

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 14th April 1987  
at 8pm in the Community Centre.

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson (in the chair), members of the Parish Council,  
County Councillor M. Leeke and about 25 residents.

Apologies were received from Mrs. J. Westwood

Mrs. Waterson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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(1) The minutes of the A.P.M. 1986 were confirmed and signed as  
a true record.

(2) Matters Arising

Village Sign. John Holder, Gaye Lockwood and Ken Humphries had  
succeeded in raising extra money above that which the Parish  
Council had promised. They would proceed therefore with the  
dovecote sign. It was hoped that designs would soon be available.  
Money had been promised from the charities if needed.

Extension to Recreation Ground. The Council had taken up an offer  
of free top and subsoil for the area known as Middleton's Pit -  
the ground to be levelled and landscaped to Council's wishes.

Grass Cutting. Mr. Hall had done a very good job in 1986 and  
continued cutting the grass in 1987.

A45 Footbridge. There had been no progress although Council were  
still pressing for a bridge. The County Council had been asked  
to mend the fence where the old A10 met the A45 as children had  
been seen trying to cross at this point with cycles. Mr. Hastings  
was concerned that in the event of a bridge and cycleway a safe  
crossing place would be needed at the Cambridge end for cyclists  
leaving Cambridge.

Seat. British Rail had provided a seat in Fen Road. Council  
were waiting for it to be fixed into place.

Country Park. No Working Party had been formed but the Country Park  
was going ahead as planned.

Allotments. Rabbits still caused problems at the allotments.  
Moles were beginning to appear also in the churchyard and cemetery.

Shopping Trips. The shopping trips took place once a month and  
proved very successful and popular.

Gypsy Site. S.C.D.C. were trying to have the illegal gypsy site  
in Chesterton Fen Road removed.

Mr. Poulter wondered how serious S.C.D.C. were in their attempts.

Mr. Lock pointed out that as the ditch adjacent to the site had  
been filled in the towpath had become a quagmire and almost  
unusable.

B.C.W. had kept a low profile re this gypsy site because there  
had been a rumour of a possible gypsy encampment on the landfill  
site also although this site was now considered unsuitable.

Bus Service. Mr. Hastings asked if there was any possibility of  
having the bus service to the station and the hospital reinstated.  
Mr. Kilner suggested that there might be a call for a shuttle  
service into Cambridge.

- (3) Accounts. The accounts for 1986/7 were presented. The final payment to John Willmott Ltd was still being negotiated by Mr. Poulter.

Charities Accounts. The Trustees to the Charities had committed three more alarms for the elderly. Money was set aside for a shelter at the cemetery. In answer to Mr. Harradine's question about liability for Banker's Ditch Mr. Kilner explained that the Watercourse Fund had now ceased to function.

- (4) Chairman's Report.

Cemetery. After requests from parishioners the Parish Council had paid for a layby to be laid at the entrance to the cemetery. The County Council would continue to maintain it.

Community Centre. The Centre had been open for just over a year and had been well used by all age groups. The outside was not attractive but a brick built building would have increased costs by a large amount. It was hoped that landscaping and improvements to Middleton's Pit would enhance the appearance.

Litter. Complaints had been received about litter. The chairman felt that adults were often to blame and needed to set a good example to the young. The village was lucky to have a scouts group who with their leaders spent a Sunday morning clearing rubbish from the village.

Village Policeman. P.C. Barringer was now the village policeman for a two months trial period. It was hoped that such a move would help reduce the vandalism that had been taking place recently.

Planning. As usual Council dealt with many planning applications. Council members tried to pass comments on the grounds of what they thought best for the village as a whole. Recently one or two planning applications had tried to introduce commerce into residential areas. Council had opposed this and on one occasion S.C.D.C. had noted these comments.

Leylandii Screening. A petition had been handed to Council requesting leylandii screening of the industrial sites along the side of the recreation ground and in front of Boulton and Paul.

The chairman thanked those who had taken an interest. Council however decided that this was the wrong type of tree for public open spaces.

If used on the recreation ground these trees would necessitate moving the football pitch nearer the cricket square. Already a large thorn hedge acted as a screen.

The land in front of Boulton and Paul was of poor quality and had been planted twice with hedging and trees.

Eventually the trees here should provide an effective screen.

Requests from Clubs. Requests for financial help had been received during the year.

Council had helped the playgroup as an extraordinary measure as it had had no money and was in danger of having to close.

Council had also bought two sets of bowls and mats for the Carpet Bowls club which was a brand new club. This money was being repaid.

Over twenty clubs used the Centre. If Council supported one club it would need the resources to support all and this would mean an increase in rates.

As it was £40,000 had been raised through the rates for 1987/88.

Conclusion. This was Mrs. Waterson's last meeting after about sixteen years as councillor and five as chairman.

She thanked all who had served, Derek Booth and Gerry Patten who had both resigned during the year, Paul Harrold and Judith Westwood who were not standing for re-election and all those who were still councillors, wishing well all those who serve on the Parish Council in the future.

Mrs. Waterson concluded by asking all who serve to think of the village as a whole, a community where friendships flourish and people work together. She hoped that with two recreation grounds the village would knit together as one community.

(5) Question and Answer.

Mr. Kilner reported that those who had attended funerals at the cemetery were appreciative of the layby.

He and R. Norman thanked Mrs. Waterson on behalf of the village for her impartial and clear chairmanship of public meetings.

Tesco Appeal. The Inspector's report was awaiting the Minister's decision. The shops planned for the Monsell Youell estate depended on the outcome of this appeal.

Butt Lane. Mr. Poulter was concerned about yet another housing estate opening on to Butt Lane.

Cambridge Road. Residents of Cambridge Road expressed concern about the proximity of the houses in Recreation Close to Cambridge Road houses; also about lorries turning in the bus stop laybys, lorries parking opposite the telephone and vehicles exceeding the 30 m.p.h. speed limit.

Play Spaces. Mr. Poulter inquired if play spaces on the "Goldcrest Meadow" development were sufficient.

Council would monitor the situation.

The meeting ended at 9.10pm.

Signed *Lisley M. Gowan Lock*.....Chairman ... *20<sup>th</sup> April 1988*.....Date

DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE, 1987

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, RESIDENTS OF THE PARISH OF MILTON IN THE COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE, DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT WE EACH ACCEPT THE OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR THE SAID PARISH.

- 1. John Harradine
- 2. Roger Day
- 3. J.E. Poston
- 4. H. Roberts
- 5. Eric [unclear]
- 6. [unclear]
- 7. [unclear]
- 8. A.D.E. Bull
- 9. [unclear]
- 10. Lisley M. Yarrow Lock
- 11. J. I. [unclear]

THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS WERE SIGNED IN MY PRESENCE ON THIS  
Eleventh day of May One thousand nine hundred and eighty seven.

[Signature] (witness)