

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday April 13th 1981 at 8.00pm in Milton Village Hall.

Present: Mr. R.T. Summerfield (in the chair), members of the Parish Council, Messrs. Turner, Miles, Meek, Monk, Wright and Wilson from Planning and a capacity crowd of approximately 300 residents. *Councillor Crossman, PCW*

5118 The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and explained the new format in the light of the need to discuss the Milton Area Plan proposals. The minutes of the 1980 A.P.M. had been circulated and were taken as read.

5118 Mr. D. Turner was then introduced and took the floor to provide a brief outline of the work carried out by his team over the past 2 years. Three principles were embodied in the proposals:-

1. to retain the separate identity of Milton
2. to reduce the loss of agricultural land
3. to select good land for providing a living environment.

500 This involved 200 houses on the Nuffield Estate - 1000 on the ~~East~~ side of the bypass because of the close proximity to existing facilities - small groups of 25 dwellings would be encouraged - a good footpath/cycle system would be incorporated and industrial development areas were outlined. The size of the existing primary school would be doubled - additional shopping facilities would be required centrally within the shopping precinct - a supermarket (10,000 sq. ft.) + small units + a permanent library. The long-standing scheme for the Country Park would be progressively established - the existing recreation ground should be extended by approximately 2 acres eastwards and a further 12 acres should be provided with the new housing. The present Village Hall is insufficient and the Parish Council would be encouraged to expand the existing facilities.

The Draft Plan recommended a footbridge over the A45 along the former A10 route - this should be pushed as hard as possible. On conservation there were only 3 listed buildings on the preservation list one of which was the church - others needed to be added - attempts would be made to try to protect and manage trees - green belt to be preserved - conserve the river area i.e. no marinas - Chesterton Fen provided scrapyards/ some unlawful uses but the scrapyard facilities would be extended.

5118 R.T.S. then outlined the Parish Council views - housing required at south end of village not north which is good farm land. Page 16 para 3.5 not happy with any more than 60 acres - the green belt should be expanded and there was great fear that community facilities would not be forthcoming. The meeting was then thrown open to the floor for any questions/answers or propositions:-

1. Messrs. Capitain and Sandford expressed their unhappiness about the proposed car parking/access road for the Country Park via Coles Road. R.T.S. replied that this was only a temporary measure - no-one had attended the relevant P.C. meeting to object and no-one had objected at the Joint Meeting

of the Parish Council and the V.H.M.C.

2. Mr. Waters asked:-
 - a) had the P.C. considered/consulted anyone of the safety aspect?
 - b) what about the Winship land? - owned by commercial interest therefore not available
 - c) anticipated number of vehicles involved?
3. Mr. Lapham asked why a car park was needed if it was considered that only residents would use the Country Park. Mr. Turner replied that some people would hopefully come by cycle.
4. Councillor Crossman commented that it was crazy not to wait for the result of the Stansted Airport. Key points were density and green belt - a density of 12 per acre and upwards was for city developments. He felt D.T. had a "poor case but was well put" - we could end up with another Bar Hill or North Arbury - he therefore fully supported the P.C. in their opposition. D.T. replied that the proposed density was Structure Plan policy - the average density of 12 per acre could go up to 16 or down to 8 - in other words a fair range.
 As a comparison it was suggested that Coles Road represents 10 per acre. The total housing area acreage is 84.
5. Mr. G. Patten asked why the 46 acres as detailed on the rear of the newsletter had been taken out. D.T. replied (Kings Hedges farm area) - part of the A45 is 20 ft high along one edge of this area - also it would isolate the people living there - it would not be part of Milton/ not part of Cambridge - it also had electricity pylons running along another edge. Cr. Wright felt that the facilities would suffer if this triangle of land was considered. Cr. Turner added that the South Cambs. did not recommend this proposal.
- 6.(R1) Mr. R. Day proposed that the paragraph in the Milton Area Draft Plan to allow industrial development on any site other than A,B,C be deleted and the remaining areas designated as Green Belt. This was subsequently amended to cover the deletion of para 3.5 on page 16 from the M.A.D.P. and unanimously agreed.
7. Mr. Butcher re-iterated the request for a footbridge over the A45 and also called for lane markings on the A10/A45 interchange approaches.
8. Mr. Wagstaff asked if we wanted any of this development - an anticipated figure of 128 children of over 11 years of age to go to Impington V.C. - who will provide homes and facilities for our children?
9. Mr. Flitton asked for a definition of 'industry' - what type would be coming and what rates would they pay? Cr. Wright replied that industry would pay full rates apart from Government funded research types. Mr. Flitton wanted his proposal recorded that all new industry should pay the full rate and this was seconded.
10. Mr. Gray expressed concern over the traffic flow along the A10 brought about by the new development. D.T. replied that this would only be the through traffic that residents already knew.

11. Mr. A. Mills asked who controlled the housing design since no-one wanted a repetition of the Coles Road maisonette disasters - D.T. replied that there were recommendations in the Plan and Cr. Turner explained the Planning Application procedure.
- 12(R2) Mr. F. Carlton expressed his support of the P.C. views on housing and proposed that no development be permitted north of Butt Lane and that the housing density be reduced to 8 per acre. Mr. G. Patten then suggested that the resolution be amended to read "that 46 acres be removed from the designated housing areas adjacent to the village and replaced by 46 acres off the Kings Hedges Road." The/amended resolution was carried with the majority in favour - 10 against.
13. Mr. Buttress asked how much local authority housing would be incorporated in the proposals. D.T. replied that none was specified.
14. Mr. Lapham asked how the development could be phased over 9-10 years. Cr. Turner replied that this would be achieved by Planning Conditions.
- 15(R3a) Mr. H. Capitain proposed a resolution that the Meeting goes against the provision of a new access for the Country Park Scheme in Coles Road and also against the provision of a temporary car park. This was seconded by Mr. L. Sandford and carried. S.B.P. recorded his objection.
- 16(R3b) Mr. M. Ellwood further proposed an amendment "that the ecology of the area should be preserved and that the Planners should be kept out of the recreation area i.e. no car park. Mr. Waters commented that there would be traffic coming in north through the village - this is not preserving our identity. R.T.S. and K.P.H. both pointed out that the alternative to the Country Park on a large area of that land would be factories namely on the Stokes site.
- 17(R4) Mr. R. Day proposed that the meeting opposes any implementation of the Milton Area Plan until the City has developed the Cherryhinton area and this was unanimously agreed.
- 18(R5) Mr. R. Farrington proposed that the meeting fully endorses the Plan - policy 11 whereby the D.C. will urge the C.C. and other agencies to provide a satisfactory level of community facilities and services in the Milton Area to serve the existing and proposed population and stress that the provision of facilities should be concurrent with the development. This was agreed unanimously.
19. Mr. Wilkin referred to the village drainage problems and asked who pays if the Plan goes ahead. D.T. replied that the developers foot the bill.
- 20(R6) Mr. Flitton proposed that village drainage should be rectified before any development takes place. This was seconded by H.W.H.E. and unanimously agreed.
- 21(R7) Mr. G. Patten proposed that the meeting endorses the Parish Council's proposal to locate a permanent gypsy site in Chesterton Fen - this was agreed unanimously.

22. Mr. Day asked if village children entering Secondary Education will receive priority over City children in attending Impington V.C. Both Mr. Monk and Cr. Crossman agreed that this would be no problem.
23. Mr. Lapham asked how the village would be kept informed - D.T. would keep in touch with the P.C. and the Planning Team would produce another newsletter.
24. Mrs. Johnson expressed thanks to the P.C. for allowing the various Local Government Officers to be present and hear the views expressed.
25. Mr. C. Bland asked what difference the parish's views would make. Cr. Turner and K.P.H. would try to put the opinions/decisions to the next meeting of the Steering Panel.
- 26(R8) Mr. Gray proposed the shopping area supermarket should be reduced to the area of the Green End Road Co-operative shop (approximately 3,500 sq. ft.) and small sub units created.
- 27(R9) Mr. Butcher asked for the meeting to endorse fully the view in the Draft Plan of the urgent necessity for a footbridge over the A45 on safety grounds and as a necessary part of a cycle and footway link into Cambridge. This was fully agreed, in view of the dangers which presently exist for both pedestrians and cyclists.
28. Mr. Poulter commented on the fact that the Plan if implemented would involve some 300 houses with access on to Butt Lane which is already a parking/traffic problem area. D.T. agreed to look at this.
29. Mr. Tabor asked if a general meeting could be called in the future and R.T.S. agreed to this when news became available. R.T.S. also suggested that parishioners should put their views in writing.

The Chairman then thanked everyone for attending a very active and useful meeting which was closed at 11.15pm.

Signed ... *Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs.)* ... Chairman | ... *25. May 1982* ... Date

Amendments to Page 333

Under 'Present' delete 'Wright' from the paragraph. (He was Councillor Wright from the City) - see below.

The following attended as observers:

S. Cambs - Mrs. R. Johnson, Miss H. Hatley, Mr. K.E. Turner,
K.P. Humphries (also as member of Parish Council)

City - Mrs. W. Nicol, Peter Wright.

Planning Officers

County - Mr. Colin Smith
City - Mr. David Urwin

Signed ... *Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs.)* ...