

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 02 September 2013 at 7.00pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: IF May (chair) JE Coston (arrived 7:10pm) RJ Farrington G Heaney M Hersom
MC Perkins HM Smith I Tyes G Wynne-Jones
The clerk and assistant clerk
2 members of the public (1 left at 7:35pm)
Cllr Maurice Leeke (arrived at 8:52pm)

Absent: J Mowatt

- 1. Sgt Paul Rogerson:** IFM welcomed Sgt Rogerson to the meeting.
Sgt Rogerson explained that Operation Redesign, a result of budget cuts, had meant staff changes and boundary changes had been made. Milton is now part of South Cambridgeshire police area, the boundaries of which correspond to the District Council boundaries, and includes the Science Park and Fen Road, Chesterton. There are no longer local PC's but the PCSO's job role has changed – they are better trained and take on more tasks.
There are more online resources available now, including Facebook and Twitter pages (web link: www.SouthCambsCops.org), but the police still engage with residents at quarterly police panel meetings. Crime figures for Milton are stable. Recently thefts from cars and drugs have been an issue. Details from the most recent police panel meeting, including crime levels, can be found at: http://www.milton.org.uk/opus2507/Histon_panel_update_PDF_July2013.pdf.
Policing the proposed new Science Park station will be undertaken by British Transport Police, who will liaise with Cambridgeshire Constabulary. Sgt Rogerson warned that at other locations with a mainline station to London, e.g. Waterbeach, a pattern of crime is seen, mainly thefts and drug dealing, committed by people arriving and leaving by train.
IFM thanked Sgt Rogerson for attending.
Sgt Rogerson and 1 member of the public left the meeting at 7:35pm.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence were accepted and approved from: D Chamberlin (conflicting commitment); RT Summerfield (personal). In the Chairman's absence the vice-chair took the meeting.
- 3. Casual Vacancies:** AGREED to co-opt Anna Bradnam to the council (proposed JEC, seconded HMS).
As Anna was not present she will sign a declaration of acceptance of office at the October meeting.
A letter of thanks will be sent to Alex Campbell for his hard work whilst a councillor.
- 4. Minutes:** the minutes of the meeting of 15 July 2013 were approved and signed as a true record.
- 5. Public Participation – members of the public are invited to speak.**
IFM agreed that the member of the public present could speak during the item that he wished to comment on.
- 6. Declarations of interest and dispensations**
 - a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.**
HMS (non pecuniary interest) Agenda item 8 – member of SCDC planning committee
 - b) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any).**
None received.
 - c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.**
- 7. Clerk's report**

Actions from July meeting:
Highways Grass Cutting 2013/14: (previous min 7/07-13) I have had confirmation that the County Council only give a grant for 3 cuts per year. For 2013/14 the cost to the Parish Council to have three cuts done on County Council verges will be £825 so the grant received covers this.

Office Colour Printer: (previous min 7/07-13) Emmaus and Red2Green charities were offered the old colour printer but declined the offer. It has been disposed of by the Clerk.

Cemetery: (previous min 10/07-13) Letters have been sent to families of the late Queenie Smith and Louise Smith. To date no further graves have been purchased although both families have been in contact with the parish office. The deadline to finalise any purchase for both families is 1st November 2013. [Note: on 3rd September Bill Smith, son of the late Louise Smith, has purchased an exclusive right of burial for 6 graves.]

New Items:
Peter Kiddle: Peter Kiddle, a former resident and parish councillor, passed away on Tues 16 July aged 80. Peter was a councillor from 1970 to 1982 and was also president of the Football Club. He was awarded an OBE in 1991. [Note: following this meeting information was received that **Rene Flack**, another Milton resident who had recently celebrated her 100th birthday, has also sadly passed away.]

Cambridge Past, Present and Future: A group of organisations have begun work to create a strategy for the River Cam and its tributaries, from their source to just South of Ely: see <http://cambridgeppf.org/river/>
The parish council has been invited to nominate a delegate to a workshop in Cambridge on Saturday 28 September. It will begin at 0930 and include lunch, with an optional river walk in the afternoon. The aim is to compile a list of actions, ready for when funding might become available. Either HMS or RTS will attend for the parish council.

NHS 111: NHS 111 is a new telephone service being introduced to make it easier for the public to access local health services, when they need medical help fast, but it isn't a 999 emergency. This will be available across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough from late September and will replace the current NHS Direct service.

Dual Use recycling bin: SCDC have been trialling a dual use recycling bin outside One Stop. They are now looking to place a permanent recycling bin in the village, but do not want to position this at One Stop as there are already waste bins here. The Clerk walked along Cambridge Road with Liz Davy, Refuse & Recycling Support Officer, on 18 July. The bus stop opposite Tesco has been identified as a possible site for a recycling bin, which SCDC will maintain and empty. Council agreed to this provided the bin installed is not significantly larger than a normal bin.

North Lodge housing development: the editor of the Village View has asked if the parish council intends giving each new homeowner on this development a welcome pack. If so, as the most recent issue of the Village View, is included in these packs, copies will need to be set aside for this. JEC noted that the wall by North Lodge has been damaged. The Asst. Clerk had telephoned Bellway Homes to report this damage but no repairs have yet been made. Letters will be sent to Bellway Homes and SCDC Conservation Team to highlight the damage and ask for repairs to be undertaken.

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Village Sign: the village sign has had repairs done to the framework around the sign, which was disintegrating. This has cost approx. £100.

EACH Twilight Walk, 26 October 2013: A twilight walk is being planned to raise funds for EACH. The route planned is likely to start at 6pm from the Country Park down the High Street, onto Fen Road, then onto Church Lane to the Hospice, back again down Coles Road then back to the Country Park via the Community Centre. Marshall Aerospace has yet to confirm if one (or maybe two) of their fire engines, to guide the walkers, can be used. A ghost train and a fun house at the County Park are planned together with a light show across the lake (no fireworks).

Milton Primary School: following a request from the teacher for Year 6 Hazel, Jane and Ian have volunteered to go to give a talk to Year 6 pupils, and the School Council, about the role of a parish councillor. IFM thanked the 3 councillors for agreeing to do this.

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme: The Highways Agency will be undertaking a public consultation exercise for this scheme in the Autumn. A representative for the Highways Agency will attend the parish council meeting on 7th October to talk about the proposals. NOTE: following this meeting details of the public exhibitions have been received – the nearest venue to Milton is the Grafton Shopping Centre from Thurs 19–Fri 20 September 2013.

ShapeYourPlace website: ShapeYourPlace is an award winning website for local groups and organisations across Cambridgeshire. The project is run by the County Council with support from SCDC and partner agencies. People can share news, information and promote events via blogs and videos on the site (<http://southcambridgeshire.shapeyourplace.org>). Local people can also raise issues about their area and get a response from local public services (usually within 10 working days). See Appendix II for details of the site. A resident has expressed concern that it duplicates local, voluntary services like Milton News and Milton Chat as well as established sites like FixMyStreet and could confuse residents about where to go to report faults or raise issues. The resident also commented that established local sites share information with each other about events and local services so this is widely available. It is not clear that ShapeYourPlace will do this. Also it is funded by Cambs County Council and cuts to the County Council budget could affect this. JEC recommended that a letter is sent to ShapeYourPlace asking for details of future plans for funding in view of the county council budget cuts.

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Annual Review – Gritting Routes: Cambs County Council is asking for any comments/proposals for changes to gritting routes by 20th September 2013. Details of routes can be found at: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/winter/grittingroutes.htm>.

Cemetery: Following a complaint from the village cleaner about wasps around the rubbish bins in the cemetery a wasp nest was located and treated by Command Pest Control on 6th August 2013.

SCDC Parish Council Liaison Meeting: Milton Parish Council is invited to nominate up to two people to attend the next liaison meeting that the District Council's Cabinet will be hosting to discuss topics of mutual interest. As requested by a number of parishes, a substantial part of the next meeting will be set aside for an open forum of questions and answers.

When: 6.30pm - 8.00pm on Tuesday 1 October 2013;

Where: South Cambridgeshire Hall, Cambourne.

Suggested topics for discussion and attendees to be confirmed by 13th September. IT will attend.

Public Consultation – Landbeach Road/Humphries Way cycleway/footpath crossing: a public consultation event has been organised for Monday 23rd September from 4–8pm in the downstairs lounge at the Community Centre. Three options for a crossing at this junction will be on display for the public to comment on. An item giving details of this consultation will appear in the September issue of the Village View and posters will be displayed on noticeboards. The County Council will do a leaflet drop in the village. There will also be a public consultation meeting in Landbeach on Thursday 3rd October at Landbeach Village Hall from 4–8pm.

To prepare for construction trial holes (about 5 in total) will be dug on the grass verge on the slip road from the North between 16th and the 20th September to identify what services are below ground (Gas, Water etc.) and the soil type and other materials below ground. To carry this out Traffic Management will need to be placed onto the slip lane. There will be no trial closure of the entire slip lane.

Cambridge Sewage Treatment Works: The Clerk and JEC, the council's liaison officer with Anglia Water Authority (AWA), have spoken to AWA about the recent odour problem in Milton and for information on any plans for extra capacity needed for new developments taking place/due to take place. AWA acknowledge the odour has been worse than normal. After Cllr. Coston had spoken to Steven Bolton, Tactical Support Manager for Essex & Cambridge, it became clear that some sewage arriving at the site had gone septic due to a pumping station breakdown and a lower than normal water flow from some smaller sewers due to the hot weather and also that some of the water onsite in the storm lagoon had gone septic and had to be re-treated. With regard to future capacity there are talks on-going at the moment about improvements to the site but these are at an early stage. JEC suggested that Steven Boulton should be invited to a future meeting (before next Summer). The clerk will invite him to the meeting in either February or March 2014.

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CAPALC E-Bulletin: CAPALC, in response to the now standard use of email and increased use of tablets and mobile phones are striving to make the CAPALC Bulletin easily available to all on their choice of electronic device. This can be done by registering on the home page (<http://www.capalc.org.uk/>).

8. **Planning:** the minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2013 were received and noted.

Decisions:

S/1356/13/FL Mr Luke Edwards, 2 Hall End, Milton – Two storey front extension & single storey rear extension (previous min 8/07-13): **approved**. The external materials used for the development works hereby permitted shall either match those used for the existing building or shall be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to any development commencing.

S/1447/13/FL Mr & Mrs Dark 3 Burling Walk, Milton – First floor extension over garage (previous min PC 8/07-13): **approved**.

S/1467/13 Mr G Cater, 27 Willow Crescent, Milton – Single storey rear extension (previous min 8/07-13): **approved**.

S/1529/13/FL The FG Seal & Mark Seal Trust, c/o Louis Browne Notary The Black House, Chesterton Fen Road, Cambridge – Two replacement dwellings (previous min P5/08-13). This will be considered by SCDC Planning Committee at its meeting on Weds 4th September 2013.

New applications:

S/1650/13/RM Aula Ltd, Plot 430, Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge – Reserved matters scheme (Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale) for a two storey building and store to provide 4184 sqm of B1(b) floor space, plus roof mounted plant, landscaping and parking on plot 430 of phase VI of Cambridge Science Park pursuant to Outline Permission S/0179/13/OL (the erection of three buildings totalling 13,800sq.m of B1a and B1b floor space on Plots 420, 430 & 440). **No recommendation**

S/1681/13/FL Tesco Stores Ltd, Cambridge Road, Milton – Proposed customer collection pod & canopy. **No recommendation. Concern over loss of parking spaces and queuing at peak times. Queues will block other parking spaces.**

9. **Milton Skatepark:**

AGREED that in principal Milton Parish Council supports a new skatepark in the village (proposed MH, seconded GH).

A suitable site in the village should be identified. One possibility is in the Country Park, which is not near any housing. The Clerk will write to Cambridge Sports Lakes Trust to seek their views.

Any further action was deferred until after the Milton Community Centre AGM on 9th October.

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10. **Open Space/Community Facility Project Working Party:**

A working party was agreed. Its remit is to make recommendations to council for future open space/community facility projects. Members are: JEC, HMS, IT and GH (provisional – will attend if required but unable to attend regularly due to work commitments).

11. **Consultations:** AGREED responses to:

- SCDC Draft Local Plan;
- SCDC Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) draft charging schedule;
- Cambridgeshire County Council draft transport strategy for Cambridge & South Cambs.

12. **MCC Report: Andy Gray, MCC**

Maintenance/Improvements:

The heater in the Community Centre main hall has been replaced.

A new memorial bench has been installed next to Coles Road Playground. This is in memory of Supatra Adler, a young girl from Milton, who tragically died from a brain tumour a year ago. Family friends raised the cost of the bench and Coles Road Playground is the location as it was one of Supatra's favourite places.

Bookings:

No new classes to report.

There are 2 Saturday Night bookings during September and also 2 in October

Youth Building:

Nothing to report

Vandalism:

Even though it is the School Holidays, there have not been any acts of vandalism worth reporting.

13. County Councillor's report: Maurice Leeke, County Councillor – September 2013:**Milton to Landbeach Cycleway, Phase 2**

The consultation meetings on the options for crossing the A10 will take place on Monday 23rd September from 4:00 to 8:00pm at the Community Centre and on Thursday 3rd October from 4 to 8pm at Landbeach Village Hall. Due to technical difficulties the planned trial closure of the slip road will not now take place, although there will be some reductions to the slip road in connection with preparatory work for the crossing.

Butt Lane Cycleway

The cycleway itself is now complete but a new road surface is required where the cycleway crosses the approach road to the business park. Those responsible for the business park have said that this work will be carried out in the next couple of weeks. We (both the enforcement team and me) will be monitoring to see whether this happens. JEC commented that the A10 footbridge from the P&R site was very dark as it has no lighting and was intimidating to cross at night. A member of the public added that the parapets were very low on this bridge.

South Cambs Local Plan

There will be a further public consultation drop-in event at Histon and Impington Recreation Ground on Thursday 5th September from 2:30 to 7:30pm. The consultation period for the Local Plan had been extended by two weeks to Monday 14th October, though the consultation period for the County Councils Transport Plan still finishes on 30th September.

14. District Councillors' reports:**Councillors Report September 2013 – Hazel Smith****South Cambs homelessness policy**

www.scambs.gov.uk/homelessnessconsultation or by calling 03450 450 051.

There will be a public forum to gather the views of local voluntary organisations and housing associations from 9am to 1pm on Wednesday 18 September. Anyone interested can secure a place by contacting Julie Fletcher on 01954 713352 or Julie.fletcher@scambs.gov.uk. Please do let her know if you intend to go.

South Cambs to take enforcement powers

Cambridgeshire Constabulary and South Cambs are starting a pilot project whereby some of the police's powers will be shared with officers at South Cambs who enforce the law on things like flytipping and environmental crime. This is something that private security firms, parking companies and park wardens etc are also able to apply to do. It is a controversial area, in that no-one wants police powers to be given to groups that will act in only their own interest. However the powers that SCDC want are things like being able to require a member of the public that is suspected of committing a crime to give their name and address. SCDC officers will also have access to the Police National Computer records. I see that some security companies in Cambridge are asking for the same access. There will be training for the officers involved and they will have to wear an agreed badge or uniform.

Waterbeach development

The consultation on the local plan will now finish on the 14th October (extension of 14 days), and the next local date for an exhibition is the one at Histon & Impington recreation ground, on Thursday 5th September. They are planning for a large new town at Waterbeach, starting in 2026, which will necessitate road improvements to the A10 and the Milton A14 junction, but they have no plans at this stage to show how this will be done.

A14 improvements

There are meetings coming up to inform councillors of the latest plans for the A14.

Fen Road, Chesterton

The Steering Group of residents has reformed and met on Thursday 22nd. This group is liaising with County Council officers who are considering options for removing the speed cushions and putting in chicanes, and also improving the rail crossing. There is also talk of narrowing the route at the Water Lane/Fallowfields/Water Street junction, where it is very wide. There is a pot of money now standing at about £150,000 to pay for improvements, which must include making the route safer for cyclists.

All of this will link in with any larger plan to put in a river crossing from Fen Road to Stourbridge Common, probably beside the railway bridge. This pedestrian and cycle link will encourage people to cycle and walk to the new station from areas like Barnwell and the Wing development (Marshalls site North of Newmarket Road). It looks as though funding for this may be part of the Cycle City money.

Traveller site for SCDC rental plots

Mark Howell, SCDC Housing Portfolio Holder, and Schuyler Newstead from SCDC had met with IFM, HMS, MP and the Clerk (MH arrived at 6:50pm) prior to the Parish Council meeting to give details of a proposal to purchase a Travellers' site at Grassy Corner, Fen Road, Chesterton, to provide 9 rental pitches. A News Release, embargoed until 4th September, was shown to council.

AGREED to contact Gareth Bell, SCDC communications team, to ask that all mention of Milton Parish Council is removed from the News Release and any other document. No comments are to be attributed to Milton Parish Council. The parish council has concerns about the proposed site and needs more details before commenting any further (proposed MP, seconded JEC).

**Action:
Clerk**

15. Bills for Payment and Money Received, Budget Figures

Proposed by RJF, seconded by GW-J

CONFIRMED and AGREED payment of cheques 100912–100938.

Budget figures were noted.

16. Correspondence

Pay & benefits – August 2013

17. Dates of Next Meetings – 11th September Community Care (11am); 16th September Planning (7pm); 16th September Maintenance (7:45pm); 7th October Parish Council.

18. Items and Reports for October agenda (to be received by Fri 27 September)

The meeting closed at 9:26pm

Signed..... Date.....