

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, MILTON, ON THURSDAY, MARCH 19th., 1970, at 8.00 p.m.

There were present: Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. D. Pearson, in the Chair; County Councillor, Dr. H. Hartley, Rural District Councillor, Mr. E. J. Walkling (also member of the Parish Council) and members of the Parish Council: Mrs. M. Jones, Messrs J. S. Doggett, J. W. R. Lewis, and R. T. Summerfield; the Clerk to the Parish Council and 6 electors.

1631 An apology for absence was received from Mr. L. M. Forbes.

1632 The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of May 26th., 1969, were read by the Clerk, confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1633 Impington College Transport (1542) - The Clerk reported unsuccessful attempts to obtain transport for Impington School-children from Milton. He had corresponded with the Education Authorities, Eastern Counties and Premier Travel 'Bus Companies and the Traffic Commissioners. The Education Authorities remained adherent to the 3-mile rule and the 'bus companies said it would not pay them to run special services. The Eastern Counties Co. regretted they could not extend the 139 from Impington to Milton as it was, at the time required, carrying schoolchildren from Cambridge to Impington.

Mr. G. Patten thanked the Clerk for his efforts.

1634 Winship Industrial Estate and Messrs Ready-Mix (1616) - The Clerk reported that the County Planning Office told him the overall landscaping of the Winship Estate including a belt of trees to be planted at the rear of the Cambridge Rd. residents' gardens was still being negotiated.

Messrs Ready-Mix had already planted trees in accordance with their planning conditions.

1635 Waste Land, Coles Road (1540) - The Clerk reported on the continuing correspondence about this piece of land now being carried on with Messrs Cooper Bros. the receivers of Messrs Gray, Conoley's estate, in liquidation.

Cooper Bros. informed him they had first to ascertain any value of the waste land and inform the Official Receiver. The Clerk had asked that the Parish Council be kept informed.

1636 Milton Traffic: Speed Limit Signs, Proposed Western By-pass (1527, 1528) - The Clerk reported further attempts to get the speed-limit signs moved to cover all the built-up area and danger spots. The Ministry of Transport refused to move the signs on the grounds of future speed-limit policy and also that it would be unlikely to alter driving behaviour through the village. They supported their letter with copies of the Minister's Parliamentary Statement (March, 1969) on Speed-limit Policy. Copies of this lengthy document were circulated to the meeting.

1637 The Clerk also said he had sent the suggestion, made by Mr. R. Rose at the 1969 Annual Meeting, of a western by-pass for both Landbeach and Milton to the Minister. They had commended it and would keep it in mind when planning future roads in this area.

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Waggon and Horses 'Bus Stop (1598) - The Clerk reported that the County Surveyor had revised the plan for moving this stop in response to appeal by the Parish Council to save the Chestnut tree. They now agreed with the Council's suggestion to lop the tree and the new position of the stop (with slip road); the shelter, as previously agreed, not to be moved. Final plans had been agreed between the Parish Council and the County Surveyor.

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS.

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(i) Summary of Audited Accounts for y.e. March 31st., 1969

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(ii) Provisional Summary for 1969/70 to present date only.

(i) The Audited Accounts for 1968/69 showed an income of £78 17 3, expenditure of £415 1 10, (including £243 spent on the Village Hall and Recreation Ground). Balance in hand, £690 0 8.

It was proposed by Mr. D. Jones, seconded by Mr. G. H. Mills that the accounts be adopted.

(ii) The Clerk also presented a statement of the financial position to date - as requested at the 1969 Annual Parish Meeting.

Income for 1969/70, £328 15 0, expenditure, £544 11 10 (including £304 on Village Hall and Recreation Ground), balance to date, £474 3 10.

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ACCOUNTS OF MILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES for y.e. DECEMBER, 1969.

A summary of the Audited Accounts to be presented to the Trustees of the Charity was presented by their courtesy. This showed distribution of funds amounting to £151 and a balance in hand of £16 3 5.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR DR. H. HARTLEY.

Dr. Hartley gave a very informative account of County Council business. Dealing with road traffic he said the northern by-pass for Cambridge (to pass from east-west near the Milton/Cambridge boundary) would be fly-over across the A.10 and may yet be several years away. He did not know whether it would connect with the A.10 near the village as the latter was not classed as a 'strategy' road.

Increase in motor traffic was a problem. The Ministry of Transport were introducing new speed-limit policies. Under this the limit would be raised to 40 in many built-up areas. They would take into account such features as road widths, dangerous junctions, number of side turnings etc. He thought the limit through Milton would probably remain at 30.

In Public Health matters he said a trial, pilot scheme for a Family Planning Clinic was planned incorporated with twice-weekly sessions of a Child Health Centre for mothers who may have difficulty in going elsewhere for advice. He mentioned the success of the workshop for sub-normal handicapped patients at Coldhams Lane which originated at Edmund House, Milton.

Local Government was, he said, very much in the melting pot due to the findings of the recent Royal Commission on Local Government (Maude Report). He noted disturbing features. The rise in public expenditure of local authorities was now three times the national expenditure and greater than local

rate income. Local income and sales taxes were to be considered.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, MR.E.J.WALKLING

Mr. Walkling said Housing and Sewage developments were continuing in the villages. The Elderly Persons' flats in Milton, Comberton and Coton were scheduled to start on March 16th. 12 units were to be built at Milton at total cost, including roads and sewers, of £38,000, about £3,000 a flat. The cost had been kept down by using Council-owned land.

Pre-war Council housing was still being improved.

The Sewerage schemes for Dry Drayton, Oakington and Great Shelford were 75% complete. A scheme for Fen Drayton was commencing shortly. These schemes were bound to bring increases in the District Rates.

Refuse Collection was another expensive item. A joint scheme with Royston had now been decided, for the southern area.

In reply to Mr. D.Jones, Mr. Walkling said a plastic bag scheme, provided by the Council, for refuse collection would commence soon.

Mr.G.Patten asked what remedy the motorist had against the bad road surfaces sometimes left by contractors after laying sewers. Mr. Walkling said it was the responsibility of the contractors to reinstate the road surface ultimately but time had to be allowed for settlement.

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REPORTS OF THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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Mr.J.W.R.Lewis, Parish Council Representative to the Committee, expressed regret at Mr.J.Jenkins' (Chairman of the Committee) illness in hospital preventing him being present to present the Committee's reports. Mr.Lewis called on the Chairman of the two main sub-Committees and the Treasurer for accounts of the year.

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Development sub-Committee - Mr.J.Kiddle

Mr.Kiddle reported steady development. The original plan for extension of the Hall had been reluctantly shelved owing to costs but hopeful consideration was being given to building at a later date, a 'loggia' on the front of the Hall.

They hoped to complete the provision of seats around the ground this summer. 2 teak seats had been purchased as the William Dunn Memorial and were to be fitted with commemoration plates; they were to be stored inside in the winter.

The open boundary ditch, a danger to children, and erosion of the car-park, had been piped and the car-park would be extended slightly.

The Land Rover bought for cutting the Ground had proved its use and all mower cutters had been serviced.

Re-decoration of the Hall, inside and out, had been voluntary but it was now proposed to seek sub-contract for the outside.

The Committee wished to show their grateful appreciation to the proprietors of Milton Laundry for dry-cleaning the large number of curtains once again this year free of cost, and

also to the Parish Council for their help and understanding of the Committee's problems.

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Entertainments sub-Committee - Mr. G. Patten

Mr. Patten reported a very successful year with an income to date for 1969/70, of £303; this exceeded the previous year. Dances, Children's Parties (in conjunction with the School) Christmas Whist Drives all showed profits varying from £12 to £60 according to time of year. Old Time Dance was popular when they had to turn people away, some coming from as far off as Stevenage and Hitchin.

More accomodation was vital but would not necessarily mean large increase in revenue.

The Annual Carnival had been discontinued as profits were not related to the amount of work involved. Without the 1969 Carnival, income had been maintained.

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Treasurer of the Committee - Mr. D. Jones.

Mr. Jones summarised the financial position. There was an income of about £800 from a fully-booked Hall (as previous year), Recreation Ground rents and Entertainments, but not including Parish Council's Rate contribution.

He was happy to report the final payment of Architects' fees on the building of the Hall, ^{which with} maintenance and non-recurring expenditure accounted for about £500.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL - Mr. D. Pearson

The Chairman reported on matters dealt with by the Council during the year and not having already arisen during this meeting.

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Morning 'Buses to Cambridge (1618) - Complaints had been received of the late arrival of these 'buses in Cambridge. The Clerk had made representations to the 'Bus company who had promised to speed-up the services and run one five minutes earlier to try and avoid congestion on entering Cambridge; request for more double-decker 'buses had been refused.

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Council Garages and Car-Parking (1613) - The Parish Council are pressing the R.D.C. to build the garages planned near the Recreation ground and also to provide parking spaces in Coles Road where there are wide grass verges. The R.D.C. have told the Council they are, in turn, pressing the Governemnt to relax restrictions on garage expenditure where there is danger from indiscriminate car-parking.

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Fencing between Recreation Ground and Council Gardens. ()
- The R.D.C. say this fencing now depends on the decision about building garages at the rear of the gardens (see 1649)

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Library Facilites at Milton (1597) - The County Librarian had told the Council they are anxious to start a Branch Library at Milton if suitable premises or land can be found.

The County Librarian had visited the Clerk at Milton with a view to finding a site; they prefer a site near the village shops.

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Proposed Public Toilets(1612)- The R.D.C inform the Council that these will be built 'at an early date'. They regret they cannot combine the building of these with the elderly people's housing.

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Increase in Size of the Parish Council (1593) - The Chairman said the Council had applied for an increase from 7 to 9 members now the village population had increased, and the County Council had granted this.

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Lighting on the A.10 (1599) - The Clerk had made enquiries about the main road lighting from the City Council; they had replied that they hoped to complete full extension of lamps to Milton this summer.

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Parish Rate, 1970/71 - The Parish Council had precepted for a 3d rate this coming year and the Village Hall Committee had been granted a 1½d rate to include the maintenance of the Recreation Ground; the latter was a statutory parish responsibility.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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Signposting of the Village Hall on Main Road () - Mr. G. Patten wondered why the County Council had refused this request made by the Parish Council. He thought that, since similar activities were carried on there as at Impington and other Village Colleges which were signposted, a sign was justified.

The Clerk recalled that the County Surveyor had given no reason for refusal and said he would approach him again.

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Mr. Patten also asked if the lamp near the Ground entrance was to be erected soon as it was dangerous for people emerging from the brightly lit hall into the unlighted part of the road.

The Clerk again recalled that the Surveyor had agreed to erect this some time ago and he would remind him of this also.

This completed the business. The Chairman remarking on the disappointment felt at the low attendance thanked those who had shown interest by their attendance.

~~Signed *J. Pearson* Chairman *May 22 70* Date.~~

Signed *J. Pearson* Chairman *Mar 2nd 71* Date.

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. P. Kiddle
2. R. Summerfield
3. M. J. Nurse
4. J. H. Hewitt
5. Harold Easty
6. L. M. Forbes
7. Muriel Jones
8. &
9. _____

THE ABOVE DECLARATIONS were signed in my presence this Twenty second day of May One thousand nine hundred and seventy.

_____ K. P. Humphries Clerk

I, J. Pearson HEREBY DECLARE that I accept the OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL for the year, 1970/71.

_____ J. Pearson

THE ABOVE DECLARATION was signed in my presence this Twenty second day of May One thousand nine hundred and seventy.

_____ K. P. Humphries Clerk

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the COUNTY OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE, do HEREBY DECLARE ~~that~~ I
accept the OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR for the said Parish.

A. D. Duggitt

Dated this *Third* day of *July* Nineteen hundred and
Seventy, and signed in the presence of _____

K. P. Humphreys

Clerk to the Parish Council.