

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd May 1977 at 7.30 p.m. in Milton Primary School.

Present: R.T. Summerfield, Mrs. B.C. Waterson, P. Kiddle, S.B. Poulter, G. Patten, M. Waggett, H.W.H. Easy, Mrs. M.E. Jones, Councillor K.P. Humphries and the Clerk B.K. Connor.

1. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3251 Election of Chairman. M.E.J. proposed that R.T.S. should hold office as Chairman for the ensuing year. This was seconded by P.K. and unanimously agreed.
2. 3252 The declaration of office was duly signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk.
3. 3253 Election of Vice Chairman. H.E. proposed that S.B.P. be elected Vice Chairman. This was seconded by G.P. and unanimously agreed after M.E.J.'s nomination of M.W. was declined.
4. 3254 Planning Sub-Committee. The Council discussed the original minute 2933 and although members were in sympathy with the recommendation it was proposed by H.E. and seconded by G.P. that the three existing members i.e. S.B.P., M.W. and D.J.C. should continue in office. This was agreed subject to the agreement of D.J.C. who was not present.
5. 3255 The minutes of the Council meeting of 4th April had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

6. Matters Arising

- 3256 The Clerk had received an invitation from the Cambs. Naturalists Trust to arrange a site meeting to discuss the possible caretaking of the Council's land between the end of Coles Road and Old School Lane. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Trust and obtain two or three possible dates. R.T.S., M.W. and B.K.C. to attend and possibly any residents who are interested in the project.
- 3257 Consultation Report on the Cambridge Sub-Area. The Council received a copy of (3203) the comments submitted by the Waterbeach Parish Council which in general terms agreed with our own feelings. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge the letter.
- 3258 Drainage in the Parish. The Council had received a resume of the site meeting (3231) (3231/A) and P.K. felt strongly that the information prepared by the ERCU should have been issued in draft form for circulation to those who attended for agreement before final preparation of minutes, so that it would have constituted an agreed scheme. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge the minutes commenting on the method of preparation and expressing the fact that the Council look forward to receiving details of the outcome of investigations on the proposals.
- H.E. raised the question of the P.C. ditch where it was noted that because, of some digging away carried out by children, water from Middleton's pit was over-spilling into the ditch. K.P.H. commented that this could become involved in the Naturalist Trust survey in conjunction with the marsh area.
- 3259 Parish Banks. (i) K.P.H. reported that Mr. D. Pearson agreed, through his solicitor, to pay the extra rent due for the banks which he ploughed up. The total acreage for which rent is payable has thereby been increased from 13½ to 15 acres. (ii) K.P.H. also reported that Mr. Pearson had staked out the 3 acres for which rent is charged to establish the boundary following the elimination of the ditch between land owned by the Trustees and Kings.

7. Matters Arising from the A.P.M.

- 3260 Street Lighting in Butt Lane. Mr. Rose of no.22 commented that lights were being left on all night and that his efforts through the P.C. and the C.C. to have them switched off had been unsuccessful. Mr. Rose handed over the letter received from the County Surveyors Department explaining the situation in that

the lights were due to be converted to individual photo-cell operation in the near future which means that the cost of altering cables was not really justifiable. The Clerk was instructed to take a copy of Mr. Rose's letter returning the original to him and confirming that the P.C. will keep the matter under review.

3261 Disused Lights-Fen Road. Mr. L.W. Harvey reported that a number of lamp covers appeared to be half filled with water and enquired if this presented a safety hazard. The Clerk was asked to refer this to Eastern Electricity for advice.

3262 Repair of Footpath outside Baptist Chapel. Mrs. K. Edwards expressed concern at the condition of the pavement particularly in view of the number of elderly residents using this section of pavement. The Clerk had contacted the County Surveyor requesting that repairs be put in hand as soon as possible.

B.C.W. mentioned that the roadway at the Coles Road/Fen Road junction was again developing potholes and the Clerk was asked to report this.

3263 Danger from Heavy Contractors Traffic in Butt Lane. Following the report given by P.K., Mr. K. Wilson had asked that the situation be monitored because accidents had occurred in recent weeks, fortunately none serious. The situation will be reviewed at the next P.C. meeting.

3264 Investment of Balances. A query had been raised as to the possibility of obtaining higher interest rates on the balance in our deposit account. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Martindale to seek his advice.

3265 M.W. proposed that the Clerk should send copies of letters written to the residents raising queries at the APM and this was agreed.

8. 3266 Renovation of the Old Hand Pump, Cambridge Road. The Clerk reported that (3128) Mr. H.G. Peters had spent approximately 10 hours carrying out the renovation work. It was proposed by P.K., seconded by G.P. and agreed that the P.C. should pay £10 to Mr. Peters for his services. A vote of thanks was also extended to the Clerk who had cleaned the area around the pump and removed the rubbish.

9. 3267 Clerks Salary. The Clerk provided the Chairman with a summary of the (2948) present situation in that the 12 months which have elapsed since B.K.C. held office as a councillor expired on 23rd April 1977. Mrs. Connor carrying out typing, copying and filing earned approximately £150 per annum resulting from 12-14 hours per month at the rate of £1 per hour. The Clerk receives £250 p.a. for rent, heat, light and travelling allowance. The average time spent by the Clerk per month on P.C. business amounts to 25 hours. The formula recommended by the National Association of Local Council Clerks specifies 26.25 per cent of the village population (approx. 1800) which would indicate a salary of £473 per annum.

The Clerk then left the meeting while discussion took place, and on a proposal by M.E.J., which was seconded by G.P. and agreed, the Clerk would be paid an annual salary of £450 effective from 1st May 1977 and payable one month in arrears. The other terms to remain as at present.

10. 3268 (a) Monies Received

April 14th - Rate Precept from S.C.D.C.	£3000-00	(Deposit a/c)
April 28th - Allotment Rents due 6/4/77	£ 74-65	(Current a/c)
April 28th - Refund of VAT 1/4/76-31/3/77	£ 29-45	(" ")
May 2nd - Repayment of loan from Silver Jubilee Committee	£ 50-00	(" ")

(b) Bills for Payment

It was proposed by G.P., seconded by B.C.W. and agreed that the following bills be paid:-

1. Cambs. C.C. - rent for smallholdings due 6/4/77	£ 58-30
2. Mrs. J.R. Connor - secretarial expenses for	
April 22 hrs @ £1	£22-00
telephone, postages	3-10
	£ 25-10

- 3. S-Print - posters for A.P.M. £ 8-90
- 4. Cornhill Insurance - Parish Insurances £ 50-41
- 5. Cambs. Association of Local Councils - Annual Subs. £ 54-60
- 6. Cambridge Newspapers - A.P.M. Notices £ 10-80
- 7. Scitech Publications - photocopying agenda & mins. £ 5-67
- 8. Mr. H. Peters - payment for restoration work on old hand pump £ 10-00
- 9. D.A.L. Haird & Co. Ltd. - work on Changing Rooms £ 74-52

11. 3269 Silver Jubilee Committee. M.E.J. reported that arrangements were going well, events have been decided and the money-raising efforts have done exceptionally well, and a cheque was handed over to repay the Council's £50 loan. M.E.J. asked that if a profit results from the activities would it be possible to reimburse the Council in a small way for the mugs which would be purchased. It was proposed by G.P., seconded by P.K. and agreed that the arrangement as originally specified should stand in that the P.C.'s contribution of total payment for the mugs would remain unaltered. The Chairman expressed his congratulations and offered thanks for returning the loan.

M.W. asked if anything could be done for the two or three elderly residents of Milton who would spend the Jubilee Day in the Tower Hospital at Ely. M.E.J. agreed to raise this with the S.J. Committee at their next meeting (4/4/77) and S.B.P. proposed that if the S.J.C. did not wish to take any action then the Council should do so and this was seconded by H.E. and agreed that a presentation box of fruit would be given to senior citizens who are bedridden in hospitals but still have homes in the village. The Chairman stated that if the S.J.C. do wish to make these donations then the P.C. would step down. B.C.W. was asked to contact the Church and Chapel representatives to prepare a list of eligible residents to be handed to R.T.S. as soon as possible.

A circular was received offering a special new commemorative rose which is for sale with part of the proceeds being donated to the Jubilee Appeal. No action to be taken.

Keep Britain Tidy Campaign. Details provided in the form of a circular from the S.C.D.C. The Clerk was asked to forward copies to the Youth Club Leader and the Scout Leader for information and possible action.

12. Any Other Business

- 3270 P.K. expressed concern over the non attendance of the press and it was agreed that the Clerk would make further enquiries.
- 3271 Accident in the High Street. P.K. asked if the Council should send a wreath following the death of Mrs. Townsend of 1 Walkling Way. The Clerk was asked to organise a flower spray to be sent on behalf of the P.C.
- 3272 Proposed Tennis Courts on Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that following a house-to-house circular, a meeting had been held to discuss the possibilities of erecting tennis courts. 12 people attended the meeting and were prepared to form a club if necessary, and 108 people had indicated their wish to play tennis in the event of courts being available. The matter would be raised at the A.G.M. of the Village Hall Management Committee to be held on 3rd May, when it would be suggested that a grassed area is allocated as a first move.
- 3273 Cambs. Association of Local Councils Circular. Notices of the National Conference of the County AGM were provided together with Association's comments on the Cambridge Sub Area Structure Plan report which the Clerk had photocopied and circulated to all members at the meeting for information.

Signed.....*R. Sumner*.....Chairman.....*13th June 1977*.....Date

11. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3274 The minutes of the Planning Committee of 4th April 1977 had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3275 The Council received an explanation of the Deemed Permission form which (3217) followed planning application S/1348/76 (3072).

3276 The Council received a letter from Mr. S. Sillery confirming his comments (3226) on the unauthorised filling-in of the pit on Stokes land.

3277 M.W. asked if the Clerk could chase the Planning Department of S.C.D.C. (3120) for the map of the proposed conservation area which Mr. Rabson promised to provide following his attendance at our meeting.

3. 3278 Unauthorised Felling of Horse Chestnut Tree by Mr. F.V. Hubbard, 2 Knights Way. The Clerk read to the meeting a copy letter from Mr. Hubbard to Mr. Hellingsworth of S.C.D.C. explaining his actions in having the tree lopped. The Chairman explained that on seeing that the work had been carried out he had contacted M.W. and B.K.C. to see if permission had been applied for. Since no notification had been received Mr. Hellingsworth was contacted who felt that an example should be made in this case. The lopping had been carried out in an unsatisfactory manner and no preservative had been used to cover the areas of trunk which had been cut. Mr. Hellingsworth has thanked R.T.S. for bringing the situation to his notice.

The Clerk was then asked to write to Mr. Hellingsworth expressing the Council's concern and recommending that no further action should be taken other than the planting of another tree alongside the horse chestnut, which should be left in the hope that it would grow and the exposed surfaces should therefore be suitably preserved.

4. Any Other Business

3279 S/0248/77/F - J. Keeffe, 46 Butt Lane - house alteration and extension - (3210) approved.

3280 M.W. gave a summary of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 25th April with particular reference to two planning applications which were of considerable interest, namely E.E.B. outline planning permission for 20 houses in Milton Hall grounds, and an extension of the Lounge Bar at the Waggon & Horses both of which had provoked written objections from a number of residents (planning Sub-Committee minutes refs. 3241 and 3243).

3281 Planning Objection. Mr. A.J. Wagstaff of Penfold Farm placed a written objection through his agents Cheffins, Grain & Chalk, to any future planning permission for the enlargement of Milton until the drainage system has been resolved.

3282 Mr. L.H. Waters, 4 Lyndhurst Close. The Clerk had received a letter from Mr. Waters applying for permission to prune 4 large willow trees in his rear garden. The Clerk had replied to Mr. Waters advising him to contact the Trees and Woodlands Officer at S.C.D.C. to make a formal application.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 10.30 p.m.

Signed..... R. SummersfieldChairman..... 13th June 1977Date