

Minutes of the Annual Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 14 May 1984 at 7.30pm in Milton Primary School.

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

Apologies for absence from Mrs. G. Tonks (holiday).

I. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 5952 Election of Chairman. It was proposed G.P., seconded A.D.J.B. and agreed by all that B.C.W. be elected Chairman for the year 1984/5. B.C.W. thanked the council for the vote of confidence and pointed out that it was her third year of office.
2. 5953 Signature of Office. B.C.W. signed the declaration of acceptance of office.
3. 5954 Election of Vice Chairman. It was proposed G.P. seconded K.P.H. and agreed by all that R.D. be elected Vice Chairman. R.D. explained that he would be happy to serve as Vice Chairman for the year but would not wish to be considered as Chairman in 1985 if proposed.
4. 5955 Village Hall Representative. J.W. agreed to continue as representative on the Village Hall Committee.
5. 5956 Clerk's Salary. It was proposed G.P. seconded H.W.H.E. and agreed by all that the clerk's salary be increased to £1100 a year. This would be reviewed at the A.P.C.M. each year. Council's thanks were expressed to the clerk for his efforts. The clerk thanked council for their appreciation.
6. 5957 Minutes of the meeting of 2 April 1984 having been circulated were confirmed and signed. The minutes of the Special Meeting of 9 April had been circulated. H.W.H.E. pointed out that he had not used the wording as minuted in his proposal. W.D.B. proposed that the second part of the minute be deleted from "and as soon as ..." to "...car park." Of those who had attended 4 voted in favour, 2 abstained.
7. Matters Arising
  - 5958 Fen Road. Mr. Kisby had sent two letters concerning (5896) encroachment of the verge beyond the level crossing. Letter no. 1 stated that he did not have the staff available at present to set out and negotiate the setting of highway boundary marker posts. Letter no. 2 concluded that there was no encroachment in that the verge was not enclosed. As only about 2ft of the verge had been cultivated he did not feel that he could usefully take any action in the circumstances.
  - 5959 High Street - Traffic. A letter from the Director of (5929) Transportation explained that a driving line marked on the drivers offside would force drivers into the bend on the wrong line. Council still felt that hatchings should be painted in order to narrow the carriageway on both sides of the bollards. The clerk would reply asking him to reconsider his decision. He would also ask that the old markings in Fen Road be burned off and remind him about the 40 m.p.h. signs.

5960 Repairs. The bus shelters had been repaired. Mr. Haird (5931) was awaiting help with removing the damaged bollard before replacing it.

5961 Seeding of Cemetery. G.P. apologised for not attending (5938) having been called away at short notice.

8. 5962 Milton District Plan. The clerk had written to the Programme Officer for the Public Local Inquiry on 22 May explaining that the amendments agreed by the S.C.D.C. on 5 April were sufficient to resolve the Landbeach Road/A10 junction objection. Council's objection to any cul-de-sac development in Butt Lane and the use of the word "normally" in policy 2 was reiterated. The Inspector was asked to consider this objection by written representation.

J.W. felt that in view of the recent Willow Crescent and Butt Lane decisions council should consider taking a public stand at the Inquiry. She felt that Mr. Dearlove's statement in his letter of 11 April that the Parish Council must accept the responsibility for any traffic problems caused by its refusal to accept a spine road was outrageous and that the Council should demand an apology. J.W. felt very strongly that an improvement at the Landbeach Road/A10 junction would not be sufficient to ease future traffic problems and that perhaps the County Surveyor should have the knowledge and expertise to come up with a better solution.

G.P. felt that the only way to improve the junction would be to have an extra lane built. K.P.H. pointed out that it would be the Council's responsibility to press for such an improvement at the appropriate time.

Science Park. The Planning Officer had written answering Council's query concerning Phase 4 (min. 5917). The legal "mechanism" used by S.C.D.C. was not one that could be used after the District Plan had been finally adopted. His report to the Planning Committee of S.C.D.C. stated "it is not considered that the additional employment that would be generated by the approval of this application would lead to a housing shortage. More specifically it is not considered that an argument could be sustained by developers that additional residential land should be allocated in the Milton area."

9. 5963 A.P.M. The draft A.P.M. minutes were circulated. It (5951) was agreed that the following matters be looked into:-

Village Sign (5930) B.C.W. would contact Mr. Sandford again.

Level Crossing (5887) A strongly worded letter to be sent to British Rail.

Coles Road (5888) A further complaint about the Coles Road surface would be made stressing that in hot weather the tar became very sticky.

Signs. It was agreed that "Please Drive Carefully" signs be asked for at the three approach roads to the village; also a "Leading to Pearson Close" sign next to the Shirley Close sign. It was decided not to ask for a "Children Playing" sign at Shirley/Pearson Close.

The clerk would request that Waterbeach and Landbeach direction signs be replaced near Pond Green.

The Old School Lane, Fen Road and Landbeach/Milton sign at the A10/Landbeach Road junction were also in need of repair.

J.B. would lend his support to these requests.

Planning. K.P.H. felt that there was little point complaining to a higher authority as the applications discussed at the A.P.M. were all local planning matters.

H.W.H.E. proposed and all agreed that a letter be written to the S.C.D.C. expressing Council's extreme displeasure at having its decisions continually overruled with regard to the recent important proposed developments in Butt Lane and Willow Crescent.

- 10. 5964 Proposed Village Hall. Plans submitted by architects acting for Coulson & Sons and C.M.S. Limited were submitted and discussed. A.D.J.B. proposed and all agreed that a Special Meeting be called as soon as all plans were received.

- 11. 5965 Cemetery Committee Report. J.W. expressed concern about item 3 of the report viz "a person would not be allowed to reserve a plot except when reserving a plot next to a spouse." R.D. proposed A.D.J.B. seconded that the report be accepted excluding item 3. 7 voted in favour and 1 abstained.

- 12. 5966 Fen Road Level Crossing Modernisation Proposal. Plans of a proposed Automatic Open Crossing Remotely Monitored were circulated. Council protested strongly against an open crossing although there would be no objection to barriers with skirts. The clerk would confirm this in writing. H.W.H.E. and P.H. would attend the meeting arranged by British Rail at the Waterbeach Ex Servicemens Club on 31 May 1984. Notices of the proposals would be displayed in the village inviting villagers' comments.

- 13. 5967 Grant to V.H. and R.G.M.C. Copies of the committee's accounts for 1983/84 had been received. Although entertainment receipts were down by £1209, the hall receipts almost covered the outgoings. Cash in hand at the end of the year was £1452 more than at the beginning of the year. It was expected that jobs awaiting attention would cost approximately £1000. Mr. Norman also sent a letter explaining that the A.G.M. removed the responsibility for fund raising from the committee's shoulders. He pointed out that there was no renewed interest in a village hall although three new members aged under 20 had been recruited. R.D. proposed G.P. seconded and all agreed that council grant the V.H. & R.G. M.C. £2000 for 1984/85.

- 14. 5968 Allotment Rents. The clerk reported that he found problems in obtaining rents from a small number of tenants. It was thought that for ease of administration payments should be made on an annual basis. As this could be difficult for senior citizens to find it was agreed that they would still be able to pay on a 6 month basis. The clerk would explain to those tenants who habitually fail to pay on time that this would be recorded in the minutes.

- 15. 5959 Local Council Review. The clerk queried whether council wished to purchase more copies of Local Council Review as at present only four copies were purchased. A.D.J.B. proposed P.H. seconded and all agreed Council continue to purchase four copies.

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16. 5970 Bills for Payment and Monies Received.

Monies Received - Allotment Rents		£188.55
E.E.B. (For Sale sign on Allotments site)		£25.00

It was proposed G.P. seconded W.D.B. and agreed by all that the following bills be paid:-

1. Eastern Electricity	26.01	
V.A.T.	<u>1.54</u>	£27.55
2. Cambs County Council - Hire of School		
Jan - April 1984		£47.90
Aug - Dec 1983		£48.96
3. W. Heffer & Sons Ltd. - Stationery	5.42	
V.A.T.	<u>0.81</u>	£6.23
4. Cornhill Insurance		£70.50
5. Cambs County Council - Rent for Allotments site		£100.00
6. <u>Bus Passes</u>		
Mrs. N.A.J. Waterson, 24 Walkling Way		£4.20
Mrs. D. Smith, 19 Landbeach Road		£4.20
Mrs. M. Bullock, 3 Bene't Close (6 months)		£2.10
Mrs. J. Moule, 29 Cambridge Road		£4.20
Mrs. P. Armit, 12 Cherry Close		£4.20
Mrs. F. Bell, 66 Fen Road		£4.20
7. S.J. Daniels - clerk's salary April	£83.33	
photocopying	£11.64	
post/phone	<u>£8.42</u>	£103.39
8. Milton Village Hall & Recreation Ground Management Committee - Grant		£2000.00

17. Any Other Business

5971 C.A.L.C. Bulletin. together with a copy of 'Harvest' was received and duly noted.

5972 Tennis Club. A copy of a letter from the Tennis Club to the Village Hall Committee was read out requesting extra tennis courts on the recreation ground or eventually on Middleton's Pit. This would be borne in mind.

Signed Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs.).....Chairman 4<sup>th</sup> June 1984.....Date

II. Planning Committee

1. 5973 Minutes of the meeting of 2 April 1984 having been circulated were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

5974 Orchard Site Development, Butt Lane. K.P.H. pointed out that (5912) Mr. Rose had misled Council on two points. Mr. Meek had not stated that the S.C.D.C. would maintain the 30 metre strip. Secondly he would be very surprised if 5 dwellings could be built on the frontage.

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in Mr. Meek's view

5975 Use of Land for Stone Crushing. K.P.H. would find out if (5914) enforcement action had been taken.

3. 5976 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 1984 were circulated, confirmed and signed.

4. Decisions Received

5977 P.G.B. Builders - Land rear of 14 - 16 Butt Lane - approved (5906) for 12 dwellings subject to conditions of landscaping

and the provision of 1.8m high brick screen walls on the northern boundaries of the rear gardens of plots 5 & 11.

- 5978 Investors in Industry, Science Park. Plant room approved (5908) subject to conditions of insulation and the extraction of odours, dusts and fumes.
- 5979 Orchard Site, Butt Lane - Development of 7 dwellings (5912) approved, subject to the following conditions.  
 Before the development is begun the full details of the development to be submitted with a landscaping scheme and a scheme for the protection of the dwellings from noise from the A10 by-pass.  
 The permission to be for 7 houses only. Any layout plan should include a 30 metre landscaped corridor. Access should not be gained from A10. In the interests of highway safety there were also conditions about the footpath.
- 5980 P. Whiterod, 72 Coles Road - extension - refused because (5920) of a loss of light and amenity to the garden of no. 70.
- 5981 F. Haslop - Single storey office at Winship Road approved. (5942)
- 5982 P. Runham, 49 Fen Road - Front boundary wall approved. (5944)
- 5. 5983 Delegated Powers. H.W.H.E. proposed, L.M.L. seconded and all agreed that the clerk and at least one other member of the Parish Council receive delegated powers to deal with non controversial plans if the time limit for reply expired before the subsequent meeting.
- 6. 5984 Sub Committee Vacancy. L.M.L. Volunteered to fill the vacancy on the Sub Committee.

The meeting closed at 11.10pm.

Signed ... *Beryl C. Watson (Pur)* ... Chairman ... *4<sup>th</sup> June 1984* ... Date