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PARISH OF MILTON

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 2nd. 1971: VILLAGE HALL AT 8 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Mr.D.Pearson, Chairman of the Parish Council, with Councillors: Mrs.M.Jones; Messrs H.W.H.Easy,P.Kiddle, J.W.R.Lewis, M.J.D.Nurse, R.T.Summerfield, A.W.Wenham, the Clerk to the Parish Council & 28 electors.

Apologies, due to prior engagements, from Mr.L.M.Forbes, Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council & Miss C.W.Hidsen.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF MARCH 19th 1970

These were read out by the Clerk, confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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1815 - WINSHIP ESTATE TREES (1755)

Mr.Jenkins asked about the trees promised so long ago by the Co.Planning Dept. to be planted behind Cambridge road residents' gardens.

The Clerk said he had maintained a steady correspondence, with frequent reminders, both to the Planning Office and the Winship Est.

Proposed by Mr.R.Rose, seconded by Mr.Kiddle, that the Clerk write again to the Developers (Winship Estate).

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1816 - WASTE LAND, COLES ROAD (1786)

The Clerk told the meeting that the Official Receivers for Messrs Gray, Coseley (in liquidation) had agreed that the Parish Council have some of the land in question on payment of legal costs.

Negotiations were now proceeding between the Receivers & the Parish Council about the status of a remaining piece of land on the north-east corner of the Gray, Coseley Estate.

Uses of the land to be obtained were discussed; one suggestion was a footpath as an attractive amenity.

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1817 - STREET LAMP NEAR RECREATION GROUND ENTRANCE

The lamp requested had now been erected; there was a suggestion that it would have been more effective if placed nearer the Hall entrance.

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1818 - DIRECTOR - The Highways Dept. had told the Clerk that a Ministry of Transport ruling prevented a sign on the main A.10. **VILLAGE HALL**

Mr. Patten stressed the necessity of the sign to distinguish the two 'Milton Halls' in the village, particularly for the benefit of users of the Village Hall who were not local residents.

Mr. Nurse suggested the sign could be placed in Coles road to be visible from the main road.

The Clerk said he would approach the Highways Dept. again with these two points.

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1819 - COUNCIL Mr. Patten drew attention to the present state of the boundary between the Ground and Council House & RECREATION gardens where a fence was lacking and that tenants were bewildered by the indecision of the C.R.D.C. who staked out the rear parts of their gardens some years ago for garages or houses; the tenants received contradictory letters from time to time about whether they could cultivate these parts of their gardens.

NO GARAGES

The Clerk reminded the meeting that it was a Ministry of Health decision which had prevented the R.D.C. from building elderly people's houses as planned near the Ground and the land had been left staked out with a view to building garages. The Parish Council now learned (only an hour before this meeting) that R.D.C. policy now favoured hard-standing instead of garages.

'NO-MAN'S-LAND'

A parishioner pointed out the importance of a definite boundary to the Recreation Ground as Insurance claims for injury on the Ground could arise. At present it was a 'no-man's land' which an Insurance company might dispute if a claim arose.

The Clerk said he would again write to the R.D.C. with the foregoing points on behalf of parishioners and tenants.

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1820 - PUBLIC Several parishioners claimed these were needed urgently as the present arrangements were inconvenient and unhygienic. Others pointed out that the Village Hall toilets were available and keys held by the two sports clubs. **PROMISED**

The Clerk said he had been corresponding since 1966 with the R.D.C. on this matter; toilets had been promised only to be prevented by successive Government spending restrictions; in January 1967, the R.D.C. had, in fact, got as far as publishing the Statutory Notice of intention to build them on a site near the Hall.

Proposed by Mr. Sanford, seconded by Mr. Brooklyn, that the R.D.C. be asked for a firm date of commencement of work on public toilets.

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PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

1821 - PROV- Circulated at the meeting.
VISIONAL: UP
TO MARCH 2nd VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND a/c
1971

This showed a deficit of £553 0 11d (£553.05) after paying a 1½d Rate to the Village Hall Committee as well as contributions to cost of fencing and piping of ditch.

SMALLHOLDINGS a/c

This showed a credit balance of £3 5s (£3.25)

GENERAL a/c

After carrying the balances from the two above accounts to the General account the Parish Council had a balance in hand on March 2nd., 1971 of £534 13 1d (£534.65).

PRECEPT FOR 1971/1972

The sum of £850 had been precepted on the R.D.C. as Rating Authority; equivalent to approximately a 1.4d Rate (or 3½d).

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1822 - FOR Mr. Summerfield pointed out that the accounts for
YEAR ENDING the previous year (1970) would not have been formally
MARCH 31st. passed when submitted provisionally, and asked that
1970 they should be presented as final accounts at the
Annual Meeting. The Clerk apologised for overlooking
this and agreed to do so in future.

Proposed by Mr. Summerfield and seconded by Mrs. Jones that the Accounts for 1970 be accepted. This was agreed.

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MILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES ACCOUNTS

1823 - FOR Circulated at the meeting.
YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31st Of total income of £192, the sum of £180 had
1970 been distributed according to the Scheme, which
included £85 on coal and groceries in the village
at Christmas. Total balance in hand was £12 11 7d.

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REPORTS

1824 - COUNTY Dr. Hartley said Local Government reform was fore-
COUNCILLOR DR. most, due to the Mud Report and would shortly be dis-
H. HARTLEY cussed by the County Council.

Social services were now wide-ranging and active welfare services included children's depts; child minders and mental health.

WATER FLUORIDATION

He favoured fluoridation of piped water supplies now approved by the County Council. Some local authorities were opposed to it as many people considered it 'enforced medication', but he disagreed. Dental associations approved. Alternatively, tablets could be taken in milk by young children to obtain fluoride. It prevented dental decay at an early age and helped bone formation.

School meal prices and home-help services were increased but were still subsidised by the rates.

NORTHERN BY-PASS

Northern By-Pass draft plans which would affect Milton were expected soon and a public inquiry would likely follow into the proposed Cambridge by-pass roads. These roads cost over £800,000 a mile to build.

SCHOOL SAFETY

The flashing amber discs on either side of the school crossing in Milton had now been erected; this was one of only four lots in the County. A new form of 'Keep Clear' sign on the roadway outside schools had been approved by the Ministry of the Environment. At Milton, the problem was parents' cars causing obstruction outside the school. He suggested that parents might share cars to take children to and from school. At Impington College pre-driving training courses were being given to seniors.

Mr. Jones asked Dr. Hartley about fluoridation costs per head of the population and said he considered fluoridation of water supplies an expensive and wasteful method.

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1825 - CHAIR-
MAN OF THE
VILLAGE HALL
COMMITTEE, MR.
J. JENKINS.

Mr. Jenkins reported another successful year financially and socially. The adoption of a single 'sub-committee' had proved its worth. The Hall extension, tenders for which had been accepted in October last, was nearing completion. The entire cost will be borne by the Village Hall Committee.

So far, social activities had shown a profit of £438.

Mrs. Jones thanked the Committee, on behalf of the Parish Council for all the hard work in making the extension a reality.

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1826 - MILTON
PAROCHIAL
SCHOOL MAN-
AGERS - MR.
P. KIDDLE.

Mr. Kiddle said increase in the Roll continued: it was now 228, a manageable figure but expansion problems were still very close. The year had been busy: the extension had been completed giving first claim to a new library, a Headmaster's study and extra toilet facilities. They had increased the area of the playground and playing fields. He wished to record appreciation of the way in which the Headmaster and staff had borne the upheaval caused by the building programme.

Traffic dangers to children going to and from school were increasing. The managers were very concerned that parents parking immediately outside the school obscured the road for children.

Academically it had been an extremely good year. This was not necessarily automatic: thanks were due to the Staff for this! The standards of Milton school were some of the highest in the county. A good relationship with the Warden of Impington College was maintained.

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

Coach trips, visits to museums, historic places etc. had been paid for from the 'school fund' to which sale proceeds had contributed £100. In the Inter-school Sports, of 33 events, Milton got 32 firsts and 1 second!

1827 - RURAL Mr. Humphries thanked those who had supported his nomination at the by-election as recently as mid-January.

DISTRICT
COUNCIL - MR
K. HUMPHRIES

FLATS FOR THE ELDERLY

The 12 flats, off Coles road, were now nearly finished after delays. The road had been named Walkling Way by the Parish Council in honour of Councillor Walkling who had served the village for some 42 years. The first 4 had already been allocated to Milton residents hoping to move in by May. Tenancy of a flat was open to anyone in need in the Rural District; the District rate fund and Government subsidies paid for the building. 18 similar flats at Comberton and 12 at Coton were nearly finished.

TRAFFIC THREAT

A suggestion to close Arbury road to through traffic was to be opposed by the R.D.C. on behalf of several villages. Closure could have had effect on Milton by bringing more traffic through, especially along Butt Lane and past the school. He understood the Parish Council would also support objection to this.

RATE COLLECTIONS

The procedure had been revised. Protests were made when rate-payers received only a single demand note at the beginning of the year and summonses were issued later without reminder. Half-yearly reminders would now be issued followed by summons after 7 days. Mr. Humphries drew attention to the ever-present rises in rates and costs. Total District expenditure for 1971/72 is estimated at £597,000. To meet this an increase of 4½d/£ is necessary, to 4/2½ (21hp). This was an increase of 51% since 1967.

REFUSE

The use of plastic sacks recently introduced for refuse collection was working very well. Some initial problems arise when needs of householders vary and the request card system may be modified.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1828 - COM- BAD HIGHWAY SURFACE NR. 23/25 BUTT LANE
PLAINT BY MR
E.C. DAY

Mr. Day complained that still nothing had been done to repair the road surface here which had been complained of at previous parish meetings.

The Clerk agreed the complaints were long-standing and said he written several times to the Highways Dept. without effect. Mr. Day said ineffective repairs had been attempted but the nuisance of standing puddles blocking house entrances and pathway still remained.

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1829 - PARISH TOILETS, FENCING & TREES
RESOLUTION

Several electors repeated their dissatisfaction with the District and County Councils over the matters of providing toilets, fencing the Recreation Ground & trees for the Winship Estate. After some lively discussion the following Resolution was proposed by Mr. E. Duller and seconded by Mr. G. Patten:

Milton Parish Meeting wishes to place on record its loss of faith in the empty promises and inaction on the part of Chesterton Rural District Council and the Cambridgeshire & Isle of Ely County Council in relation to serious amenity problems in the village. The Meeting would like to invite the M.P. for Cambridgeshire, Mr. Francis Pym M.C. M.P., the Chairman of the Rural District Council and the Chairman of the County Council, to visit the village and personally investigate the complaints of the villagers with the Chairman of Milton Parish Council.

This resolution was carried by 11 votes to 4 with 20 abstentions.

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1830 - ROAD SWEEPER Mrs. B. Waterson asked if a road-sweeper could be provided to supplement the mechanical sweeper

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1831 - PRO) RATE INCREASES
TEST BY MISS
HIDSON

The Clerk read a letter received by the Chairman of the Parish Council (Mr. D. Pearson) from Miss G.W. Hidsen, of 58, Fen road, in which she regretted she was unable to be present as she particularly wished to protest personally against "the proposed steep rise in R.D.C. rates".

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This finished the business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

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Signed *D. Pearson* Chairman

Date *Mar 7th 1972*