

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 1 March 2004 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre**

Present: PK Oldham (chair) EH Baker RH Chapman JE Coston (from min 107/04 - apologies for lateness - at Landbeach PC) IR Cowley R Day M Ellwood RJ Farrington B Jefferson CJ Lock IF May HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters  
The clerk SJ Daniels

**1 Apologies for absence** - LC Twinn (illness)

86/04 **2 Declarations of Interest** – RLEW personal interest item 7 (re bowls club). He summarised his reasons for declaring a personal (but not prejudicial) interest.

87/04 **3 Minutes** - of the meeting of 2 February 2004 were approved and signed as a true record.

**4 Clerk's Report**

88/04 South Cambs Local Plan 2004

The Plan had been formally adopted. This plan now dictated consideration of planning applications.

89/04 Cambs and Peterborough Waste Local Plan

The Plan had been formally adopted.

90/04 Policing

(441/03) The clerk would invite Inspector Ormerod to the April meeting to discuss the role of the Community Beat Support Officer. **Action: the clerk**

91/04 Stakeholders' Pension

(461/03) This had now been set up. The clerk had sent all the employees a pack explaining the scheme. They must let the clerk know whether they wish to take up a pension. (Min 35/04 also refers).

92/04 Butt Lane/High Street Junction

(3/04) David Lines Assistant Engineer had incorporated what he could into the design. The issue of parking could be looked at after the completion of the junction. The clerk would request a copy of the new proposals. **Action: the clerk**

93/04 Data Protection

(55/04) Confirmation received from the Information Commissioner that MPC was now registered to 4 February 2005.

94/04 Community Care (inc Barnabas Court)

(56/04) Noted that the manager of Barnabas Court had handed in her notice. Next meeting with Stephen Dunn scheduled for 15 March.

95/04 Street Light

(72/04) A letter of thanks received from a resident on The Rowans thanking all three councils for agreeing to provide a "much needed" light. RTS reported that SCDC had approved a grant.

96/04 Clerks' Working Lunch – Funding Issues

(76/04) Postponed - to be rearranged.

97/04 Guided Busway Order

Under the Transport and Works Act 1992 the Parish Council had until 2 April to make any objection or representation.

Newsletter number 3 received from County Council.

Christ's Pieces Residents Association would object to the scheme and were asking for Council's views.

Members were concerned that Milton had not been considered a suitable venue for one of the public exhibitions, especially as the bus way runs along the boundary of Milton Parish.

As there was unlikely to be a consensus it was **AGREED**  
not to make a formal response.

## 5 Planning

### Appeals

- 98/04  
(311/03) Nelson O'Connor and others - against refusal of permission for:  
1. transit site for gypsies and construction of access road  
2. siting of gypsy caravans.  
To be determined by public inquiry starting on 9 March.
- 99/04  
(372/03) Mr J Crickmore – against refusal of permission for change of use to tropical plant nursery at The Barn Chesterton Fen Road comprising erection of 3 glass houses, general purpose shed, alteration and extensions to existing barn/stable for display and sales, retention of mobile home and provision for car parking.

### Decisions Received

- 100/04  
(12/04) Waste Recycling Group – extension of gas utilisation compound to enable installation of additional two gas engines and replacement flare stack at Landfill Site - **approved**. All generators and associated plant to be removed from site and site restored by February 2020.

- 101/04  
(29/04) R Barton – dwelling at land adjacent Black House Chesterton Fen Road - **refused**. Outside village framework – in countryside. Contrary to Policy SE13 of the South Cambs Local Plan (all new housing to be within defined village framework) and Policy P1/2 of the Structure Plan (restriction of new development in the countryside). Inappropriate development within Green Belt and contrary to Policies P9/2a of the Structure Plan, GB3/1 of the Green Belt Local Plan and GB2 of the South Cambs Local Plan.  
Within flood plain – risk of flooding and likely to increase the risk of flooding elsewhere through loss of flood storage capacity. Contrary therefore to Policies P6/4 of the Structure Plan and CS8 of the Local Plan.

Noted that permission had been granted for a bungalow adjacent the Black House and a bungalow in place of the demolished Black House. The Black House had been occupied in the past as two dwellings. Its replacement with two bungalows could be justified on a one-to-one basis. This permission had now lapsed.

Unless the current application formed part of a one-to-one proposal to replace the Black House the Planning Director could see no justification to allow this application.

- 102/04  
(30/04) Mr & Mrs Tierney Jolly Brewers Public House – conversion of outbuilding into four bedrooms for overnight accommodation and boiler room/store - **approved**. Details of materials and external lighting to be approved. Conditions about hours of operation of power operated machinery.

- 103/04  
(31/04) Mr & Mrs Tierney Jolly Brewers Public House (Listed Building Consent) – conditions of approval:  
Works to be started within five years; full specification and schedule of works to be approved; full photographic record before and during works to be kept; precise details of windows and doors to be submitted – all windows and doors to be timber with black stain finish; roof to be covered in natural quarried slate; details of gutters and drainpipes to be approved; proposed weather boarding and all new external joinery to be stained black; details of external lighting, soil vent pipes and flues, ducts or pipes to be approved; no chemical or sandblasting of timber or brick work without prior consent; all mortars, plasters and renders to be lime rich and agreed in writing by LPA; details of materials proposed for hard surfaced areas including paths to be approved.

- 104/04  
(68/04) Mr & Mrs E Karram 8 Gunnell Close – extension - **approved**. External materials of construction to be identical to those used for existing building; no windows, doors or openings to be inserted in north facing extension at first floor level.

New Applications

105/04

Milton Landfill:

- Letter received from Cambs County Council re Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations.
- (63/04) - Variation of Condition 15 pp S/0289/91 to extend the hours of operation – revised details: In order to achieve greater efficiency an earlier start is needed for vehicles travelling longer distances (to avoid commuter traffic). Alternative proposal therefore: waste vehicles to be allowed to enter the site from 06.00 but land filling of the waste to begin no earlier than 07.00.

There were concerns about how this would be enforced to prevent noise before 07.00.

**AGREED** (8 votes in favour, 1 against and 4 abstentions)  
to make no response.

106/04

S/0221/04 Dr J Wilson part use of ground floor of 135 Cambridge Road as Chiropractic Practice (Class D1) – **no recommendation**.

107/04

**6 Youth**

The minutes of the Youth Committee meeting of 11 February were received.

(81/04)

**AGREED**

to set up a youth club bank account with the Co-op Bank.

Youth Building

HMS reported that WREN and SCDC required three firm quotations. The Youth Committee would meet to draw up a clear specification and seek three quotations. The two firms C&A Roofing and CJ Murfitt of Soham had indicated that they would be willing to tender.

HMS was finalising the Business Plan which the clerk would circulate to Council.

**Action: the clerk**

Pupil and Student Support were now using the youth building on a regular basis with further bookings possible.

In discussing the proposal to support a youth building at The Sycamores the following issues were raised:

Ongoing running costs would be little different from the present costs;

Youth club membership is free; some income from tuck;

Support from MCC is essential as charities such as Garfield Weston would give to a charity but not a public body;

Average attendance: Monday and Thursday 20, Tuesday 30 (younger age group);

Building should be available to other youth organisations eg colts football, cricket, scouts etc.

Council was being asked to commit a disproportionate amount of money on relatively few youngsters;

Generally there was less parental support for youth club activities than for football, cricket, scouts etc.

Council was reminded of its commitment to provide more land for sports pitches and that £40,000 was set aside for this.

If the youth club were to close the building itself would be an investment.

If grants were not forthcoming then Council would have to re-think its strategy.

The provision of a youth building - aims and objectives:

To provide facilities to support the youth work which is a priority in line with Government targets and helps to prevent crime.

There was less crime now than previously.

The following proposal was **AGREED** by 10 votes to 4.

Milton Parish Council supports the provision of a youth building at the Sycamores recreation ground car park and agrees to put aside £20,000 towards this project from reserves.

In accordance with Standing Order number 10:

Those in favour: EHB RHC JEC IRC ME BJ PKO HMS RTS RLEW

Against: RD RJF CJL IFM

108/04

**7 Community Minibus**

The minutes of the Minibus Committee Meeting held on 16 February were received. The following declared personal interests: JEC (trolley bus), IRC (possible user), RJF (Scouts).

(85/04)

New Tariffs

After a long and vigorous debate it was **AGREED** (10 votes in favour, 1 against and 3 abstentions) that the motion be put (Standing Order 30 j. iv).

It was **AGREED to amend and APPROVE the first recommendation thus:**

that the charges stay the same with a minimum of £8 for the first day, £12 for the second day and £20 per day thereafter.

Those in favour (Standing Order 10): EHB RHC JEC IRC RD ME BJ CJL IFM PKO HMS RTS

Abstentions: RJF RLEW

**An amendment was proposed to the second recommendation:**

that the bowls club pay the standard tariff and that the scouts marquee hiring fee remain the same.

This was **NOT CARRIED** (on the chairman's casting vote).

Those in favour: JEC IRC BJ PKO HMS

Against: RHC RD ME IFM RTS

Abstentions: EHB RJF CJL RLEW

The substantive motion

that the bowls club pay £15 per trip and that the scouts marquee hiring fee remain the same  
(as per Minibus Committee recommendation)

was **CARRIED**.

Those in favour: RHC JEC RD ME IFM PKO RTS

Against: IRC

Abstentions: EHB RJF BJ CJL HMS RLEW

Noted that, given the commercial rates, the Minibus Committee had agreed that there was no need to offer discounts for long hires in future as the committee were offering excellent value for money at the standard rates.

RJF had already agreed a 10% "one-off" discount for All Saints' Church and the Scout Group for journeys during 2004 over 500 miles.

This was **AGREED**

In favour: EHB RHC JEC RD ME BJ CJL IFM PKO HMS RTS

Against: IRC

Abstentions: RJF RLEW

109/04

**8 Tesco**

Advertising at roundabout - JEC pointed out that the South Cambs Environment and Transport Area Joint Committee had approved advertising on roundabouts to help pay for their maintenance. RTS believed that this applied to big roundabouts only.

[Note: RTS has subsequently found the minutes dated 10 March 2003 that agreed advertising at 15 roundabouts only (not including Milton) and that the minutes record the need to take the views of Parish Councils into account where the roundabouts are adjacent to the community].

The clerk would write to Brian Smith County Council objecting strongly - comments: The signs are a distraction thus contravening the "Traffic Signs and General Directions" regulations; MPC should have been consulted first as local firms were keen to advertise; MPC had agreed to leave any decision until the completion of the cycle bridge; MPC has a licence to cultivate the roundabout and should therefore receive any money. **Action: the clerk**

Items for discussion with Tesco (new) management – clocks, ways of preventing trolleys from being taken off the premises, CCTV in the side passageway, new fence at rear broken

- 110/04      **9    MCC Update**  
Over £20,000 worth of damage was caused to cars parked at the Community Centre at a wedding reception held on Saturday 28 February. There was concern about the poor (and negative) response by the police.
- 111/04      **10   Bills for Payment and Money Received**  
**CONFIRMED**                      payment of cheques 2718 to 2721  
**AGREED**                              payment of cheques 2722 to 2736 (1 abstention)  
Noted that recycling credits received £1144.41.
- 112/04      **11   County Councillor's report**  
Crime Figures – not to hand. Noted that Milton was high in the list of car crimes – the figures being influenced by Tesco store.  
Northern Fringe – JEC was hoping to organise a meeting and would invite the chairmen of Landbeach, Waterbeach, Horningsea and Fen Ditton Parish Councils. It was suggested that the East Chesterton district councillors be invited.  
Community Officer – PC Shulver had now taken on two extra villages.  
Local Police Consultation Meeting – JEC attended the recent meeting. Two items discussed – travellers and the cost of the police helicopter.
- 113/04      **12   District Councillor's report**  
Sewage Works – a consultants' report showed that they were satisfied that the nuisance had been removed. Consequently the abatement order had been withdrawn. Noted that there was a smell still along Milton Road to the west.  
Country Park – D Roberts district councillor had instructed officers to consider charging for car parking at the Country Park. The clerk would write objecting strongly because of the knock-on effects of parking in the village. **Action: the clerk**
- 114/04      **13   Correspondence**  
Countryside Agency                      -      Vital Villages update  
DLA (solicitors)                              -      Transfer of Licence One Stop  
Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group      -      Cam Catchment Sustainable Farming Project  
County Council                                      -      Proposals to improve timetable information at bus stops  
Environment and Transport Area Joint Committee      -      Agenda 8 March
- 14 Dates of Next Meetings**  
**Planning                      22 March**  
**Council                              5 April**

The meeting ended at 10.45pm.

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