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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 7th., 1972: VILLAGE HALL AT 8 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT Mr.D.Pearson, Chairman of the Parish Council (in the Chair) with Councillors, L.M.Forbes (Vice-Chairman), Mrs.M.Jones, Mrs.B.Watson, Messrs H. Easy, P.Kiddle, M.J.D.Nurse, R.T.Summerfield, A.W.Wenham & the Clerk to the Council, Mr.K.P. Humphries.

14 electors attended; County Councillor Dr.H. Hartley (representing Milton) joined later; Mr. Humphries was also present as District Council representative for Milton.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF MARCH 1971, & ANNUAL ACCOUNTS The Minutes were available at this meeting in the form of a brochure which included the audited Parish Council Accounts for 1970/71; a provisional summary of Parish Council Accounts for the current year, and, by courtesy of the Parochial Charity Trustees, the Milton Charity Accounts for 1971.

Matters arising were taken in turn and the minutes then confirmed and signed.

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1946 - WASTE LAND, COLES RD. (1816) Since the last meeting negotiations had continued with the liquidators of the Gray, Conoley estate in which planning potential was critical; advice had also been sought from the Planning Dept. It now seemed likely that the Parish Council would be offered some of the waste land for purchase as well as being given some.

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1947 - DIRECTION SIGN TO VILLAGE HALL (1818) The Highway Dept. had accepted the suggestion of a sign at the corner of Coles road and this had now been erected.

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1948 - RECREATION GROUND FENCES (1829) The R.D.C. had now erected fences on the Recreation Ground western boundary ( i.e. with the Council Gardens) and replaced the damaged fence on the eastern side (gravel pit boundary) where also the gaps in the hedgerow had been planted up with thorn.

The Deputy Engineer had asked the Village Hall Committee to exercise vigilance over the new fence and all users of the Ground to treat it with respect. He particularly asked that publicity be given to this request at this Parish Meeting. The Parish Council associated themselves with this and ask all parishioners to co-operate, particularly to report any vandalism they see going on.

1949 - PUBLIC TOILETS Middle presented and explained provisional plans which had been prepared for the Parish Council by Mr. Poulter for changing rooms and public toilets combined.

The Clerk reported the message he had received a few moments before leaving for this meeting from the Deputy Engineer regretting that the 'embargo' placed on the reception of Milton sewage by the City Sewage Farm would mean further delay in the building of toilets

There were many definite and differing views on this question put forward and a lengthy discussion followed. Arguments in favour emphasised that it was not always convenient to open the Hall toilets, e.g. to sportsmen, especially in muddy weather, and that the costs would be reduced by the parish if, by being public, the R.D.C. helped. (Mr. Sanford & others)

Those against foresaw the difficulties of maintenance; was there any real necessity for them so near Cambridge?; likelihood of vandalism and obscenity (& responsibility for damage), and also high costs. They supported the need for changing rooms etc. as an essential sports facility (Mr. & Mrs. Mole, Mr. & Mrs. Jones & others)

One opinion was that inconvenience of opening the Hall had been overstated and the idea of combining the two proposals was rather a pity. (Mr. Patten).

The meeting agreed that on the small attendance it could not really represent the feeling of the whole village on the issue of Public Toilets. A special public meeting was more desirable and might avoid them being turned down later (Mr. Kiddle's suggestion)

The R.D.C. view was that public toilets in Milton were not so much for local use as a part of a district scheme to serve the needs of through travellers on the A.10. Their enthusiasm to equip the District in this way had recently been dampened. Proposals for Public Toilets in Histon and Shelford had been dropped after local objections when the statutory notices were posted near proposed sites (Mr. Humphries - R.D.C. representative)

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1950 - NORTHERN BY-PASS (1824) The Clerk reported he had been attending the Public Inquiry daily and the Council had lodged objection against the proposals to route the Northern By-Pass so close to the built-up area of the village on embankment, and lack of information about any interchange with the A.10. They were suggesting a route further south.

Although he had still to give the detailed evidence in support of the objection he had cross-examined the Engineer at the Inquiry to try and elucidate details of the embankment and interchange. The Dept. of the Environment, however, remained adamant over their refusal to divulge details of an interchange. In the complicated discussions on traffic flows and figures it had emerged that Milton would be likely to suffer an increase of some 30% in traffic through the village - despite the Engineer's assurance at the public meeting in July, 1971, that there would be no increase.

The Clerk thought that the Inquiry would be a long one and it would be a stiff fight to wring any concessions from the Dept. of the Environment to get a more equitable and just siting of the Northern By-Pass. Mr. Nurse said he thought it had now become imperative that the parish's objection should be coupled with a request for a Milton By-Pass to be built at an early date.

Considerable discussion followed and some concern at the likely increase of traffic through Milton - already heavily loaded, and at the large number of school-children who crossed daily.

Proposed by Mr. Nurse, seconded by Miss Hisson that a Resolution from this Parish Meeting be included in the Council's evidence to the Inspector at the Public Inquiry now proceeding, to the following effect:

'MILT ON PARISH MEETING, having had a report from their representative on the traffic flow figures produced by the E.R.C.U and the Dept. of the Environment at the Public Inquiry, view with great concern the apparent large increase in traffic which will pass along the A.10 through Milton village as a result of constructing an interchange on the proposed line of the North ern By-Pass at the southern end of the village built-up area. They understand that this increase may be as much as 29%, and ask, therefore, that no interchange be constructed there.'

Mr. R. Rose said that the E.R.C.U. had favourably received his suggestion, made at the 1970 Annual Parish Meeting, of a road to By-Pass both Landbeach and Milton, and suggested it now be put before the Inquiry. The Chairman replied that the Parish Council would certainly consider how this would fit into the Council's proposed case.

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1951 - PARISH MEETING RESOLUTION ON COMPLAINTS (1828/9) The Clerk reported that he had taken immediate action on this Resolution after last year's Annual Parish Meeting. The Resolution expressed the concern of electors at the inaction of the District & County Councils over complaints. The Member of Parliament (Mr. Pym) and the two Chairmen while declining the invitation to visit the village had followed up the complaints. He was happy to report that the highway in Butt Lane had been repaired satisfactorily, the Recreation Ground had been fenced, and the trees and grass planted on the Winship Estate; the remaining matter, Public Toilets, was in abeyance owing to circumstances beyond the District Council's control.

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#### ANNUAL REPORTS

1952 - CHAIRMAN OF MILTON SCHOOL MANAGERS - MR. L. M. FORBES, J.P.M.A. Mr. Forbes was happy to report the School was going from strength to strength; new some 235 children in 3 infant and 4 junior classes - a satisfactory average of 32 per class for the 7 teachers to deal with. The Managers much appreciated ancillary supervision by mothers in the afternoons which relieved the qualified staff. Successful sports events, school concerts, and useful and fruitful school journeys such as to Norwich and London, continued, and this year, for the first time, the Over-60's had been entertained. Once again he must pay tribute to the devotion of Mr. Whitten and his loyal staff to the children and the school.

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1953 - VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE - MR. J. SANFORD. Mr. Sanford said that efforts this year had been concentrated on the Hall extension and they looked forward to the increased convenience this would bring. They were also concerned with improving the heating and ventilation and were getting more chairs. Car parking space was an urgent problem and they awaited the decision about ownership of the piece of land adjoining the Ground. He thought that changing rooms were desperately needed and they would work hard towards raising money for this project.

Mr. Forbes proposed a vote of thanks to the Committee for the wonderful job of the extension and the Chairman was pleased to second it.

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1954 - RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL - Mr. K.P. HUMPHRIES Mr. Humphries said he had made what representations within his power during the year on a number of matters including the Parish Meeting Resolution, Fences and Toilets. The District Council now proposed to proceed with housing on the Council gardens near the Recreation ground when the sewage position allowed. He would press for garage or parking space as part of this scheme or facility for rear access to Council gardens for parking.

The District Council continued to object to the reduction in local representation which would result from the Local Government proposals for re-organisation. Rates continued to rise and the figure this year was 22p in the £, a rise of nearly 50% in the last 4 years.

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1955 - COUNTY COUNCIL - DR. H. HARTLEY Dr. Hartley (who is Chairman of the County Council Road Safety Committee) agreed that traffic dangers in Milton would not be lessened by the building of a Northern By-Pass as proposed or the proposal to increase the speed limit through Milton. He suggested that the Parish Council ask that the latter be deferred until the result of the Public Inquiry is known. He said that the amber warning lights supporting the school-crossing warden undoubtedly helped safety. On other topics he thought fluoridation of water supplies was going ahead although it was very controversial. The Social Services and Education drew heavily on the Rates. He was not altogether happy about Local Government Re-organisation, particularly its financing and he regretted the possibility of local government resurgence with real local powers is now remote.

1956 - CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL - MR. D. PEARSON Mr. Pearson dealt with matters not already before this meeting. The Parish Council had discussed the general planning of Milton with senior Planning Officers, including the expansion of local industry. He understood the Winship Estate will not expand beyond the general boundaries already allotted and that Messrs Stokes Ltd., are likely to be allowed only limited expansion in the near future.

A large area, about 100 acres, including the Milton Pits, had been designated a recreational area as a proposal, for swimming, boating, fishing, picnicing and natural conservation. This plan was largely based on a survey of the wild life of the area by Mr. Graham Easy, the local naturalist.

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1957 - FOOTPATHS REVIEW. The County Council were required, under the COUNTRYSIDE ACTS 1949 & 1968 - REVIEW OF DEFINITIVE RIGHTS OF WAY MAP. The County Council were required, under the Acts, to carry out a special review of existing rights of way, to record the details for each parish which must be put before a Parish Meeting. In particular, a "road used as a public footpath" must now be more clearly defined either as, a byway (open to all traffic), a bridleway, or a footpath.

Accordingly the following five paths recorded on the Definitive Map were put before the meeting, viz: the whole of the towing path or haling way by the river Cam in the parish and across Baitsbite Locks, and from Chesterton Fen road to the Haling Way at Grassy Corner (footpaths); the Mere Way (Roamn road) from King's Hedges to Landbeach and King's Hedges road from the Mere Way to King's Hedges Farm (byways).

There were no comments.

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#### PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

1958 - PROVISIONAL UP TO MARCH 7th 1972 VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND a/c - This showed a deficit of £476.55 after paying a 5p Rate product to the Committee

SMALLHOLDINGS a/c - This had a credit balance of £8.25

GENERAL a/c - After carrying balances from the two above a/cs to the General a/c the Council would have balance in hand as at 8th March, 1972, of £522.63

1959 - PRECEPT Precept for the sum of £1,250 had been served on  
FOR 1972 /73 the R.D.C. (the Rating Authority). This was the  
maximum Rate (1.7p/£) which the Parish Council  
could demand. 8

1960 - AUDITED These did not differ substantially from the pre-  
ACCOUNTS FOR y.e. visional ones presented at the 1971 Annual Parish  
MARCH 31st. 1971 Meeting (see Minute 1821), and it was proposed by  
Mr. Summerfield, seconded by Mrs. Jones that the  
1970/71 Accounts be accepted. This was agreed.

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MILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITY ACCOUNTS

1961 - FOR THE Of a total income of £170.47, the sum of £141.97  
y.e. DECEMBER had been distributed according to the Scheme, as  
31st., 1971 in previous years, which included £74.97 on coal  
and groceries in the village at Christmas. Bal-  
ance in hand was £14.64.

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1962 - Mrs. Beldon, supported by Mrs. Mole drew attention to the  
state of the pavement in front of the Council Houses

Mr. Mole suggested that construction of a lay-by here  
would improve traffic conditions

1963 - Mr. Mole also suggested there was a need for a footpath  
in Landbeach road from Rectory Farm to the Cemetery for the  
use of elderly people visiting the Cemetery.

The Clerk said that, with the agreement of the Council, he would  
put these suggestions forward to the Highways Dept.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked the 'faith  
ful few' attenders and closed the meeting.

Signed ..... *J. Pearson* ..... Chairman

Date ..... *March 21st 1973* .....