

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE NEW VILLAGE HALL, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12th., 1968.

There were present: Mr.D.Pearson, Chairman of the Parish Council in the Chair; County Councillor Dr.H.Hartley; members of the Parish Council: Mrs M.Jones, Messrs L.M.Forbes, J.W.R.Lewis and E.J.Walkling together with the Clerk to the Parish Council and 9 electors.

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs I.Pearson and Mr J.S.Doggett (due to illness) and Mr R.T.Summerfield.

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WELCOME -The Chairman welcomed all present.

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REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR, Dr.H.HARTLEY - MILTON was now a real 'middletown' he said, being urban one side and rural the other and the new County Council Farm School made a pleasing approach from the northern side set in its 42 acre for practical instruction. It provided education in agriculture and horticulture for fifth-year schoolboys to City and Guilds Examination standards. Farmers could get tuition in accounts and courses of a high standard in co-operation with the N.A.A.S. were given.

Dr.Hartley advised the Parish Council on road safety: the reason the 30 m.p.h. zones appeared inadequate was a technical one in the Ministry of Transport regulations. The Police made regular checks on road traffic through the village. The Road Safety Officer came regularly to Milton School.

In Health matters he said the National Health Service now provides an artificial kidney machine for use in suitable homes through the Local Authorities.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Hartley for attending, and Mr. E.J.Walkling proposed and Mr. J.S.Lewis seconded, a vote of thanks to Dr. Hartley for his report.

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MINUTES - The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of March 22nd., 1967 were read by the Clerk, confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Waste Land
- Coles Rd

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In reply to a parishioner the Chairman said that the negotiations about the waste land attached to the Coles Road estate were still proceeding; the developers had indicated they wished to develop a further acre and the availability of the rest depended on the outcome of these proposals. The Council understood that, as yet, they had not submitted any planning applications to the County Planning Office.

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Notice Board - A discussion took place on the position of the notice board now that a path behind it had been made up, but it was generally agreed that no advantage would be gained by changing its position.

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PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

The Clerk presented a summary of the Parish Council Accounts for the year ended 31st., March, 1967. These showed an income of £501 5s and an expenditure of £474 14s 10d mainly on the Recreation Ground, Village Hall and School Swimming Pool. There was a balance in hand, at March 31st., 1967, of £281 11s 2d.

In reply to Mr. E.J.Easy, the Clerk said that the apparent debit discrepancy in the Allotment accounts of about £10 was due to arrears paid shortly after the closure of books at the end of March.

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It was proposed by Mr. G. Patten, seconded by Mr. M. J. D. Nurse that the Accounts be accepted.

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PUBLIC EXPENDITURE ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT SINCE MAY, 1963.

The Chairman drew attention to a circulated analysis, prepared by the Clerk, of public expenditure on the new Hall and Recreation Ground. A total of about £8,946 was made up of £4,681 contributed by the Parish Council (including £1,000 from the old Building and Planning Fund), £471 by the County Council, and £3,462 by the Department of Education & Science. In addition, the Ground had cost the District Council, some £11,000, making a grand total of expenditure of about £20,000.

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MILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITY ACCOUNTS

The Clerk presented the Charity Accounts for the year ended, 31st., December, 1967. These showed receipts of £155 8s 2d, expenditure of £144 11s 3d and balance in hand of £13 16s 4d.

The income had been distributed according to the Scheme including £62 10s in the form of gifts of coal and groceries to deserving parishioners.

In reply to a questioner the Clerk explained that the payment to the District Council Highways Fund was made, he thought in accordance with the original wishes of the giver of the Charity (in 1549) to leave money for the upkeep of the roads in the Parish. Adoption of accounts prop: Mr L. M. Forbes
sec: Mr J. W. R. Lewis.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

Mr. D. Pearson thought all would be glad to hear that the completion of the sale of the old village hall was achieved and the cheque was due next day.

He congratulated the Parochial Church Council on their fine efforts in renovating the Cemetery with voluntary labour, and also the parents and friends who helped to build the School Swimming Pool. He said the Council were not relaxing their efforts to secure a safer village from the traffic menace. They had arranged with the District Council for maintenance of the various grassed areas in the village including the levelling of the grass entrance to the Recreation Ground from the Cambridge Road. At long last the eyesore of the old school had been removed for which they had been pressing for some time.

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REPORT OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, MR. E. J. WALKLING.

Mr. Walkling reported that the main sewerage of villages continued: Horningsea and Fen Ditton would commence soon and rate increases were likely.

He hoped the bungalows for elderly people to be built in Milton would commence this summer. The District Council's policy was to encourage people living alone in Council Houses to move into smaller, more comfortable bungalows which were to have every modern convenience.

He said that although the District Council were relieved of the street lighting rate this would come on the County rate. He regretted the 5d rate increase was unavoidable: 1³/₄d of this was for sewage disposal. However, the general rate increase had been softened by the Parish Council in precepting for a 4d rate less than last year.

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In reply to questions Mr. Walkling said the District Council could not obtain loan sanction at the present time for the proposed garages near the Recreation Ground and the meeting was disturbed to see that, apparently, the public toilets to have been built in conjunction with them were also postponed indefinitely. The Clerk was asked to express the meeting's concern to the District Council.

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REPORT OF MRS I. PEARSON, PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO MILTON SCHOOL MANAGERS,

In Mrs. Pearson's absence due to indisposition, the Clerk read her report.

Mrs Pearson said she found the school work of a high standard and the staff settled and hard-working.

The hard work of parents and friends on the swimming-pool had been rewarded by a successful first season: 90 certificates were awarded at end of term. They hope to install heating for the next swimming season.

The school had participated in the Area sports and Carol service and had had an outing to Warwick and Coventry. Parents' and Open evenings and talks on Road Safety had been successful.

Improvements to the School premises had continued: providing venetian blinds, trees and shrubs and the Managers had asked for an enlarged play area and more parking and storage room.

Mrs Pearson reported that Mr W.E. Birchenall and Mr F.J. Carlton had resigned from the Managers and Dr Hartley appointed.

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REPORT OF MR J.S. DOGGETT, PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO IMPINGTON VILLAGE COLLEGE GOVERNING BODY

This report was also read by the Clerk in Mr Doggett's absence due to illness.

Mr Doggett said there had been an outstanding increase in Further Education classes: some 800 enrolments compared with 500 in 1966.

The sixth form of the day school is likely to reach over 70 next year and ten likely to be accepted for University places or Colleges of Further Education. There are now 711 pupils in the school.

The College is extending rapidly and in a few years will probably become a comprehensive school with age range, 11 to 18.

The Governors expressed their deep concern about the need for transport for Milton children and recommended to the Education Committee that where there is no public transport to the College, the Education Committee should provide it.

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REPORT OF MR L.M. FORBES, CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT OF MILTON VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND.

Mr. Forbes said the year had been one of unqualified success for them. The new Hall, completed during the summer was fully booked most evenings and every morning. The Parish Council had granted them a rate of 1/2d (about \$20) for extra amenities for which they were most grateful. The Council were also bearing all the legal costs of the sale of the old Hall and this, too, was appreciated.

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 Proposed Public Toilets on Recreation Ground (1370) - The meeting supported several residents who expressed concern at the postponement of Public Toilets on the Recreation Ground and the Clerk said he would again approach the District Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Impington College Transport - Mr. G. Patten referred to the lack of transport for children to Impington mentioned in Mr Doggett's report and said that he thought enough Milton parents might be interested in paying cost of this if the Education Committee decided against it.

Mr. Forbes said there was to be a meeting of parents at Impington on March 21st to discuss this.

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State of the Pavements - The poor state of the pavements outside 23, Butt Lane were raised by Mrs Smith. The Clerk said that he had raised this matter with the Highways Dept. several times and they had promised to see to it. He had also criticised the poor state of recent paving work in Butt Lane. The uncompleted part of the pavement in Fen Rd. at the beginning of the Goding Way estate and bad road surface near Shirley Lodge were all pointed out and the Clerk was asked to take all these matters up with the appropriate Highways Dept.

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Muddy Condition of Fen Road - The Clerk said that as regards the bad condition of this road in wet weather Messrs Dickerson had assured him of immediate attention on receiving complaints from the Parish Council and, in fact, he could vouch for this having been so on occasions. The Clerk, accordingly, asked parishioners to inform him when its condition was bad.

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Undeveloped Piece of Land, Fen Road - Mr. E. J. Easy raised the question of the rough condition of the piece of land between Fen Road and Old School Lane on which, he understood, a walk was to be made and the land set with shrubs. This was thought to be the responsibility of the developers and the Clerk said he would contact the County Planning Department, and any others necessary.

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New Industrial Development (Ready Mix Transite) behind Cambridge Road - Several nearby residents were very concerned by the developments of an industrial site very close to their homes and gardens and requested information about this. The Clerk replied that the only consultation the County Planning Office had made with the Parish Council about this was in respect of erection of plant for ready-mixed concrete, which they opposed completely, and use of land for storage and vehicle maintenance which they only approved on conditions of screening by trees and tidiness.

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Omnibus Services and Timetables - Mrs K. Edwards asked that the 'bus Company be approached to provide a timetable at the Chapel 'bus stop, the occupant of the nearest house complaining of infrequent enquiries about 'bus times. Several residents thought the the 109 service could be improved by the addition of a bus at 9.30 p.m. from Cambridge to fill the gap between 8.30 and 10.40. Mr Patten suggested that, now Kings Hedges was served by both 101 and 115 services, certain of the 'buses could run through to Milton. The Clerk said he would take the matter up with the Eastern Counties 'bus Company.

The Chairman thanked parishioners for their interest and attendance and closed the meeting.

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Chairman

J. Pearson