

MINUTES OF MILTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 10th APRIL, 1974
HELD IN MILTON VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT : The hall was filled almost to capacity by many residents supported by the Parish Council and representatives.

Apologies were received from Dr. Hartley.

1. MINUTES AND ACCOUNTS

A brochure containing minutes of the 1973 A.P.M., audited Parish Council accounts for 1973, provisional Parish accounts to March 1974 and Parochial Charity Accounts for 1973 was distributed. Matters arising were taken and the minutes then confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

2. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

The report of the Chairman was received -

(a) THE BY PASSES

(i) Cambridge Northern

Important details and finalisation of plans were expected by the end of April and the meeting looked forward with interest to the outcome of these plans with regard to the recommendations to build this road near ground level, with the interchange to the West of the A.10.

(ii) Milton By Pass

It was hoped that news concerning the possibility of building both the Cambridge Northern and the Milton By Passes at the same time would be available by the third or fourth week in May, bearing in mind the obvious economy of this course of action it was hoped that the Minister would reach a favourable decision.

(iii) Proposed Route of the Milton By Pass

A compromise route had been submitted to the Minister and a decision would be forthcoming in a few weeks. A six week "objection" period after this decision would be available regarding the routing and compulsory purchase matters etc., and a public enquiry could also be asked for.

(b) GYPSY CARAVAN SITE

After lengthy discussion on this matter, the meeting heard that the site would be on the Cambridge side of the new Bypass and generally this was felt to be more acceptable, although a definite decision had not yet been made as to whether in fact there would be a gypsy site in the vicinity, due to difficulties in negotiating purchase of the land in question.

(c) MILTON COUNTRY PARK

Although there were certain reservations as to difficulties which may arise with car parking problems, collection of rubbish etc., it was generally felt that a Country Park in the Milton area would be beneficial. However, cuts in public spending recently imposed would no doubt place limitations on the scheme and it was felt that further discussions would be necessary.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN (CONT'D.)

(d) RECREATION GROUND GRAVEL PIT

Very careful development of the amenity value of the pit bearing in mind safety factors involved was discussed and further discussion with the County Planning Officer would take place.

(e) GRAY CONOLEY LAND

The possibility of approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 acres of land being required by the County Council in order to extend recreational facilities in the proposed Country Park area was discussed, and the meeting offered favourable consideration to the project. The Countryside Commission are very interested in the scheme and have offered the County Council a grant towards the development of the Country Park.

(f) 4 YEAR BUILDING BAN

Approaches had been made to Mr. W.H. Crossman, County Councillor regarding the building plan imposed on the village of Milton, due mainly to lack of draining facilities. It was felt that Milton had not had a "fair deal" generally and further negotiations for development of the village when the ban would eventually be lifted would be started.

(g) CHANGING ROOMS AND SHOWERS

The meeting was pleased to hear that the project was now under way and after protracted negotiations it was hoped that the first brick would be laid this summer.

(h) DISTRICT COUNCIL TOILETS

It was hoped to combine the erection of Changing Rooms and Showers with the District Councils plans for toilets on economic grounds. The cost of the toilets would fall entirely on the D.C.

(i) ARTIFICIAL ROWING COURSE

Provisional plans to build an artificial rowing course in the village next to the river did not meet with approval, particularly in view of the fact that the project may not be completed for at least 5 years. Car Parking for rowers would also be a problem and access to certain parts of the village would be completely cut off by the course. It was decided to reject any such proposal for a course.

(j) VILLAGE TRAFFIC

Serious traffic problems were present in the village and a lengthy discussion took place, with many residents voicing their grave concern regarding accidents in the village. Police advice had been sought and it was hoped that further serious consideration to ameliorating the situation would be given by the Police and Highways Department.

(k) MILTON SPEED LIMIT

A decision from the Department of the Environment was still awaited regarding the slowing down of the traffic through the village.

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN (CONT'D.)

(1) SCHOOL TRANSPORT TO IMPINGTON

Residents heard that as Milton was just within the 3 mile limit imposed for school transport there was no entitlement to a school bus. Private efforts to provide transport had met with difficulties on economic grounds but certain comfort may be gained from the fact that once the new bypass had been built the distance to the College would be extended and it was hoped that at a later stage, transport would eventually be provided.

3. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The report of the District Councillor was received.

(i) Reorganisation of Local Government

This was the year for Local Government Reorganisation and a vast amount of work had been done to this end. It was felt that after a settling in period the outcome of the reorganisation would be of great benefit to the whole community.

(ii) Planning and Development

Various reforms would be taking place and the District Councillor outlined those expected. Planning applications were discussed at length with regard to the Parish Councils participation in these which were regarded as one of the most important aspects of Planning Reform.

(iii) The Work of Chesterton R.D.C.

The District Councillor paid tribute to the work of the expiring Chesterton R.D.C. and looked forward to the continuing good work of this constituent authority within the new reorganisation.

4. REPORT ON MILTON PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

- (i) A very full report of the schools activities over the past year was presented and thanks were recorded to staff, parents and all connections with the school.

5. REPORT ON IMPINGTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

- (i) A report on the very full life of this school as a day school entering the first year of the comprehensive system and an evening centre was attentively received by residents. This was to be a very eventful year for the school as it entered into the comprehensive system. Thanks were recorded to the staff, parents and all concerned with the school.

6. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

- (i) A very lively discussion took place on the report of the Committee of Management with regard to the various activities in the Village Hall. It was felt that a Sub-Committee may be necessary to share the burden of administration, with members from each group using the hall and further consideration would be given to this.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

Residents hear that Milton would be participating in this event and it was hoped that a big effort would be made to improve and tidy the village generally.

(b) TREES BY THE WAR MEMORIAL

As some of the trees by this memorial had died, consideration was given to a scheme for the scouts to adopt and look after the trees.

(c) CONDITION OF FOOTWAYS

The condition of the footway between the ^{WIN-} ~~Lordship~~ Road and the Benet Garage had given cause for concern due to its poor state of repair but it was reported that headway was being made.

(d) CAR PARK NEAR DOCTORS SURGERY

Patients parking cars near the doctors surgery had been causing traffic problems but it was felt that if this was pointed out to patients, co-operation would be readily forthcoming.

(e) CONSERVATION AREA - FEN ROAD

In reply to a question the Clerk said "There was a provisional proposal to designate a part of Milton for a conservation area which included a large part of the Fen Road.

SIGNED

M. Farber

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