

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meetings of Milton Parish Council on Monday 13th May 1985 at 7.30pm in Milton Primary School.

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson (in the chair), W.D. Booth, H.A. Capitain, R. Day, K.P. Humphries, Mrs. L.M. Lock, G. Patten, P.D. Rice, Mrs. J. Westwood, Cllr. M. Leek and the clerk S.J. Daniels.

Apologies for absence were received from: A.D.J. Bull and P. Harrold.

I. COUNCIL BUSINESS

B.C.W. welcomed to the meeting M. Leek recently elected to the County Council and it was agreed to send a letter of thanks to John Brackenbury for his help since 1981.

1. 6330 Election of Chairman. G.P. proposed R.D. seconded and all agreed that B.C.W. be re-elected chairman for the year 1985/86. B.C.W. thanked council for their support and indicated her desire to "see through" the new village community centre complex.
2. 6331 Signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office. B.C.W. signed the declaration of acceptance of office of chairman.
3. 6332 Election of Vice-Chairman. G.P. proposed, L.M.L. seconded and all agreed that R.D. be re-elected vice-chairman for 1985/86.
4. 6333 Appointment of Representative on V.H.R.G.M.C. H.A.C. proposed G.P. seconded and all agreed that L.M.L. continue as representative on the V.H.R.G.M.C. J.W. offered to stand down as representative on the Board of Governors to Impington Village College in view of the fact that her children would not be attending the school. G.P. proposed, L.M.L. seconded that J.W. continue as a Governor until the next election in 1987. There were 6 votes in favour and one abstention.
5. 6334 The minutes of the meeting on 1 April 1985 having been circulated the following amendments were made:
Minute 6309 to include "Thanks also to R.D. and P.H.:"
minute 6311 "position" altered to "status" and "...by the residents association" added. The minutes were then confirmed and signed.
6. Matters Arising.
 - 6335 Cemetery. It was proposed G.P. seconded R.D. and agreed by (6208) all that council accept Simon Shipp's quotation of £35 for cutting the cemetery hedge and £17 for spraying around those graves too close to mow or now unattended. A reminder about cutting the area by the slip road would be sent.
 - 6336 Fen Road. The County Council had agreed to erect a sign (6275) warning drivers of the existence of the river.
 - 6337 A45 Footbridge. Both the City and South Cambs Councils had (6276) indicated their support for a footbridge over the A45. The clerk had therefore written to the Department of Transport Bedford urging such a provision. Cllr. M.L. would also make inquiries at County Council level.
 - 6338 Gypsy Site. The County Council had promised to report the (6281) outcome of the Working Group's meeting of April 10th. K.P.H. reported that there would probably be a fresh agreement for a site managed by a part-time warden.

- 6339 Ditch - Butt Lane. The Environmental Health Officer had
(6286) checked the blocked drain in dry weather and seemed satisfied with what he saw. K.P.H. felt that in heavy rain there could still be a blockage. The clerk would contact the Divisional Surveyor again to see if it was being attended to.
- 6340 Speed Limits. The closing date for objections to the new
(6305) proposals was 28 May. P.C. Barringer reported the police concern about possible night time parking if the proposals are implemented. They would monitor the situation to see if yellow lines might be needed along the stretch of road from Fen Road to the chapel.
- 6341 Milton Plan. S.C.D.C. had received no objections to the
(6306) modifications proposed to the Plan. It would be adopted by S.C.D.C. on 28 May 1985.
- 6342 Shirley Close. The Highway Authority had confirmed that the
(6311) path behind the terraced houses was private and that in order that it may be presumed to be dedicated as a highway it would be necessary to establish that the path had been enjoyed by the public at large for 20 years.
- 6343 Playgroup. A letter of thanks from the secretary of the
(6314) playgroup for council's offer of financial assistance was read out. The Social Services had also granted £100 which would allow two free places for September.
- 6344 Village Sign. B.C.W. reported that the sign would be
(6316) equivalent to a "wendy house" on a post. In order to stabilise the sign the post would need to be sunk well into the ground.
It was agreed to ask John Holder and Len Sandford to the June meeting to discuss.
- 6345 Litter. The Divisional Surveyor would deal with this
(6318) problem.
- 6346 Railings - Butt Lane. The railings by the footbridge had
(6319) been removed although the site needed tidying.
7. 6347 The minutes of the Special Meeting of 16 April 1985 having been circulated were confirmed and signed.
8. 6348 Community Centre. As £19,000 of the money raised through the rates was earmarked for repaying the loan on the Community Centre the clerk had transferred this amount to the Community Centre High Interest account. In response to the clerk's letter Johnson and Bailey had requested £1826.12 as reimbursement for costs incurred to date from their architects.
G.P. proposed, R.D. seconded and all agreed that council seek from C.A.L.C. as to whether Johnson and Bailey have any legal claim on council.
A letter from the secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee requested clarification of the status of village organisations in the new Centre. It was agreed that organisations at present using the existing hall would automatically transfer to the new Centre and that their charges would be looked at favourably. Council stressed that the Centre would be for village organisations primarily and secondly a sports centre.
The netball club were considering installing two new lights at the tennis court. The club was concerned about eventual power supply which came from the existing hall.

The clerk would suggest that the netball club proceed with their lights which could be wired to the new Centre. A meeting had been arranged with Willmott. Full planning permission was being applied for. Modifications would be made on the storage. It was hoped that work would begin in July.

9. 6349 A.P.M. K.P.H. expressed concern about the offer of £200,000 made at the April meeting and the fact that the supermarket proposals were on the agenda. Money could not be offered legally as part of "planning gain" but only as a gift. He pointed out that M.P.C. were on record as being against a supermarket. B.C.W. explained that she took this action to show that M.P.C. was acting fairly and not simply throwing away the chance of £200,000. The supermarket proposals were not in fact before S.C.D.C. as yet,

10. 6350 Grant to V.H.R.G.M.C. Copies of the above Committee's accounts were circulated. H.A.C. proposed, W.D.B. seconded and all agreed that the grant to the V.H.R.G.M.C. be held in abeyance for the forthcoming year. M.P.C. would consider however any request for financial assistance. It seemed likely that this Committee would be disbanded within the next year. The clerk would ascertain from C.A.L.C. the legal position concerning the winding up of the constitution.

11. 6351 Control of Rabbits. According to the County Council the (6312) maintenance of the dry ditch/verge was the tenants' responsibility. Mr. Asplin had gassed the rabbits along his land directly opposite the allotments. A letter of thanks had been sent. G.P. proposed L.M.L. seconded and all agreed therefore that council accept S.C.D.C.'s quotation of £72 + V.A.T. for eliminating the rabbits in the ditches adjoining the allotments.

12. 6352 Clerk's Salary. It was proposed G.P. seconded R.D. and unanimously agreed that the clerk's salary be increased by 5%. Thanks were expressed from the council for the clerk's past work. The clerk thanked council for their offer.

13. 6353 Bills for Payment and Money Received.

Money Received: Allotments - current account £133.25
 It was noted that Messrs. Shipp, Martin, Rickards, Day, Boyd and Whitmore had not paid their rent and reminders would be sent.

Rate Precept £27,000 - 9 April 1985.

It was proposed G.P. seconded K.P.H. and agreed by all that the following bills be paid:

1. Cornhill Insurance Group - Renewal of Premium		£88.13
2. Simon Shipp - grass cutting		£138.76
3. Cambs County Council - rent for allotments		£100.00
4. Cambs County Council - Hire of school		
Jan - April		£31.53
5. B.L. Tyrrell - notice board repairs		£16.00
6. Eastern Electricity - street lighting	27.51	
VAT	1.62	£29.13
7. W. Heffer & Sons Ltd - stationery	13.22	
VAT	1.98	£15.20
8. <u>Bus Passes</u>		
Mrs. E.M. Baldry, 14 Walkling Way		£4.20
Mrs. N.A.J. Waterson, 24 Walkling Way		£4.20
Mrs. F. Bullock, 3 Bene't Close (6 months)		£2.10

3. Decisions Received

- (a) 6366 Trinity College - six starter units at Science Park - approved subject to conditions of: junction improvements with A1309 and no direct access to A45; details of drainage; landscaping scheme and storage.
- (b) 6367 Mr. A. Barton, Long Reach House, Chesterton Fen Road - erection of extension approved.
- (c) 6368 Mobira Limited, Science Park - erection of sign and 3 flagpoles - approved.

The meeting closed at 10.25pm.

Signed Beryl C. Watson (Mrs) Chairman ... 2nd June 1985 ... Date