

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Milton Parish Council held at 7pm in the Community Centre on Monday 11 May 1998

Present: RLE Waters (chair) RJ Farrington (till 241/98)
 JE Coston (from 214/98) R Day IF May CF Nunn PK Oldham
 J Sandford (from 216/98 - apologies for lateness) J Shaw (from 215 to 246/98) HM Smith SJ Snaith RT Summerfield LC Twinn
 EY Wakeling (from 214/98) and the clerk SJ Daniels.

1. Apologies for Absence received from DJ Lee

212/98 **2. Election of Chairman**
 RLEW was unanimously elected chairman. Proposed RTS seconded RD. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

213/98 **3. Election of Vice Chairman**
 RJF was unanimously elected vice chairman. Proposed CFN seconded SJS.

214/98 **4. Committees**
 The following Committees were confirmed:-
Planning en bloc plus LCT
Finance en bloc plus PKO
Maintenance en bloc plus CFN
Play en bloc
Cemetery en bloc
Youth en bloc
Sheltered Housing en bloc
Highways en bloc plus PKO and LCT
Allotments en bloc
Community Care en bloc

215/98 **5. Representatives**
 Confirmed as before with the exception of PKO becoming Deputy Tree Warden; and addition of LCT as Representative to the Under 5's Group and JEC to both the Millennium Committee and Village View.
 It was noted that members of committees or representatives did not necessarily have to be members of the parish Council.

216/98 **6. Minutes**
 Minute 189/98 was amended "JEC was pleased in the TPP bid". The minutes were then confirmed and signed as a true record.
 It was confirmed that the clerk had written congratulating the school on their recent successful Ofsted Inspection.
 The minutes of the Planning Meeting of 27 April were confirmed and signed as a true record.

- 217/98 **7. Confidential Minute**
Proposed RTS seconded JS and agreed by all that confidential minute 181/98 be incorporated into the public minutes as page no 35A.
- 218/98 **8. Annual Parish Meeting**
PKO asked that an explanation of Council's Bus Pass Scheme be put on the notice board and in the Village View.
- 219/98 **9. Matters Arising**
Police Local Consultation Group
(104/98) A report of the meeting of 11 March was received. Noted that the next meeting was set for 1 July.
- 220/98 Central Refuges
(146/98) Despite the reassurance from the County Council that the central refuges would be lit nothing had as yet happened. The clerk to contact John Edwards.
- 221/98 A14 Roadworks
(150/98) Confirmation that the resurfacing was due to take place during the summer holidays was received from the County Council.
- 222/98 Lowered Kerbs
(152/98) RJF proposed and RD seconded that Council do not ask for the kerbs to be lowered where the cycle/footpath meets the road near The Rowans open space and Froment Way open space because of the possible dangers. There were 13 in favour and 1 against.
- 223/98 Pond Green
(157/98) It was expected that a full reply concerning the proposal for Pond Green would be received shortly.
- 224/98 Graffiti - Tesco
(159/98) The Manager had promised RLEW to arrange for the graffiti to be cleaned off.
- 225/98 Farm College Merger
(160/98) The Principal had confirmed that the merger was going ahead and that the College would approach the Parish Council with their expansion plans.
- 226/98 New Vehicular Access to Milton Hall
(162/98) Noted that PI's resources were being concentrated on its new premises at Cottenham. PI however still intended to implement the new road access. Mr Belcham of SCDC was monitoring the situation.
- 227/98 Tomkins Mead
(164/98) The Country Park Ranger was looking at ways of improving the muddy path near the Coles Road entrance.

- 228/98 AWA Sewer
(165/98) Noted that the seeding had not yet been done. D Ward to be contacted.
- 229/98 Maintenance
(167/98) Meeting with Mr Rees still to be arranged.
The Farm College had cleaned the mud from the road.
- 230/98 Rowing Lake
(168/98) A Board meeting was set for 4 June. HMS to confirm that the Rowing Trust had contacted the occupier of the Crossing Keeper's house.
- 231/98 Cycling Facilities
(172/98) Noted that J Richards was looking in more detail at the options.
Agreed to ask him for his time scale.
- 232/98 A10/A14 Interchange
(173/98) The clerk to write to the Highways Agency expressing concern at the delay in having the slippage repaired.
- 233/98 Parking of Vehicles
(175/98) RJF and the clerk had met with E Thornton. He would not agree to mound or put in bollards at the entrance to the industrial estate. It was agreed to write to all the firms on the estate.
Concerns were expressed about parking on the verge near the bus shelter in High Street. It was agreed to find out first who owned the land.
- 234/98 20MPH Speed Limit
(176/98) Noted that 20mph speed limits could only be installed in traffic calmed areas with the consent of the Secretary of State. JEC to make further inquiries.
- 235/98 A10 Junctions
(177/98) The Highways Agency were monitoring the accidents at the Butt Lane junction. A suggested layout for the Landbeach Road junction was received. Agreed to ask the Highways Agency to keep Council up to date with their findings.
- 236/98 Extension - 88 Butt Lane
(178/98) Noted that the planning officers were recommending refusal.
- 237/98 Finance
(204-211/98) RTS summarised the Finance Meeting held on 8 May.
- 238/98 **10. Sheltered Housing**
(184/98) Noted that the Archaeologists had finished their work. It was agreed to give an undertaking to the Sports Council that part of the proceeds of

the sale of the application site would be used to encourage more formal sports use.

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11. Bills for Payment and Money Received

Proposed RJF and seconded JS that the following payments be authorised: (See attached sheet)

Cheque 1273 - See Minute 179/98

Cheques 1274-1294

Cheque 30 from Current A/c 2

Agreed 12 in favour 1 abstention.

There was concern that Herald Contract Services (Cheque 1289) had done some work without written authorisation. Action to be taken to ensure that this did not happen again.

Noted that the Fidelity Insurance was taken out on 7 April the premium therefore being £309.31 (See minute 180/98).

Accounts as at 11 May were circulated. The Chairman of the Finance Committee requested it be minuted that Councillors had been receiving copies of the Accounts each month since April 1997.

240/98

(181/98)

12. War Memorial

Noted that Council were liable for The Treasury Solicitor's costs of £300 including District Valuer's fee of £160. RD proposed that Council ask Milton Charities to make a contribution towards the purchase of this land as it was in the general public interest. Agreed.

241/98

(170/98)

13. Milton Community Centre

The date of the AGM was not yet known. The draft of the Lease document had been received comments to be sent to the clerk in readiness for the June meeting. RLEW was concerned about the time it had taken the solicitor to prepare this document.

RLEW reported that Julie Gray had accepted the post as secretary/administrator; also that the manager had received a written warning about the quality of his work.

242/98

14. Notice of Audit

The audit was set for 20 August.

243/98

15. Play Areas

The Play Committee had met and were waiting for various quotations. J Sh proposed JEC seconded and all agreed that Playdale be asked to repair the suspension bridge at The Rowans.

IFM proposed that Council accept Wicksteed's quotation of £263.50 for repairs. Agreed. It was agreed also to ask Wicksteed to repair damaged equipment at The Sycamores - cost unknown.

Discussion about basketball provision ensued. No decision was taken as to whether the goal at Froment Way should be moved away from houses or whether a tarmac surface should be laid.

Bills for Payment May
21/04/98 Through 11/05/98 (in Pounds)

Date	Acct	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
BALANCE 20/04/98					290,643.43
21/04/98	Current		Allotments Rents	Allotment Rents	168.85
22/04/98	Current	1275	Maplestar Systems Ltd	MCC Bill	-5,228.75
22/04/98	Current	1274 S	MCC	Balance of Grant 1997/8	-2,694.38
30/04/98	Current		Allotments Rents	Allotment Rents	33.75
01/05/98	Current No 2	TXFR	Transfer Money		400.00
01/05/98	Current No 2	30	Herald Contract Services	Grass cutting April	-377.00
01/05/98	Current	1276	Herald Contract Services	Grass cutting April	-991.12
01/05/98	Flexible Savings...		Transfer Money		-400.00
06/05/98	Fixed Interest D...		Interest		792.68
07/05/98	Current		Customs & Excise	VAT Reclaim 4th Quarter	3,265.29
11/05/98	Current	1279	Club 24 Ltd	Stationery	-11.79
11/05/98	Current	1280	BT	Telephone	-78.64
11/05/98	Current	1281	Cheltenham & Gloucester	Deposit Cert HE	-50.00
11/05/98	Current	1282	HR Cleaning	Bus shelters	-21.00
11/05/98	Current	1283	Mrs J Waller	Bus Pass 18/4/99	-5.50
11/05/98	Current	1284	Mrs J Howes	Bus Pass 22/4/99	-5.50
11/05/98	Current	1285	Mrs IMTyrell	Bus Pass 20/4/99	-5.50
11/05/98	Current	1286	Mrs A Kirk	Bus Pass 27/4/99	-5.50
11/05/98	Current	1287	Mrs M Bird	Bus Pass 3/5/99	-5.50
11/05/98	Current	1288	Mrs A Hall	Bus Pass 28/4/99	-5.50
11/05/98	Current	1289	Herald Contract Services	Seeding Car Park Bund	-70.50
11/05/98	Current	1290	Cornhill	Additional (Fidelity) 1998/99	-309.31
11/05/98	Current	1291	SJ Daniels	Clerk April etc	-229.09
11/05/98	Current	1292	J Daniels	Secretarial April	-158.00
11/05/98	Current	1293	RCT Adams	Village Cleaning April	-98.29
11/05/98	Current	1294	A Ellwood	C Care May	-364.02
11/05/98	Current	1278	Dudley	Photocopying Feb	-20.77
11/05/98	Current	1277	The Connections Bus Project	Bus Project Jan - April	-150.00
TOTAL 21/04/98 - 11/05/98					-6,625.09
BALANCE 11/05/98					284,018.34
TOTAL INFLOWS					4,660.57
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					-11,285.66
NET TOTAL					-6,625.09

244/98

16. Internet

PKO gave a summary of some of the uses of the Internet, Web Site etc. It was agreed to authorise PKO to put the minutes on the Web Site as from May although HMS had reservations about this. It was agreed also that the clerk's computer should be updated ^{and} so that the Parish Council could be on the Internet. Costs to be discussed at June meeting.

and have an E-Mail address

245/98

17. Planning

Decisions Received - None.

New Applications

S/0726/98 Bard Pharmaceuticals - Erection of exhaust stack. No comments.

246/98

18. Allotments

Use by Farm College

It was agreed that the Farm College could use the unlet area of allotments at the northern end of the site for a short time. The Farm College had agreed to clean up the two disused allotments and the fly tipping. As a result there was no need to consider Herald Contract's quotations.

New Pump

The clerk had received a request for a new pump to be installed. The allotment holders were willing to provide labour if Council agreed to buy the pump. The clerk to investigate with the Environment Agency the possible need for a licence before convening an Allotment Committee meeting.

247/98

19. Crime Update

The latest crime figures were circulated. Noted that an "Anglian Crimestoppers Meeting" was scheduled for May 20 at the Country Park.

248/98

20. County Councillor's Report

JEC had received a request for the closure of the layby on the western side of the A14 near the sewage works. (Because of its proximity to the slip road motorists could mistake it for the slip road.) Council agreed to support its closure.

JEC was organising an Internet evening for 14 May.

249/98

21. District Councillor's Report

At the Planning Policy Committee Meeting to be held on 13 May the Planning Officers were putting forward their support for the inclusion of the cycle/footbridge over the A14 in the TPP bid. Noted that Enventure Southern had put £10,000 into the Feasibility Study for this bridge.

250/98

22. Correspondence Received

CALC Bulletin

Cambridgeshire County Council - Bridge Street closure - to be made permanent.

SCDC - Report by Planning Officer on DOE circular "Prevention of Dereliction through the Planning System." (Circulated to Planning Committee).

SCDC - Leaflet "Opportunities for Change" (already circulated).

Edge & Ellison Solicitors - Notice of Application for Transfer of the Licence for Dillons to Mr Walden and Ms Fairbairn.

The meeting ended at 10.55pm.

Signed A. H. Waters Chairman..... 1. 6. 98.....Date