence** - none

**2 Declarations of Interest** - none

54/04 **3 Minutes** - of the meeting of 5 January 2004 were approved and signed as a true record.

**4 Clerk's Report**

55/04  
(422/03)

Data Protection

Council had now registered (cheque 2715 min 76/04 below).

56/04  
(15/04)

Community Care Scheme (inc Barnabas Court)

According to Care Network:

- All the Community Care schemes in Cambridgeshire except Milton are run as charities and are therefore eligible for grants up to £10,000 from the County Council. The rules are changing from this April.
- It was too late for a grant this year. The clerk, however, had contacted Rob Sanderson of the County Council to plead MPC's case.
- Applications to the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation [yet another new body being set up] can be made before 30 September for a 2005-06 grant of up to £3,000.
- It was possible that grant aid might be available from the County Council Prevention Fund.
- The Social Services are proposing that the Care Network bid from CCC for a 3 year period for a total grant towards all schemes.

The clerk had already applied for a grant from SCDC and had also sent revised figures. SCDC can and may fund up to 25% of the total annual costs. In 2004-05 this would be c £2,000.

PC Trusts do not grant aid.

To date the clerk had contacted by letter Rob Sanderson, Eric Robinson (Social Services) and Hugh Gault (Prevention Fund) at the County Council.

A meeting with Stephen Dunn Cambridge Housing Society took place on Friday 30 January. A report was circulated. Another meeting was planned for Monday 15 March at 11.15am.

RTS reported that there was a waiting list for Barnabas Court. During the recent vacancies those on the waiting list did not wish to take up their place at that time.

57/04  
(16/04)

Milton Detached

PKO had arranged a meeting with the Travellers' Liaison Officer but it was postponed due to illness. To be re-arranged. **Action: PKO**

58/04

Cemetery Committee

RHC was co-opted on to the Cemetery Committee.

- 59/04 Mere Way  
Noted rabbits had been causing damage to crops in the area of Mere Way. The County Council were clearing brambles and blackthorn scrub from the track and trying to reduce the rabbit population.
- 60/04 Trees  
Thanks to RD and RHC for planting trees in Fen Road beyond the railway line and Landbeach Road near bus shelter.
- 61/04 **5 Planning**  
The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 19 January were received.
- 62/04 Appeal – noted that Mr & Mrs Swann 5 Conder Close had appealed against refusal of  
(433/03) planning permission for an extension.
- 63/04 Waste Recycling Group – Hours of Operation  
(458/03) The Development Control Committee CCC met on 26 January. JEC asked that if the committee were minded to pass the application then the decision should be only a temporary one, the same as a entertainment licence, so that we could be in a position in 6 or 12 months time not to renew the permission if we were receiving too many complaints.
- The Development Control Committee made no decision. It was agreed to defer the application to allow further discussions with the applicant regarding the request to commence landfill operations at 06:00. Concern was expressed that 06:00 was unacceptable in terms of local amenity. Members felt that 07:00 - 18:00 would be likely to be more acceptable - and possibly (if the applicant agreed to amend the application and subject to fresh public consultation) a 19:00 finish.
- The earliest date at which this would be decided is 15 March 2004, at the next Development Committee meeting.
- Decisions Received
- 64/04 Mr & Mrs N Sease 239 The Sycamores – extension - **approved**. External materials  
(473/03) to be identical to those used for existing building. Permanent space to be reserved on site for parking.
- 65/04 JC Decaux UK Ltd – free standing signs 2 and 3 at Tesco store – **approved**. Sign  
(474/03) number 1 **refused**. Large illuminated double sided sign would represent an added distraction – detrimental to the safety of vehicles and pedestrians using the car park. (Min 25/04 also refers).
- 66/04 Mr F Haslop 5A High Street – new dwelling on land adjacent 5A High Street –  
(13/04) **refused**. Cramped form of development and out of keeping. Satisfactory level of privacy not able to be provided. Contrary to Policy P1/3 of the Structure Plan 2003 and Policy HG16A of South Cambs Local Plan No 2 (December 2003) – development must respond to the local character of the built environment and the pattern of development in the vicinity. (Min 25/04 also refers).
- New Applications
- 67/04 S/0059/04/O Cambridge Regional College Science Park Campus Kings Hedges  
Road – master plan to include extended main reception area, extended parking facilities and two new teaching areas. **No recommendation. Car parking sited on area scheduled for widening of A14.**
- 68/04 S/0090/04 Mr & Mrs E Karram – 8 Gunnell Close – first floor side extension - **no recommendation**.
- 69/04 S/0106/04 Mr & Mrs A Flint 18 Church Lane – first floor side extension – (renewal of time limited permission S/0191/99) - **no recommendation**.  
PKO declared a personal interest (near neighbour).

- 70/04                    **6 Youth**  
 The minutes of the MYCMG meeting of 22 December 2003, the Youth Committee meeting 14 January and the Joint Meeting with MCC 28 January were received.
- (17/04)                    Youth Building - the way forward  
 The joint meeting gave overwhelming support for a youth building.  
 It was **AGREED** (10 votes in favour, 3 against and 2 abstentions).
- to authorise the youth committee to pursue the erection of a youth building at The Sycamores recreation ground, to be managed by MPC.
- 71/04                    **7 Community Minibus**  
 The minutes of the Minibus Committee meeting held on 26 January were received.  
 The clerk was seeking advice from C Taylor SCDC about declaration of interest (min 45/04).  
 RLEW was not convinced that the Minibus Committee would be breaking the LGA 1972 as detailed in min 45/04.  
**AGREED**
- to join the CTA at a cost of £60 (min 47/04) [cheque 14].
- The following declared personal interests: JEC (trolley bus), IRC (youth club), RJF (bookings officer), IFM (colts football) and RLEW (bowls).
- Noted that drivers approaching 70 years of age must take an advanced medical. (See min 51/04).
- 72/04                    **8 Finance**  
 The minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of 19 January were received.  
 Committee reviewed all risks associated with Council business and received a minibus report from R Pain.  
**AGREED** using Powers in the Parish Councils Act 1957
- to pay up to 50% of the cost of a street light on the foot / cycle path behind 130 The Rowans.
- IRC declared a personal interest – light to be sited near his house.
- Committee reviewed budgets for 2004-05 and recommended that Council precept for £80,000. During the previous two years money had been taken from reserves.
- AGREED**                (13 votes in favour 2 abstentions)
- to ask SCDC for a precept of £80,000 for 2004-05.
- A Band D house would pay just over £5 more than in the present year.
- 73/04                    **9 Maintenance of Open Spaces**  
 A Task and Finish Group had been set up by SCDC to examine the maintenance of open spaces. The clerk would reply that MPC managed all of its own open spaces.  
**Action: the clerk**  
 (Note that in September this year MPC would need to go out to tender again for the grass cutting contract. Maintenance Committee should therefore meet to look at the contract).
- 74/04                    **10 Response to Audit Commission - District Council Comprehensive Performance Assessment**  
 An *ad hoc* committee had met to answer a questionnaire set by the Audit Commission to gauge the performance of the district council in comparison with its priorities and future plans.  
**AGREED**                (12 votes in favour 3 abstentions)
- to accept the decisions of the ad hoc committee.

