

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th May 1986 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Present: Members of Parish Council and about 40 residents of the village.

Apologies were received from Rev. F. Kilner, Mrs. J. Westwood, P. Harrold and Cllr. M. Leeke.

The Chairman Mrs. Waterson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 1985 having been circulated were confirmed and signed.

2. Minutes of the Special Parish Meeting of 6 February 1986 having been circulated were confirmed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

Sign. This had been left in abeyance during the building of the Community Centre. The design was to be altered because the original idea of incorporating the sign in a dovecote was considered too expensive and ambitious. Council would now aim for a traditional flat painted sign.

Middleton's Pit. A BMX track had been provided at one end. The rest of the land was due to be cleared and scarified.

Grass Cutting. A new contractor Mr. A.F. Hall of Fen Road was employed for 1986.

A45 Footbridge. No progress had been made although City and S.C.D.C. supported the scheme.

Library. This should be provided in the shopping area. It would be necessary to await the outcome of the appeal by Tesco.

British Rail. The seat near the railway had been broken in late 1984. Council were still trying to have this replaced by British Rail.

Gypsy Site. A new gypsy site had been developed alongside the river in Chesterton Fen despite the planning application being turned down. S.C.D.C. were trying to have the site removed. Fen Ditton Parish Council had asked for Milton's support as the site was an eyesore especially from Fen Ditton.

Country Park. S.C.D.C. were proceeding with a planning application. M.P.C. were pressing for representation on the Working Party. Parking provision was still causing a problem and compulsory purchase orders would probably be necessary for the land at the southern end. Council would monitor the situation regarding the pedestrian accesses. G. Patten would press for the access in Fen Road to be sold as a building plot to close off this entrance. The money could be used for facilities on the Park.

Allotments. Rabbits had caused problems on the allotments. These were being dealt with.

4. Accounts and Charities Report. The provisional summary of accounts was received. There was a large balance because Council had precepted high to meet expected costs re: the Centre. As it happened the first repayment of the loan (£18,000 per year) was not made until the new financial year. £13,000 was still to be paid to Willmott Ltd.

Charities. G.P. reported that the watercourse along Fen Road beyond Bankers Ditch would soon be widened as part of the drainage scheme to take water from the Science Park and the Milton Park development. The trustees of the Charities were trying to get the A.W.A. to maintain this watercourse.

Alarms were available at no cost to the recipient.

The electric wheelchair had been sold. A "push" wheelchair was available.

5. Chairman's Report.

Youth Club. Mr. and Mrs. Martin were thanked for running the Youth Club. The offer of finance towards equipment was still open. The Youth Club and Scouts had won an award for a tree planting scheme organised in conjunction with R. Day. The youngsters deserved thanks for their interest.

Planning. During the year there were many late meetings. A considerable number of planning applications had been received including various plans for "Milton Park." There was concern in Council about the apparent lack of play areas. The referendum over the "Tesco" application had produced a vote of 61% against and 39% in favour.

Centre. It was hoped that the Community Centre would continue to be well used.

The inside was superb while the outside had been criticised. A brick built building would have proved too costly and the colour had been determined by the Planning Officer. There had been problems over the proposed new constitution. At present the Centre was being run under the original constitution until amendments to the trusts were adopted by the committee. The manager's salary was being met by the Parish Council. Some users had criticised the condition and type of furniture. They were advised to be patient. The building was very expensive. New furniture would be bought in time and Council would make finance available for necessities. Many organisations were now using the Centre including some new clubs. The Carpet Bowls Club was so popular that two extra mats had been purchased by the Council at approximately £800 in the form of an interest free loan.

Apologies were due to the Cricket Club for the state of the ground. Unfortunately the builders had not finished reinstating the ground because of the poor weather.

Council members were upset to read the Tennis Club's newsletter which stated that Council had refused their offer of help towards a court. The first offer of financial help came before Council on 12 May 1986. The idea of a tennis court on the car park or site of the old hall had been turned down initially as this was all needed for car parking. The cost of approximately £8000 was a large burden at this time.

The Tennis Club however would not be forgotten. As soon as plans for the car parking area were worked out discussions would take place with the Club.

Bus Passes. Council continued to reimburse £4.20 of bus passes.

An offer of help to take people of retirement age to a supermarket had been made with just the petrol costs to be met by Council. It was hoped to start this scheme soon.

K.P. Humphries and H.A. Capitain had both resigned as councillors. B.C.W. thanked them for their hard work whilst on Council. K.P. Humphries had served for 20 years and H.A. Capitain though serving a much shorter time had worked very hard for the Centre. Robin Farrington had been co-opted to fill one vacancy.

Thanks were extended also to the clerk and his wife, all councillors, the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Management Committee and Stan Poulter. Council were very grateful for his help during construction of the Centre. He had also saved the village a lot of money in his capacity as voluntary supervising agent. B.C.W. also thanked Len Sandford who had helped whenever Stan Poulter was not available. The Chairman extended her best wishes to the Community Centre's new committee and its Chairman Mrs. Lock. She hoped that all would want to come to the Centre for meetings, sport and just to enjoy friendship and fellowship.

6. Questions and Answers

The old hall had been sold for £50. The buyer to remove.
 The clerk would write a letter of condolence to Mrs. Whitmore following the tragic accident to Dr. Whitmore that morning.
 Mrs. Jones congratulated B.C.W. on becoming District Councillor. Mrs. Waterson said that she would try to do whatever she could at district level for the village.

There being no more business the meeting ended at 9.08pm.

Signed ..*Beryl C. Waterson*..(Chs)..Chairman ..*14th April 1987*.....Date