

## Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm in the Bowls Pavilion

**Present:** JE Coston (chair) PK Oldham PS Badley (till 382/06) AJ Campbell (till min 388/06) RH Chapman R Day RJ Farrington B Jefferson IF May J Payne HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters  
The clerk, County Councillor M Williamson (part)

Public Participation – none

### 337/06 (307/06) **1 Alistair Frost and Hannah Gregory – Park & Ride plans**

Two suggested layouts received. Planning application would be made in October and a public exhibition held in Milton bowls pavilion in September/October for Milton residents and surrounding villages. Important that CCC publicise this properly.

AF reported that the plans for a pedestrian crossing at ground level had been shelved. During further development along the A10 corridor officers would look at upgrading the bridge. The effects on traffic in Milton would not be assessed by the Traffic Assessment.

CCTV on foot/cycle bridge over A14 – AF to pursue.

A14/A10 interchange – Members were concerned about the lack of traffic lights at the Milton exit. AF was confident that in time the interchange would work. A digital camera to monitor the junction had been purchased. On the approach to the interchange from the west more signs including painted signs on the road were needed – AF would investigate.

Field adjacent A14/Tesco – all works relating to the interchange had been finished. Balfour Beatty were using this field. The clerk would ask the Planning Officer about the status of this land. **Action: the clerk**

Thanks to AF and HG for attending.

338/06 **Lynne Twinn** – The chairman reported that Lynne had died. Silence was observed for a few moments. The chairman and clerk would send a card to her family.

### 339/06 **2 County Councillor’s report** (brought forward)

Slap-Up Junction – road improvements were in hand because of the accident record at this junction.

Rowing Lake – the County Council were not keen to impose covenants on the sale of the land.

A14/A10 Interchange – MW was aware of Council’s concerns and monitoring the situation.

**3 Apologies for absence** - IL Davis M Ellwood.

**4 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial** - none.

340/06 **5 Minutes – the** minutes of the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> July 2006 were approved and signed as a true record after a minor amendment to minute 320/06.

### **6 Clerk / Chairman’s report**

341/06 Crime – noted: South Cambs Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership Event Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

342/06 Clerk’s audit – July 17.75 hours, 21.5 hours, 23 hours and 18 hours total 80.25 hours.

August – week 1 holiday, week 2 (part holiday) -10 hours, week 3-18.5 hours, week 4-19 hrs, week 5-11.25 hrs total 58.75 hrs.

343/06 Arrangements for November 11<sup>th</sup> and Christmas - PSB to talk to the school (re 11<sup>th</sup> November).

(316/06) Thanks to RHC for the offer of a Christmas tree. As a suitable site could not be found Council would continue to decorate the horse chestnut in High Street.

344/06 War Memorial – the nephew of WA Rooks, Private, 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion Suffolk Regiment, killed 13<sup>th</sup> September 1916 Battle of the Somme was concerned that the names on the memorial were becoming difficult to read. The clerk would respond that Council were monitoring the state of the memorial annually. **Action: the clerk**

345/06 Milestone - Mrs Farrington secretary Milestone Society had sent a letter of thanks for the donation.

(319/06)

346/06 Travellers Liaison Forum – to be held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at Cambourne. Noted that the draft RSS (see planning below) was reviewing the issue relating to gypsy and travellers caravan sites in the East of England.

347/06 Litter and the Law – “Local Environmental Quality - a town and parish council guide” had been received from Encams (environmental charity which runs Keep Britain Tidy campaign). This guide advises on the law relating to graffiti, dog fouling and other relevant anti-social behaviour etc and whose responsibility it is to clear up “rubbish” and the powers that are available.

348/06 Funding Fair - the 2006 South Cambridgeshire and Cambridge City Funding Fair - 14<sup>th</sup> September at Churchill College, Cambridge.

- 349/06 Code of Conduct – letter attached from Chairman of the Standards Committee.  
Advice received: “Anyone who is involved in, or who has knowledge of, any such investigation by the Ethical Standards Officer or Monitoring Officer should not speak to anyone else they know to be involved in that investigation about the investigation until after the investigation has been completed. This is so that the integrity of such investigations is not, or does not appear to be compromised in any way.”
- 350/06 Youth provision – Noted that the Impington VC area was now part of the Cambridge City North Locality and not Central South Cambs Patch. Andrea Cramp would still be the Area Youth worker and would continue the development of the youth provision.  
Julian Ayres had left the Patch at the end of August and thanked the Parish Council for their support.  
The clerk had written thanking Julian for his efforts and wishing him success.
- 351/06 Quality Status – The chairman and clerk hoped to attend a CALC seminar on Quality Status.
- 352/06 Office – rates – rateable value £2950 – invoice received for £1196.86 (see bills).
- 353/06 Cemetery - a request was received from the Cambridge and Suffolk Jewish Community to purchase part of Milton cemetery sufficient for 75 burial plots specifically for Jewish burial. Maintenance committee to discuss.
- 354/06 Saltex exhibition - JLP, RLEW and the clerk were attending this exhibition on 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- 355/06 CALC AGM and EGM – details received.
- 356/06 Guided Bus Ecological Management Plan – received. Comments to be made within 21 days. The clerk would query the short timescale allowed. **Action: the clerk**
- 357/06 Sound system - JEC had been given a sound system. This could be used by any organisation in the village. The clerk would thank Mr Alan Fishpool for donating the system. **Action: the clerk**
- 358/06 Graffiti – the clerk and chairman had both asked Bob Howard, County Council, more than once to arrange the removal of the graffiti from road signs, the bridge and bus shelter. AJC offered to provide some graffiti remover.

[Note the following which was not raised at the meeting:

Citi2 - Stagecoach were aware of complaints about drivers leaving their engines idling at Landbeach Road stop (and using the area as a toilet) and were dealing with these complaints.]

## 7 Planning

- 359/06 Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the East of England – publication of panel report - main headlines received.
- 360/06 Chesterton Fen – update (from SCDC)  
(269/06) Two breach of conditions notices issued, one upon Joe Upton of The Old Coal Yard, Chesterton Fen Road for the storage of waste in skips at his premises and the other upon Amos Webb for having too many caravans on Lomas Farm, Chesterton Fen Road. Other such notices to follow on completion of Land Registry Searches. SCDC also in the motions of issuing Planning Enforcement Notices upon Amos Webb for an unauthorised barn conversion at Lomas Farm and a similar Notice upon Joe Upton concerning the siting of a mobile home at The Old Coal Yard.  
A complaint had been received regarding building work at the rear of 27/28 Newfields, Chesterton Fen Road, which resulted in the planning application below - min 383/06.
- (326/06) Chesterton Fen – update (from CCC)  
The appeal against the Nelson O'Connor enforcement notice may be tracked on website.  
Joe Upton A10 Skips, The Old Coal Yard, Fen Road - The Inquiry is to be held on 3 October 2006 and a further Inquiry on 7 November 2006.
- (327/06) Milton golf course waste - being investigated.
- 361/06 Appeal – J Crickmore against refusal of planning permission for conversion of a barn to a farm dwelling -  
(270/06) **allowed and planning permission granted. Conditions: – floor levels, materials used for external surfaces, landscaping scheme and flood risk assessment all to be approved by LPA. Conditions imposed about type of windows and doors in external walls and roofs. No development within Classes A to E (shops, industrial and non-residential).**
- 362/06 Long Acre Farm – minutes of meeting received.  
(273/06)
- 363/06 Decisions received:  
(282/06) Mrs C Tomlin 65 Coles Road – conservatory - **approved.**
- 364/06 Tesco Stores Cambridge Road – illuminated display panel - **approved.**  
(283/06)
- 365/06 Trinity College (CPS) Ltd – gates and fencing at entrance to Science Park Kings Hedges Drive - **approved.**  
(284/06) Structure Plan – **Policy PI/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Environment).**

- 366/06  
(303/06) Walker Commercial Ltd Mereway Poultry Farm Milton Road Impington – change of use of former egg production buildings, including alterations / extensions for industrial uses (B1) [c], light industrial and B8 warehousing together with a new vehicular access, car park and servicing - **approved**. [More detailed plans of access and proposed road widening to facilitate footpath / cycle way between the site and the landfill site received.]  
**To be approved: materials for walls, roofs, hard standing, boundary treatment, surface water drainage, foul water drainage, scheme for implementation of ground contamination investigation, provision and location of fire hydrants, safe removal and disposal of asbestos, location and type any power driven plant, details of external lighting, landscaping, scheme of ecological enhancement, method statement for precise means of conversion of buildings, Green Travel Plan.**  
**Conditions also about mezzanine floors, vehicular access and visibility splays.**  
**Trees on eastern boundary to be protected; bungalow to be occupied by person(s) employed by site owners or connected with one of the companies on site; conditions relating to hours of work during construction.**  
**Section 106 Agreement to provide footway/cycleway eastwards, payment of contribution to Northern Corridor Area Transport Plan, abrogation of permitted development rights for the erection of agricultural buildings on land to the west of the application site.**  
Noted that the Environment Agency made various comments about surface water/flood defence, foul water/trade effluent disposal and pollution and conservation matters.  
Reasons for approval:  
Structure Plan Policies: **P1/2, P1/3, P2/6, P6/4, P7/2, P8/2, P9/2a.** Local Plan Policies: **GB2, EN3, EN13, EN14, ES1.**  
Development not considered to be significantly detrimental to: openness of the Green Belt, conditions of the buildings and their appropriateness for conversion and traffic implications.
- 367/06  
(303/06) Mr & Mrs West 311 The Rowans – conservatory - **approved**.  
Structure Plan – **Policy P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Environment)**;  
South Cambs Local Plan – **Policy HG12 (Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings within Frameworks)**.
- 368/06  
(303/06) T&S Stores Ltd 4 High Street – anti ram bollards - **approved**.  
Structure Plan – **Policy P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Environment)**.
- 369/06  
(303/06) Milton School - canopy – **approved**.
- 370/06  
(180/06) New Applications: (agreed under delegated powers)  
S/0032/06 Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust - Change of Use of Land to Create a Multi-Sport Park, Construction of Lakes with Water Storage, Canal, New and Changed Roads, Cycling and BMX Tracks, Bridges (3), Engineering Operations, Embankments and Landscaping and Outline Permission to Construct a Sports Centre, Boathouse, Finish Line Towers (2), Warden Accommodation (2) and Amenity Blocks (3) at land Between Milton & Waterbeach In the Parishes of Milton, Landbeach & Waterbeach.  
Amendment – to extend a small section of the red line westward on Fen Road for a distance of forty two metres (42m) from its current location on the western edge of the Training Lake. This small extension will run west along Fen Road and will encompass an area within the north and south boundaries of the highway for that same distance. This extension is intended to address several issues raised by the Milton Parish Council comments and provide a safe approach to the railway crossing from the proposed bridge. **No recommendation.**  
  
Received also: CSL responses to consultees' earlier comments.  
**Council's comments (delegated):**  
**"Refuse -**  
**31 May 2006, WSP planning statement 1:Site Drainage**  
**2.2.8 Award 288 does not start at Penfold Farm. It drains water from Froment Way and all the roads in the northern half (41 acres) of the new part of Milton. This drain was deepened in 1986 and the flash water from the estate roads flows very fast and in large volume when it rains hard. Anglian Water and Hannah Reed handled the design.**  
**2.3.2 All photographs and survey show little water – this is clearly the result of an exceptionally dry winter and spring.**  
**2.3.4 Field drain 1 is the drain that traditionally takes all the water off the roads in the whole of the old part of the village.**  
  
**3.1.1 We would like to see a cross section from section marks 48 to 53 showing levels of water in the 2 lakes and height of the bunds with the railway and the river, and the depth of the perimeter drain.**  
**3.2.6 Is the water to be pumped into the Storage lake as shown on the big plan 2048 (SK) 16 B or into the competition lake as in 3.2.8?**  
**Because the sump must be lower than 2.7AOD of a drain from Milton 900m South the perimeter drain will have to be very deep which will exacerbate the existing dewatering situation on adjacent fields to the west of the site. In view of 3.2.1 this is not acceptable.**  
**Land North of drain 288, now flows North into the Waterbeach IDB, if this is brought South the drains will have to be deeper because it is going uphill.**

3.2.9/3.2.10 and the letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> May to Tony Waddams. It is not clear which of these options is being proposed. Award 291

During the 1980s development, the no.1 award drain from north Cambridge which used to flow into the Cam under Chesterton Junction to an outfall at Chesterton Fen was diverted northwards under the A14 into our award drain (291) and under the railway so that it could outfall to the Cam below Baits Bite Lock. Required by the NRA and paid for by AWA Cambridge City, South Cambs and Trinity College.

With all the developments that were then proposed now coming to fruition this decision must not be reversed. This drain originates at Halifax Road and Oxford Road in North Cambridge. The 291 drains from the Mere Way east including some of the new estate in Milton.

A flap trap into the higher level of the Cam was not acceptable back in the 1980's, and is certainly not acceptable now. This may raise the water level in the country park by up to a foot.

3.2.9 Dewatering of land downstream: indications are that Milton Charities would object for that reason. See EA Matrix p20 row 2.

3.2.11 We are concerned that SCDC may have discharge of this drain at 3.88 AOD. Whatever CSL propose must have the endorsement of the EA and SCDC for our peace of mind.

We are concerned about liability for future flooding, and maintenance for ever of all structures and pumps.

3.3.4 Dewatering of adjacent land will occur.

3.3.5 What is the nature of the Grampian conditions? Clearly the pump house and storage lake/some link to the river need to be in place before the natural drainage to the river is cut off.

Was there a response from the EA to the letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> May? Do we take it that what is in the letter has been agreed before submission of this report as suggested in the final paragraph?

We are concerned that they have submitted a drainage plan that still has question marks over significant details.

On the matrix:

P22: row 3, the planning statement document makes no mention of long term maintenance and costs of pump house etc. The comment from EA should be in the Conditions column.

P23 row1, conditions should refer to CONSTRUCTION of the lake as well as USE.

P24 row4, Milton Parish Council would not want to see a drainage rate in the village in the future as a result of this development. The funding must sufficient for the foreseeable future.

P25 Fen Road bridge red line: culvert under the road must be maintained.

P26 bottom: MPC referred to the gate into the field opposite the drove.

P27 bottom: What does the Network Rail process say about Milton clay retaining water high above the railway in the Storage Lake?

P30 row2 S106 agreement: Milton PC wishes to be fully consulted on the S106.

Construction traffic: CSL now admit that they will need to use Fen Road to get to the area of the Canal beyond the railway. Milton Parish Council would like heavy traffic to access the railway crossing at Fen Road through the site (ie from Car Dyke Road) not through the village.

No aggregate should be taken off site.

The trees along section V (Tree Survey Location May 06 Drawing No. ESCRT-Figure E3) on both sides of the track ARE to be retained (not should be).

We still wish to see a detailed drainage plan.”

The Environment Agency confirmed that at no time had it refused to participate in the assessment of the Cambridge Sports Lakes proposal. The Agency had been heavily involved in this project since its original submission in the 1990s and had no intention of withdrawing its support to the Council at this time.

The Agency could not assist in the legal agreement between the developer and the District Council in respect of commuted sums and maintenance agreements.

HMS produced plans that members of the SCDC Planning Committee had not yet seen. Network Rail's comments had not been circulated. The Chairman was scheduled to address the Planning Committee and was concerned that this committee was meeting to make a decision without having seen all the relevant paperwork and documents.

371/06

S/1349/06 Dr J Wilson new house Ely Road – use of building as chiropractic office – **refuse** (delegated).

**Comments:**

“We object to business use for these premises. If this application is granted then it should apply to this chiropractic office and applicant only.

We are concerned that all parking outside will be in a mandatory cycle lane – no parking therefore should be allowed on the road. We are also concerned about the number of traffic movements per day across the mandatory cycle lane.

We prefer soft hedging than wrought iron gates in a conservation area. Sensitive treatment of the boundary in a conservation area is most important.

We trust that the replacement of the horse chestnut tree and the preservation of other trees in the conservation area will take place.”

Revised site plan and additional information. Officer recommendation: approval. RTS reported that there was improved parking and landscaping and that 2 people only were to work in the property.

- 372/06 S/1355/06 Mr & Mrs Hannant – West Manor 57 Butt Lane – extensions – **no recommendation** (delegated).  
Decision subsequently received: **approved. External materials to be identical to those used for existing building.**  
Structure Plan – **Policy P1/3 (Sustainable Design in Built Environment)**;  
South Cambs Local Plan – **Policy HG12 (Extensions and Alterations to Dwellings within Frameworks)**.
- 373/06 S/1370/06 Teltsra Europe Ltd Platinum House Innovation Park – construction of enclosures to house electrical transformer, generator and condensers – **no recommendation** (delegated). **Concerned about loss of car parking.**
- 374/06 S/1421/06 Quintain Estates & Development Plc – Unit 140 Science Park – cycle store and provision of additional disabled parking bay – **no recommendation** (delegated).
- 375/06 S/1424/06 Napp Pharmaceutical Holdings Ltd – Unit 183 Science Park – cycle shed – **no recommendation** (delegated).
- 376/06 S/1425/06 Napp Pharmaceutical Holdings Ltd – Unit 191 Science Park – cycle shed – **no recommendation** (delegated).
- 377/06 S/01456/06/CW Donarbon Ltd – land at Cambridge Centre for Recycling, Ely Road Waterbeach – variation of condition 15 of pp S/1587/99 to allow the export of clay for engineering operations – **no recommendation** (delegated).

#### **New Applications:**

- 378/06 S/1485/06 SPP (Southern) Ltd car park at Tesco Cambridge Road – change of use of part of car park to car valeting operation including siting of cabin and canopy (amended) - **no recommendation**. (10 votes 3 abstentions). The application originally received showed the operation taking part along side the wall adjacent The Rowans. Council were pleased that the applicant had moved it away from houses in response to comments made by RTS and HMS. Officer recommendation: delegated approval.
- 379/06 S/1525/06 Mr Jutla 15 Froment Way single storey rear/side extension - **no recommendation**.
- 380/06 S/1591/06 Trinity College Unit 208 Science Park – ground and first floor extension - **no recommendation**.
- 381/06 S/1617/06 Napp Pharmaceutical Holdings Ltd Science Park – temporary permission for two buildings - **no recommendation. Should be time limited for 3 years.**
- 382/06 S/1632/06 Cambridge Newspapers Ltd Winship Road – extension to existing press hall - **no recommendation. There was an existing noise problem of which the EHO was aware. It was hoped that this extension would cause no further increase in noise levels for local residents.**  
JEC declared a personal interest as she hears and is disturbed by the noise.
- 383/06 S/1644/06 Mr L Saunders Plots 27 & 28 Newfields Chesterton Fen Road – proposed garages, utility and hobby room. **Refuse - over development of the site; support SCDC's Policies for Chesterton Fen.**

#### **8 Youth Building – update**

- (331/06) A quotation of £3827 additional costs for a wet heating system was received from CJ Murfitt. (The original specification included costs for a halogen heating system). The youth building group had been asking for a breakdown of running costs for some time. Council was not able to accept this quotation without more detailed information. The clerk was instructed to write to the Project Manager to ask him to explain to Mr Murfitt that Council could not come to any conclusion until October until he provided running costs.  
Members suggested a fan heater system similar to that in the annexe building next to the Community Centre.  
The Project Manager would also report that if the building were now delayed then Murfitts would be held responsible as they had not provided all the information requested.

Noted that there was an extra charge of £1084 for deeper foundations as required by the Building Control Inspector. Ian Kendall had already confirmed this extra expenditure.

CCTV had been installed on the sports pavilion. The clerk and RLEW had bought a cabinet to house the monitoring and recording equipment. One of the cameras had been knocked down by a youngster using a piece of wood. It was not possible to identify the miscreant clearly. The cameras were a traditional design. Maintenance costs had still not been received.

PSB would meet with those who wished to be trained to use the equipment and would report to the next meeting.

HMS and LH were due to meet with Andrea Cramp to learn about the plans for the youth club.

385/06 **9 Future Management of Country Park - update**  
 (308/06) An informal meeting held in August raised the following issues: SCDC wished to raise £30,000 revenue. A voluntary donation by machine could be a short term answer. (MPC opposed car parking charges). A Trust should be formed and a professional fund raiser then employed. Milton should have a part in the Trust. HMS and S Bennett (Chairman of Friends) agreed to write an article for the October edition of the Village View. Malcolm Busby suggested looking at [www.countryparksreview.com](http://www.countryparksreview.com)  
 Taken from RTS' email to Simon McIntosh:  
 "The upshot is that while SCDC is in control of the park, the parish council could not really see a role for themselves, as any donations that people might make would be donations to SCDC not to the park.  
 On the question of a season ticket / regular supporter's badge the feeling was that it was up to SCDC to arrange that until a Trust takes over.  
 When a Trust is set up whereby SCDC cedes responsibility to it with an annual support grant and members from the village could join the trust, together with representatives of the other partner organisations, then they could see a role for the Parish Council."

386/06 **10 Land update**  
 (332/06) **AGREED** to close the meeting under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the sensitive and confidential nature of the business.

The meeting was re-opened.

387/06 **11 MCC update**  
 The architect was conducting a detailed survey in preparation to drawing up plans. A structural engineer had concluded that it was possible to reclad the front section in brick if necessary.  
 AGM set for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

388/06 **12 District Councillors' reports**  
Minerals and Waste Development Plan – site 29 Crane Industrial Estate and site 45 Existing HWRC Butt Lane were not "preferred" sites. Proposed move of sewage works to Honey Hill. (Note: timetable for next process in the Plan received – clerk).  
CALC - HMS would circulate report of recent CALC meeting.  
Rowing Lake (see planning above) – Planning committee had visited the site that day. HMS now had the drainage plans. JEC felt very let down that important plans had arrived just two days before the meeting. SCDC had had one set of plans for a year and the other since mid-August.  
Transfer of rubble to Golf Course – HMS had contacted the Environment Agency concerning the dumping of hard core of dubious quality and shredded wood at the golf course. The EA had responded quickly and were monitoring the situation (360/06 refers also).

389/06 **13 Bills for Payment and Money Received**  
**CONFIRMED** payment of cheques 3304 – 3319 and 3323  
**AGREED** payment of cheques 3320/1 (3322 cancelled) and 3323 – 3338 (3337 cancelled)

390/06 **14 Correspondence**  
 Tree Council - Seed gathering and Nation Tree Week  
 CALC - Bulletin Freedom of Information Act workshop  
 13<sup>th</sup> September

**15 Dates of Next Meetings**  
 Planning 18<sup>th</sup> September  
 Maintenance 18<sup>th</sup> September  
 Council 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**16 Items for October agenda** (to be received by 22<sup>nd</sup> September)

The meeting ended at 10.00pm

Signed.....

Date.....