

Minutes of the Planning Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 15 March 2010 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: RH Chapman (chair) JE Coston R Day B Jefferson HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters
The clerk and assistant clerk

- 1 **Apologies for absence** – RJ Farrington – in hospital. RHC sent his best wishes on behalf of Council for a speedy recovery.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest** – HMS personal (member of SCDC Planning Committee).
- 3 **Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2010 were approved and signed as a true record. RHC abstained not having been present at the meeting.
- 4 **New applications**

S/1730/09/RM Helical Ltd – Former EDF Depot & Training Centre, Ely Road – Approval for the appearance, landscaping, layout & scale of Outline planning application S/1601/08 for 100 retirement units, including the setting of North Lodge, 1 warden's unit, central facilities building, sports pavilion, football pitches, hard & soft landscaping including the restoration of the parkland setting & lake to emulate the Humphrey Repton landscape – **refuse. Comments:**

“We welcome the improved design of the house layouts and re-siting of the sports pavilion (as well as alterations to its floor plan), however we are concerned that important lake and landscaping issues have not been adequately addressed in the revised plans and regrettably must **OBJECT** on these grounds. We also object to the proposed biomass boiler for the sports pavilion.

The application fails to address many points that the parish and district council had **PREVIOUSLY AGREED** with the applicant concerning restoration of the Repton landscape, notably:

- The **WOODLAND WALK** should be brought over the bridge with a short loop extending into the southern wood. The walk should also be taken over the island so as to provide an interesting circular walk with an opportunity to look down the length of the lake.
- There should be **THREE BRIDGES**: one to replace the existing log bridge; one onto the island; and one coming off the island.
- There is reference to one **MONOLITH** (a beech), but an agreement had been reached on **FOUR MONOLITHS**.
- No reference is made in the application to a **PICNIC BENCH** on the southern side of the lake, which was agreed upon at a site visit with URV representatives. Other agreements reached at that site visit, e.g. including more holly, field maple, alder and Norwegian maple, are also not included in the revised plans.

We are still concerned about issues surrounding the **LAGOON** and the outfall device for the lake but understand that these and other drainage issues will be dealt with in a subsequent application which we understand the parish council will have the opportunity to comment on in due course.

Additionally, we understand there may be a seepage issue concerning the eastern edge of the lake and suggest planning officers contact tenant farmer Bertram Pearson of Westwick Farm, Westwick, Oakington for further information.

We also remind the developer that **ROSA** and **MAHONIA** should not be used near paths/doorways due to health and safety issues.

We are very concerned about the proposal for a **BIOMASS BOILER** in the sports pavilion. We have not received adequate information concerning the boiler (e.g. whether or not it is programmable). We are concerned that it will be both labour and space intensive. There are concerns about adequate storage facility for the wood pellets and a general perception that the pavilion has not been designed with a biomass boiler in mind. We note that this type of heating is not used elsewhere at the site and feel it is included here merely to fulfil an energy strategy to reduce CO2 emissions. We strongly recommend a return to the original specification for a gas boiler.”

S/0071/10 Cambridge Assessment (P5/02-10) – Unit 332 Science Park – brick and fence enclosure to contain new back-up generator and associated equipment; and the addition of new A/C condenser units stacked on existing – **amendment – for information only.**

S/0246/10/F Mr L Saunders – 27 & 28 Newfields, Chesterton Fen Road – Erection of Utility/Dayroom following Demolition of Side (East) Wing. (Part Retrospective) - **refuse. Concerned about the size of the building within the Green Belt.**

5 Planning Decisions

Ricardo Ltd (PC6/02-10) – Cambridge Technical Centre, Unit 400, Cambridge Science Park – Installation of Roller Shutter Door (Retrospective) – **approved**

Mr Ilie Obancea (P5/02-10) – Barley House Cambridge Road (r/o 22 Cambridge Road) – insertion of window in east elevation (retrospective) – **approved. Window to be restricted to opening to a maximum of 10cm and obscure glazed.**

The meeting ended at 8.45pm.

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