

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 19 July 2004 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre**

**Present:** JE Coston (chair) PK Oldham EH Baker RH Chapman R Day M Ellwood  
RJ Farrington B Jefferson CJ Lock IF May HM Smith RT Summerfield LC Twinn  
RLE Waters  
The clerk SJ Daniels + 7 members of the public (part)

**1 Apologies for absence** - IR Cowley

247/04 **2 Declarations of Interest** - RLEW item 6 (conifers)

248/04 **3 Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting of 14 June 2004 were approved and signed as a true record

249/04 **4 Travellers**

In attendance: Stephen Flude Travellers' Liaison Officer SCDC, Allan Davison CCC property department, Jessica Miller newly appointed Travellers' Liaison Officer CCC and Sgt Chris Burns.

SF reported on the recent incursion by travellers on land at Landbeach Road / Humphries Way junction. On Monday 21 June 2 caravans were on site. He visited, issued black bags and was told that the travellers would leave by 28 June. Another 5 caravans arrived on 21 June. Travellers again advised that they would leave within a week. Damage was caused by travellers who arrived later in the week.

Cambridgeshire County Council owns the land. Public authorities are restricted by law in their dealings with travellers. In order to evict CCC must follow due process through the courts (about 10-14 days). Travellers' needs and welfare must be taken into consideration (Human Rights Act). The travellers can only be moved on if there is a site to move them to. Cambridgeshire has no transit sites.

The police have powers to evict in extreme / sensitive circumstances - if the incursion has a significant impact on the local community.

CB reported that there was a decrease in reported crimes in Milton during the week 21-28 June.

CCC, SCDC and the police were working together to produce a strategy for the whole district. SF intended to produce a leaflet for land owners, parish councils, members of the public - and would introduce their ideas at the September meeting.

Issues raised:

- Fly tipping and forced entry - were these not offences?
- Lack of transit sites. These were more difficult to manage than permanent sites. National provision for the whole country was needed.
- SCDC were looking for places to provide sites - more funding was needed.
- Was there any way to educate the travellers to be good neighbours?
- The clerk and RLEW both wrote to the police about the broken lock. RLEW was unhappy about the lack of response to his complaint.
- CCC would reconsider provision of official sites in response to Government's recent policy.
- Residents' "human rights" should also be protected.
- There was concern that despite the forced entry and damage the CCC could not legally remove the travellers for two weeks.
- Pollution - should the Environment Agency be involved? SF had not liaised with the EA.

Standing orders were suspended to allow residents to speak:

- A bund should have been put in place as previously discussed. RHC, acting as a resident and not as a parish councillor, intended to do this work within the next two weeks. Thanks to RHC for offering to do this.
- Young children were playing in the road very late at night.
- An offence was committed. There was no direct action by the police

SF repeated that the travellers' behaviour was acceptable at the start of the week according to government guidelines. MPC were governed by the same rules as the CCC and SCDC.

It was **AGREED**

to review Council's Policy (min 275/02) by setting up an *ad hoc* working group to look at all the vulnerable areas in the village and to report back to Council with their recommendations.

JEC, RD, IFM, HMS and RLEW to be members of the working group. SF would be happy to meet with this group.

JEC thanked all the officers, the parish councillors and clerk who worked hard to bring this episode to a swift conclusion.

250/04  
(215/04)

### **5 Sergeant Simon Cross PCSO Co-ordinator**

Council welcomed Sgt Simon Cross. The beat officer was now a rarity. The introduction of PCSO's gave people a reasonable chance to make contact with the police.

The government intended to provide 20,000+ PCSO's by 2008.

The parish could part fund a PCSO with another parish. A service level agreement would be drawn up.

The PCSO would need a base. If based in one village only then no car would be needed.

Breakdown of costs:

Initial training (one off cost in 1st year)	-	£4,000
Pay and other costs (per year)	-	£21,000

Salary costs would vary depending on times of hours worked. PCSO's were now allowed to work on their own during evenings unless there were a specific risk.

Council feared that funding a PCSO would mean a dilution of the present service provided by the community beat officer and that Milton would be paying for policing twice. In addition if Council paid for PCSO then the chances of getting a "free" PCSO would be slim.

A PCSO would be guaranteed in Milton for as long as Council continued to pay. He could not be taken away as had Lee Page recently. Sgt Burns reported that Lee had left Milton on a permanent basis, although Inspector Ormerod had given a different view: "Inspector O would try to return Lee to Milton as soon as possible" (min 215/04 - 14 June 2004).

The constabulary would be the employer.

Council needed to look at the costs and the benefits. A recent survey in Orton near Peterborough showed that 100% of under 16's there had heard of PCSO's and 76% had met their PCSO.

There was a minimum two year commitment.

Thanks to Simon Cross and Chris Burns for attending.

It was proposed and seconded that Council take no further action at this time.

There were 3 votes in favour, 6 against and 2 abstentions. The motion was **NOT CARRIED**.

### Consultation with village

It was proposed that Council consider a consultation process - to be discussed at September meeting. Noted that £22,000 (cost excluding initial training) would increase a Band D Council Tax by about £12.

The clerk would ask Sgt Cross for terms and conditions of employment.

**Action: the clerk**

- 251/04  
(218/04) **6 Clerk's/Chairman's report**  
Impact - RLEW reported that he had spoken to IVC financial director who was arranging to send a list of the trustees and accounts to the Charity Commissioners. BJ and HMS (as SCDC representative) were both trustees.
- 252/04  
(220/04) Highway Matters inc cycle bridge  
**Roundabout near Tesco** - meeting still to be arranged. *Action: JEC*  
**Street Light The Rowans** - nothing to report.  
**Butt Lane junction** - Philip Sharp's response to a resident's complaint about the dangers still at this junction caused by parked cars:  
"We are monitoring this junction to determine the extent of parking restrictions required, if any. The statutory legal process we have to go through to introduce formal parking restrictions is lengthy and takes several months. In the meantime, if vehicles are parking on the junction itself, the police can take action without yellow lines being present."
- (236/04) **Cycle bridge** - noted that Grenville Chamberlain (Cecil Instruments) had met with the cycling officer to press for a barrier at the Milton end of the bridge. CCC were arranging to implement a parking restriction over the length of the carriageway from the bridge to the entrance of Initial Service Ltd + a Keep Clear marking in front of Initial Service. The Traffic Regulation Order is being advertised - so that work can be carried out as soon as possible. (Letter from A Middlebrook)  
Further signing / lining was also planned. (Letter from P Sharp CCC)  
**AGREED**  
re recent brick throwing incident to write again requesting CCTV as originally promised (copies to police). *Action: the clerk*  
**Road signs** - the clerk had sent to CCC detailed report including photographs of all the signs that were missing or should/could be removed. CCC hoped to replace or remove all the signs within 4-6 weeks. (Letter from P Sharp CCC)
- 253/04  
(221/04) Milton Country Park trees  
S McIntosh and M Busby would meet on Monday 6 September at visitors centre 6.30pm and after at the Council meeting. J Hellingsworth unable to attend. The clerk would invite SM to attend at 6pm. *Action: the clerk*
- 254/04  
(222/04) 100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
JEC attended the special lunch for Mrs Day and presented the silk flowers. JEC reported that the organisers at the lunch club deserved praise for a splendid effort. On behalf of his mother RD thanked JEC for the flowers.
- 255/04  
(242/04) Milton School conifers  
Noted that the school had arranged to have the trees pruned during the school holidays and had asked for a quote for repairing the fence.
- 256/04 Cambridge Building Society - opening  
JEC attended the opening of the building society on Monday 12 July as Chairman of MPC.
- 257/04  
(316/03) **7 Planning**  
Appeals - against refusal of planning permission for change of use to 28 plots of land to private gypsy sites and 1 change of use to 4 plots of land to a private gypsy caravan site for families in transit and access road at Sandy Park Chesterton Fen Road - **dismissed**.
- 258/04  
(228/04) CJ Hanson Ltd - dwelling at Ely Road - application withdrawn as J Hellingsworth was concerned that the building should be at least 3 metres away from the horse chestnut tree.
- 259/04 Occasional Public Entertainments Licence - Country Park - 24 July for 8 live bands between 12.30pm and 8.30pm. Noted the trend towards

Decisions Received

- 260/04  
(211/04)  
261/04  
(213b/04)
- Cambridge Regional College - erection of sports pitch storage building - **approved**.
- Napp Pharmaceutical Holdings Ltd Unit 191 Science Park - external access ramp and stairway - **approved**.

New Applications

- 262/04  
C/00613/04 Anglian Water Services Ltd - construction of 2 GRP kiosks housing electrical equipment at sewage works - **If these measures help to reduce the odours from the sewage works then we fully support them.**
- 263/04  
S/1257/04 JC Hawkins 189 The Sycamores - two storey extension - **no recommendation.**  
**Comment: close proximity to number 191 The Sycamores.** [The 2 storey extension would be 2 metres from a first floor window].

The above were dealt with under delegated powers.

- 264/04  
(156/03)  
S/0323/04 Mr & Mrs Henderson Half Acre Cambridge Road - amendment to proposed extension - reduction in width of single storey rear extension by 700mm and increase in length by 1100mm - **no recommendation.**
- 265/04  
S/1325/04 Mr & Mrs Patel 26 High Street - conservatory
- 266/04  
S/1439/04 ntl - addition of 2 dish antennae to existing telecommunications tower at Milton Transmitter Station Ely Road - **no recommendation. No objection to this proposal so long as these antennae do not interfere with TV reception for Milton residents (as happened with the previous installation).**  
**AGREED**

**to express genuine concerns about the proliferation of antennae on the masts in the village.**

Carried 6 votes in favour, 5 against, 3 abstentions.

JEC reported that a survey carried out in 2003 concluded that the rate of cancer in Milton was on average with other places.

- 267/04  
**8 Internal Audit**  
The internal audit report was received. Noted that the appointment of N Hutchinson as youth worker had not been formally confirmed by Council.

- 268/04  
**9 Play**  
To minutes of the play meeting held on 16 July were received and noted.  
It was **AGREED**  
to accept the recommendation of the play committee to accept quotation of £7,938.39 from Hags Play to purchase new play equipment at The Rowans in the current financial year.  
(Funds would be taken from budget and commuted sums).

- 269/04  
**10 Youth**  
1) Youth Workers  
**AGREED**  
a) to confirm the appointment of Neil Hutchinson as youth worker as from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2003 for 2 hours per week on Tuesday evenings at the salary of £6.50 per hour (scale Y1)

[Note that Neil and Jackie are leaving at the end of August].

b) to confirm the appointment of Melissa Hall as a youth worker as from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004 on Tuesday evenings for 2 hours per week at the salary scale of £6.50 per hour (scale Y1).

2) Summer Scheme**AGREED**

to give HMS authority to spend up to £500 on youth workers during the summer holidays.

3) Youth Building

RLEW reported difficulties with the administration of the youth building and that the administration and management should be handed over to MPC.

The MYCMG would meet with J Gray to discuss details and formulate a proposal for the September meeting.

270/04

**11 Proposed development in South Cambs**

RTS attended a meeting on 5 July at Foxton to discuss John Prescott's intention to increase the housing target for the M11 corridor by 18,000 houses. Consultants were looking at 3 areas for the housing:

- South west - Herts and Essex
- A single new town south of Cambridge possibly Abington
- 2 small new towns well served by rail such as A10 Cambridge to Ely, A505, A14, A120 or along M11.

It was **AGREED**

to inform Eastern England Regional Assembly that MPC favoured the south west option - nearer Stansted.

Carried by 12 votes in favour, 2 abstentions.

271/04

**12 Land in High Street - affordable/social housing**

The clerk reported that 1/3 acre of land may become available possibly for affordable / sheltered housing. Council felt that the owner should negotiate himself with the relevant authority.

It was **AGREED**

to take no action.

HMS and RTS would discuss the idea at SCDC.

272/04

**13 Standing Order 19**

As the agenda must be delivered by Tuesday midnight it was **AGREED** to amend Standing Order 19 thus:

"Except as provided by these Standing Orders, no resolution may be moved unless the business to which it relates has been put on the Agenda by the Clerk or the mover has given notice in writing of its terms and has delivered the notice to the Clerk not later than **Monday** in the week before the next meeting of the Council."

273/04

**14 MCC Update**

Plans for consultation for the alterations to MCC were to be presented to the buildings committee. JEC asked that MPC be able to view the plans. The clerk reminded Council that in his opinion a parish office should be considered.

The courts fencing was in need of repair.

Thanks to J Gray and others for helping organise the Summer Fayre which went well. Ten volunteers had come forward to help in 2005.

274/04

**15 Bills for Payment and Money Received**

**CONFIRMED** Payment of cheques 2807 - 2815, 2829 and 4 (youth)

**AGREED** to pay cheques 2816 to 2828 and 2830

Noted that £40 Community Care Fees were received on 19 April 04.

275/04

**16 County Councillor's report**

Crime Figures received.

Cycle bridge - Latest figures showed that there were over 1400 pedestrian / cycle movements across the bridge on one day in May.

Northern Fringe - plans of the proposed alterations to the A10/A14 interchange were circulated. (See report by RTS below).

276/04

**17 District Councillors' reports**

RTS

Community care recycling - a recycling bin had now been provided at Barnabas Court.

Area Joint Committee:

Northern Fringe - feasibility studies were being done concerning relocation of the Park & Ride site, a southern access off Chesterton Fen Road, relocation of the sewage works, Milton Road/Cowley Road junction and the A10/A14 junction. JEC intended to organise another meeting about the Northern Fringe.

Jointly Funded Minor Improvements Scheme - Parish share of the funding was being increased from 60 pence per elector to £1. The County Council intended to invoice Parish Councils at the effective commencement of the work.

Network Service Plan - RTS had asked the officers how they selected the roads to be resurfaced. JEC had arranged a meeting with the officers.

Cabinet - congratulations to RTS for being re-elected to the cabinet.

EACH - one of the signs on the East Anglian Children's Hospice building in High Street had been removed.

HMS

Tesco meeting - HMS, JEC and BJ had met with Tesco management. A report was circulated. Matters discussed: noisy cars at night, alleyway, rats, rubbish, trolleys, under 16's in store. Next meeting scheduled for 27 August.

277/04

**18 Correspondence**

Gallagher Estates	-	Northstowe update and DVD
Cb4law	-	Lion & Lamb transfer of Justices' licence
Countryside Agency	-	Provisional map of registered common lands
Cambs & Peterborough Fire Authority	-	Corporate Performance Plan 2004/05
Cambs County Council	-	Structure Plan 2003
Cambs County Council	-	Local Government Revenue Support Grant
CALC	-	Bulletin

**19 Dates of Next Meetings**

<b>Council</b>	<b>19 July</b>
<b>Finance</b>	<b>26 July</b>

The meeting ended at 10.50pm.

Signed.....Chairman.....Date