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STATE OF THE FEN ROAD

The Clerk read a letter, dated 28th., February, from Mr.P. Kiddle of Fen road, complaining of the dirty and dangerous state caused by heavy lorry traffic and of damage to the foot path, and that he was unable to obtain any reply from the County Highways Dept. about this.

The Clerk had written immediately to the County Surveyor and telephoned Mr.Kiddle. The Surveyor had replied on 18th. March that Fen road had been inspected but no serious damage found and that he would keep it under observation. He had written accordingly to Mr.Kiddle.

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WIRE FENCE BETWEEN RECREATION GROUND AND COUNCIL HOUSE GARDENS

The Clerk referred to correspondence from the R.D.C, arising out of a complaint to them from a Council tenant that the wire fence had been removed during drainage works and asking for the Parish Council's comments.

The Clerk had inspected this and found that scarcely any fence existed on this boundary. He had seen the R.D.C. Engineer's Dept., who now agreed with the Clerk's opinion that the fence was not a Parish Council's responsibility. The Council confirmed that the responsibility was the R.D.C's as owners of the Recreation Ground and of the Council gardens.

The Clerk was instructed to ask the R.D.C. to renew this fence.

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PUBLIC DRAIN No. 13 (~~near King's Meadow~~) near Factory Site

The Chairman pointed out that this drain was blocked and the Clerk instructed to complain accordingly to the R.D.C.

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MONIES RECEIVED AND BILLS FOR PAYMENT; DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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Due to pressure on time by the immediately following Annual Parish Meeting these matters were held over to the next Council Meeting which was on June 3rd., next.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.p.m.

Signed *J. Pearson* Chairman

Date *June 3rd 1969*

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE
1969 TUESDAY, MAY 20th., 1969, at 8.0 p.m.

There were present: Mr.D.Pearson, Chairman of the Parish Council in the Chair; County Councillor Dr.H.Hartley; Rural District Councillor Mr.E.J.Walkling (also as a member of the Parish Council); members of the Parish Council: Mrs.M.Jones; Messrs J.S.Doggett, L.M.Forbes, J.W.R.Lewis, and Mr.R.T.Summerfield together with the Clerk to the Parish Council and 26 electors.

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J.P.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs I.Pearson the Parish Council's representative to the Milton Parochial School Managers.

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The Chairman welcomed all present and apologised for the delay in holding this Annual Meeting owing to pressure of work on the Clerk necessitating recent absences from the village.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF MARCH 12th., 1968

These minutes were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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Impington College Transport (1396 & 1394.) - Mr. Cheshire raised the problem of Impington College Transport and thought it wrong that children of 11 should have to cycle in all weathers and waste valuable school time drying out. Mr. Forbes said we were told by the Education Committee that they could not supply 'buses under the regulation that Milton was less than the statutory 3 miles from the College. This problem was raised at last years' Annual Parish Meeting and subsequently unavailing enquiries were made.

Mr. G. Patten suggested that a solution might be found if the 'bus Company would extend the 139 service from St. Andrew's Way, Impington twice a day only to Milton to take children as paying passengers and he thought this would be supported by many parents.

The Clerk said he would write to the 'bus company with this suggestion.

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WINSHIP INDUSTRIAL SITE (1400) - Mr. M. J. D. Nurse complained there was as yet no sign of the trees to be planted to screen this site from nearby houses.

Mrs Nurse and Mr. R. Rose said that the private road of the site was used at all hours by motor traffic including noisy motor cycles. This was agreed to be unauthorised use outside permitted hours of the working of the site.

The Clerk was instructed to complain to the Planning Dept., about both these matters.

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Waste Land, Coles Road (1386) & Recreation Ground Ditch - The Parish Council reported that they were taking up again the correspondence with Messrs Grey Conoley's Solicitors about the state of this piece of land and were now, also, to bring to their notice the state of the ditch between this piece of land and the Recreation Ground which, as a result, was causing erosion of the surface of the car-park. The ditch was also a danger to children attending the play-group and piping was necessary to obviate these troubles.

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PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR y.e. March 31st., 1968.

The Clerk presented these to the meeting and it was proposed by Mr. Cheshire and seconded by Mr. Forbes that these be adopted. There was a balance in hand of £1026 5s 3d.

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MILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES ACCOUNTS FOR y.e. Dec. 31st. 1968

A summary of these was circulated to the meeting.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Chairman dealt with matters which would not otherwise arise in Minutes or during the course of the meeting, namely: the introduction of a return 'bus fare to Cambridge; the gift of the late C. W. Dunn in memory of the many kindnesses his father and mother had received from the people of Milton from 1900 to 1930 amounting to £175 10s 5d to be used towards a children's playground and seats for the elderly.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS

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Arising out of the Chairman's Report Mr. B. Hutchings asked that notices of Council Meetings should be displayed more regularly and the Clerk agreed that some omission in the past would be rectified in future.

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GRASS AT CORNER OF WILLOW CRESCENT.

Mr. Gardiner asked who was responsible for cutting this grass. The meeting agreed to ask the Parish Council if necessary to contract for cutting.

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WIRE BOUNDARY FENCE BETWEEN RECREATION GROUND AND COUNCIL HOUSE GARDENS.

Mr. G. Patten asked for information about this boundary and if the proposed building of bungalows would affect this. The Chairman replied that the problem of this wire fence was being discussed with the R.D.C and that it was certainly not the responsibility of the Committee of Management.

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REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR, Dr. H. HARTLEY

Dr. Hartley referred to the County Council's responsibility to the Ministry of Transport for road safety and highway administration. He said speed limit signs were now to be illuminated but, on the vexed question of the speed limit signs; feared there was no chance of them being moved. Regarding the moves being made nationally towards increasing the speed limit in built-up areas he thought there were very good grounds that it should remain at 30. Of the projected by-pass roads the western by-pass for Cambridge took priority over the northern one which, when it came would pass just south of the Milton Industrial Site, between there and the sewage farm.

He drew attention to the wonderful achievement in obtaining a proposed £17,500 for Milton Parochial School, £900 of which was for furniture.

The Chairman thanked Dr. Hartley for his Report and the meeting unanimously agreed.

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SUGGESTED BY-PASS FOR THE A.10

Mr. R. Rose asked Dr. Hartley if he thought a by-pass for Milton and Landbeach was feasible. He considered it very desirable, at least in a few years time, as there was now concern in the village at the increasing traffic through the village and danger from the A.10, especially to the elderly and children. It could run, he suggested, west of Landbeach and Milton leaving the A.10 north of the former place and could follow the line of the old Roman road (Mere Way) linking up with the Cambridge northern by-pass. Industrial traffic for the Milton Industrial sites could then avoid the village completely.

Dr. Hartley thought this a very good suggestion which could be put to the Ministry of Transport.

On the proposition of Mr. R. Rose, seconded by Mr. Hutchings, it was agreed that the Ministry be asked 'that in view of the proposed northern by-pass for Cambridge if a western by-pass for Landbeach and Milton was feasible'

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POSITIONS OF SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

Mr. Jones thought the position of the sign at the Ely end of the village was much too near the Fen road junction. The Chairman replied that the Council were acutely aware of this and had pursued complaint about this, and similarly

the one at the other end of the village, for 2 or 3 years without avail. The Clerk said he would write again.

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REPORT OF CHESTERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR, Mr. E.J. Walkling.

Mr. Walkling was pleased to tell the meeting that 12, one-bedroomed flats were to be built by the R.D.C. behind the Cambridge road Council houses. These had first been proposed several years ago after several setbacks and changes of policy were, at last, authorised to commence, he hoped, in the autumn.

He reported R.D. building schemes at Waterbeach, Swavesey and Willingham and sewerage at Heringsea to be completed this year; other parishes had sewerage extensions in hand. The effect of all this would be felt on the rates in a few years.

The problems of refuse disposal ~~are increasing~~ everywhere. Northern area facilities could cope but in the southern area they were considering a joint scheme with Royston. The disposal of sewage sludge was also a problem.

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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF MILTON PAROCHIAL SCHOOL MANAGERS, Mr. L.M. Forbes.

Mr. Forbes said the School was developing very successfully under the present Headmaster and staff; there was an increase of 30 pupils last year to 208. An indication of an active school was its participation in out-of-school events and Milton school did so fully, including, Area Sports, Carel Services, an interesting variety of visits to Merris Motors, Papworth Industries and Country Houses; he thought the Parent evening, with an attendance of 80/90, beat other villages; every child had a swimming certificate at leaving. Mr. Knights had taken over from Mr. Hall as caretaker and Mrs. Clarke from Mr. Rose as crossing warden.

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REPORT OF THE IMPINGTON VILLAGE COLLEGE GOVERNORS, Mr. J.S. Doggett.

Milton is being well-served by College facilities, both day-school and further education; there were now 800 children and also an increase in adult attendances. The College was developing towards a comprehensive school with a Junior school to bridge the break between primary and higher school. He very much regretted the lack of transport for young children but the 3-mile limit regulation was being rigidly adhered to although the matter had been referred to the Education Committee without avail.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, Mr. J.E.R. Lewis

The Village Hall continued successful, being fully booked weekdays and largely on Saturdays. Maintenance work and re-decoration was progressing. A very successful feature were the Saturday dances during the winter. The Committee were considering building an extension so that 2 functions could carry on simultaneously. Mr. Forbes had retired from the Chairmanship and Mr. Jenkins taken over; Mr. Nurse, the Hon. Sec. from its inception had retired and Mr. Mills had replaced him.

Mr. Forbes paid tribute to the hard-working Committee and felt quite confident that under Mr. Jenkins' leadership they would flourish.

Mr. Jenkins protested that he thought Mr. Lewis' report to be 'quite out of order' as there was, at the moment, no Council representative on the Committee of Management.

It was explained to Mr. Jenkins, the Council invited Mr. Lewis pending their election of representative at their May meeting. Mr. Forbes felt it inappropriate to give the report having now retired from the chair. The Clerk also pointed out there were no particular regulations governing selection of speakers by the Council whose responsibility it was to arrange the Parish Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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'Bus Shelter and Stop, Waggon and Horses - The Clerk reported -orted that the County Council informed them that they had for some time, been concerned that the stop, in its present position was a traffic hazard, and that they now agreed with the Parish Councils suggestion of site. The Parish Council had held two special meetings about this matter, including one with Highway officials on the spot. The suggestion now agreed was to move the stop near the Chestnut tree at the corner incorporating a slip-road or bay. The County Council regretted the tree would have to be cut down but more trees would be planted and all costs be borne by the County Council

It was suggested from the meeting that re-alignment of the turning would avoid losing the tree. The Chairman replied that the Council had also thought this would be done and the Clerk would be suggesting this to the County Council.

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Press Notice of this Meeting - Mr. B. Hutchings expressed his appreciation of the Press notice on this occasion and considered it had contributed to the better attendance this year and hoped this kind of publicity for Parish Meetings would be continued.

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Panoramic Photograph of Old Milton - The Chairman exhibited a large panoramic view, taken about 1940, of a row of houses and the old bakery and general stores kept by the late Mr. and Mrs. Corder and their family. This had been generously presented to the Village Hall by Mr. Arthur Corder, of Chesterton late resident in Milton. The greater part of this picturesque property had now been demolished during the construction of part of Willow Crescent. The photograph was accepted with pleasure and the Clerk was instructed to write and thank Mr. Corder on behalf of the Council, the Meeting and the Village.

There being no other business raised the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed *J. Peap* Chairman

Date *May 19 1970*

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF
CHAIRMAN OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR 1969/70

I, *S. Pearson*, hereby declare that I accept
the office of Chairman of Milton Parish Council for
the year, 1969/70.

signed: *S. Pearson*

date: *June 3rd 1969*

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