

Annual

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 8th May at 7.30 p.m. in Milton Primary School.

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

Apologies for absence received from Mrs. M.E. Jones.

1. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3555 Election of Chairman. R.T.S. reminded councillors of minute 2646 whereby it was recommended that the office of Chairman should span a period of three years as a maximum. Since this period has now expired the present Chairman should stand down. G.P. proposed that R.T.S. should be re-elected and this was seconded by M.W. who commented that the original minute should be borne in mind at the next election stage. The opinion was expressed that the present Chairman had carried out his duties in an excellent manner. The Clerk also expressed his appreciation at the level of help and cooperation that existed. There being no further proposals R.T.S. was duly elected.
2. 3556 Signature of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. The Chairman duly signed the declaration which was then witnessed by the Clerk.
3. 3557 Election of Vice-Chairman. It was proposed by G.P. and seconded by B.C.W. that S.B.P. be re-elected Vice-Chairman and this was agreed.
4. 3558 Election of Planning Sub-Committee. It was proposed by B.C.W. and (3254) seconded by G.P. that the existing Planning Sub-Committee be re-elected *en bloc* subject to the agreement of D.J.C. who was not present.
5. 3559 The minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd April had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

6. Matters Arising

- 3560 Street Lighting. The Clerk received a reply from the County Surveyor (3541) confirming that the County Council are to complete the conversion of all lights to the photo-electric cell controlled sodium versions by means of a programme spanning 2 years. At this stage it is not possible to establish when the village will have the full lighting restored. It was decided to review the situation in 12 months time.
- 3561 Pavement Conditions. It was reported that the pavement in Fen Road from (3542) its junction with Shirley Close down towards the river is in need of attention. Also the pavement from Benet Close to Butt Lane along the High Street is covered in mud and contains potholes which are considered to be dangerous. The Clerk would report the matter accordingly.
- 3562 Car Parking, Marshalls Hostel, Coles Road. One of the original complainants (3543) Mr. Lewcock had provided details of the 4 vehicles who regularly cause parking problems and the Clerk had conveyed this information as requested to Marshalls of Cambridge.
- 3563 Johnsons Sluice - Removal of Slacker Board. G.P. advised the meeting that (3546) he had been approached by Mr. D. Pearson regarding a possible reversal of his acceptance of the proposal to remove the Slacker Board. Since no official communication has been made to the Council it was agreed to confirm the original action as specified in minute 3546.
- 3564 John Brackenbury Foundation Trust Fund. The Council's donation was gratefully (3549) acknowledged by letter and comments were made that plans are in hand for the commencement of activities by means of the funds collected to date.

3565 Land Adjoining Cul-de-sacs in Old School Lane. The County Planning Officer (3553) confirmed by letter that there is no financial allocation for Milton Pits in the budget and therefore immediate acquisition is out of the question. The matter will be referred to the Leisure and Amenities Committee for further comments.

3566 Allotments - Gate Problem. Mr. Higgins of the E.R.C.U. has written to (3554) confirm that Bovis have been requested to rectify the gate which has not been hung correctly, and also to remove some of the top soil from below the gate to enable it to be opened and shut more easily.

7. Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting.

(a) 3567 The Clerk was requested to refer to the Divisional Surveyor, Cambs. C.C. the reported problem associated with the unsatisfactory condition of the pavement near 64 Coles Road following Gas Board repairs.

(b) 3568 S.B.P. confirmed that the roadway at the crossing point Milton By-pass/Landbeach Road is in fact 18 feet wide and should be sufficient. It was therefore decided to leave this matter until the by-pass opened for further review.

(c) 3569 The Council felt it would be preferable to discuss the long term replacement of the Village Hall at a joint meeting with the Management Committee. M.W. would advise the Committee accordingly.

K.P.H. expressed his appreciative comments on the reports which were presented at the A.P.M. The Clerk would write to Mr. Bosley and Mr. Waters expressing the Council's thanks for their contributions.

8. 3570 Annual Grant to the V.H.M.C. It was proposed by P.K., seconded by (3369) B.C.W. and agreed that the grant figure for the current year should be £800.

9. 3571 Review of Clerk and Assistant Clerk's Salary/Expenses. It was decided to review the situation after the audit has taken place.

10. 3572 Allotment Holdings. The County Land Agent had forwarded a letter on (3401) the 27th April asking the Council once again to surrender the 4.44 acres of allotment land which are currently farmed by Mr. H. Easy. H.E. declared his interest at this stage and offered to base his decision on future use of the land on the Council's feelings. It was decided that the Land Agents letter should be acknowledged and a statement made to the effect that the Council have referred the matter to their own Land Agent George Comins to act upon. The Council wish to resist any attempt to hand over the land since there would be virtually no possibility of ever gaining land for allotment purposes if required during future Village development.

11. 3573 Tennis Court. Mr. J. Lapham, Chairman of Milton Tennis Club forwarded (3540) a letter dated 28th April to the Council detailing the objectives and intentions of the newly formed club. P.K. felt very strongly that the matter should be resolved through the V.H.M.C. since all matters associated with the recreation ground are handled by the Committee as the Council's agent. Mr. Lapham attended this stage of the meeting. The Council were satisfied in general terms with the information provided by Mr. Lapham with the exception of the statement concerning the transfer of assets should the Tennis Club be wound up in that any transfer should in fact be made directly to the Parish Council or its nominated agent. The Clerk was therefore instructed to prepare a letter confirming that the figure of £20 rent which has been suggested would be the subject of final agreement with the M.V.H.M.C. It was further recommended that the same relationship should exist between the M.V.H.M.C. and the Tennis Club as already exists with the Cricket and Football Clubs.

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12. 3574 Monies Received and Bills for Payment.

(A) The following monies have been received:-

(i)	S.C.D.C. - Rate Precept for 1978	£3000-00
(ii)	H.M. Customs & Excise - Refund of VAT (period 1/4/77-31/3/78)	£26-96
(iii)	Allotment tenants - rent due Lady Day 1978	£74-55

(B) It was proposed by M.W. seconded by G.P. & agreed that the following bills be paid.

(i)	Eastern Electricity - Street Lighting - 31/3/78	£3-77
(ii)	D.A.L. Haird & Co. Ltd. - erection of notice board - repair & installation of two wooden seats on village green	£71-28
(iii)	S-Print - 50 posters for Annual Parish Meeting	£3-88
(iv)	Cambs. C.C. Hire of School for P.C. Meetings January/February/March	£7-61
(v)	Co. Treasurer Cambs. C.C. Rent for smallholdings due Lady Day 1978	£60-00
(vi)	Cambs. Assocn. of Local Councils annual subscription for 1978-79	£55-70
(vi)	Cornhill Insurance Co. Ltd. renewal of Parish Council insurances	£50-41
(vii)	Scitech Publications - photocopying agenda/ minutes for April	£3-29
(viii)	Mrs. J.R. Connor - secretarial duties for April 14 hrs @ £1-00 14-00 posts & telephone 2-28	£16-28
(ix)	Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary for April	£37-50
(x)	Milton Village Hall & Recreation Ground Management Committee - Annual Grant (min 3570)	£800-00

13. 3575 Damage to Trees Coles Road Verge. The Clerk had received a letter from Mr. D. Teeboon of 40 Orchard Road, Histon apologising for the damage which he had caused by breaking one of the Council's trees on the 15th April following a disco in the Village Hall. The youth had been apprehended by Chief Inspector Waters and hence the preparation of the letter volunteering to pay for the replacement tree. It was agreed that M.W. be given approval to purchase a replacement tree which would be approximately £10 for a container grown lime tree which is all that is available at this time of the year. The Clerk would submit the invoice to Mr. Teeboon for settlement making the comment that the replacement tree is expensive because it is the wrong time of year to be planting and also to mention the fact that planting is to be carried out by voluntary labour on our behalf.

14. 3576 Any Other Business

3576 Milton By-pass - Butt Lane Crossing. A statement appeared in the C.E.N. (3516) of 14th April whereby Ministry of Transport officials are to review the possibility of providing a footbridge. Since this information had not been communicated to the Council, R.T.S. had contacted the E.R.C.U. Chief Engineer Mr. H. Lawrence, but unfortunately he knew nothing of this review of the situation. K.P.H. in consultation with R.T.S. had written to Mr. Pym following a census which he had carried out during the peak period one morning. 74 schoolchildren had crossed the bypass and Mr. Pym was advised accordingly. In his reply Mr. Pym confirmed that he would present the figures to the Minister.

P.K. added that the governors of Impington have also written to complain at the situation. Mr. J. Lapham volunteered to carry out a traffic census on the A10 since it was felt that at the peak hours the road would be virtually impossible to cross.

- 3577 Tomkins Mead. A written report had been prepared by Mr. R. Day and K.P.H. advising the Council of the present situation. The Council expressed their thanks for all the effort that has been put into clearing the rubbish away and Mr. Buck has cleared the wood which had accumulated in the ditch following the infilling of Middleton's Pit. The suggestion was made that now the area is clean a circular should be prepared and distributed to occupants of houses in Coles Road and Pryor Close whose properties adjoin Tomkins Mead to ask for their cooperation and vigilance to ensure that the area is maintained in a clean condition. The Clerk would also chase Mr. Hanson again for a reply to the two earlier letters regarding the future of his adjoining land. Mr. Day also mentioned a problem involving the riding of ponies in the area which of late had caused damage to the ditch area and it was agreed that posts could be let into the entrance points to limit access accordingly.
- 3578 Bus Shelter Damage. B.C.W. reported that the bricks are being removed from the front wall of the shelter in Cambridge Road. The Clerk would report this to Mr. D. Haird for action.

Signed.....*B. Sumner*.....Chairman.....*5th June 1978*.....Date

II. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3579 The minutes of the Planning Committee of 3rd April had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

- 3580 Alterations to Waggon & Horses Public House. Mr. Sillery of Planning (3538) S.C.D.C. had replied to the Council's query regarding the recent alterations confirming his feeling that it would not be possible to take action against the removal of the internal walls in the building. Under the planning acts the use as a public house constitutes a single use and therefore the individual elements of the building did not bear any relevance as far as permission is concerned.

The Council noted their dissatisfaction with this situation in that the original 'refused' plan should be allowed to come into being therefore circumventing the agreed decision.

3. 3581 Middleton's Pit. The Clerk read the conditions which applied to the (3537) original permission granted for infilling. P.K. felt that he would like to see the recreation ground expand as a first priority. H.E. proposed that the Council approach Middleton and ask what his short term intentions are with regard to the land since under the Country Park Scheme it is understood that the area is designated for recreation purposes. In the short term the Council would like to see the area incorporated as part of the recreation ground. The Clerk would therefore write to Mr. Middleton regarding the situation and extending an invitation to attend a meeting for further discussion.

4. New Applications

- (a) 3582 S/0653/78 - Milton Nurseries - outline permission for 3 detached dwellings in Butt Lane - no objections.
- (b) 3583 S/0668/78 - J. Plumb, Industrial Estate - enlargement of Plant Depot - no objections.
- (c) 3584 S/1234/77 - Cambridge Consultants, Science Park - amendments to plans (3354) for erection of offices and labs - no objections.
- (d) 3585 S/0750/78 - Mr. Collins, 28 High Street - rear extension to house - no objections.
- (e) 3586 S/0744/78 - S.I. Properties, Unit 5, Crane Industrial Estate - change of use from industrial to warehouse - no objections.

- (f) 3587 S/0782/78 - Trinity College, Science Park - extension to building for Coherent Radiation Ltd. - no objections.
- (g) 3588 S/0571/78 - F.G. Seal, The Black House, Chesterton - replacement of 150-year-old timber framed house by traditional house or bungalow. M.W. attended site visit 8/5/78 and the view was expressed that the house should not be replaced.

5. Decisions Received

- (a) 3589 S/0259/78 - Milton Nurseries Ltd. - outline permission for dwelling on land between 10/14 Cambridge Road - approved with normal conditions relating to vehicle turning and access, landscaping and full details of building with materials to be used.
(3506)
- (b) 3590 S/0325/78 - G. Cave, Chesterton Fen Road - renewal of permission to site 2 caravans - approved with 2 year limit, use confined to owner only or his employee and that no building be erected.
(3507)
- (c) 3591 S/0429/78 - M.V.H.M.C. - resiting of storage building - approved.
- (d) 3592 S/1851/77 - Tipping of controlled waste on grid. ref. 8636 - Mr. J. Wilson/
(3465) Mrs. M. Turner - application withdrawn.

The meeting was closed at 11.10 p.m.

Signed.....*R. Munnings*.....Chairman.....*5th June 1978*.....Date