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+ MINUTES OF MILTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, MARCH 21st. +
+ 1973, HELD IN THE BRITISH LEGION HALL, at 7.30 p.m. +
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Present: Over 60 residents packed the Hall supported by Mr.D.Pearson, Chairman of the Parish Council (in the Chair) & Councillors, L.M.Forbes (Vice-Chairman), H.W.H.Easy, P.Kiddle, R.T.Summerfield A.W.Wenham and the Clerk of the Parish Council. County Councillor Dr.H.Hartley & District Councillor, K.P.Humphries. Apologies from Councillors, Mrs.M.E.Jones, Mrs.B.C.Watson and M.J.D.Nurse.

2122.1 - MINUTES & ACCOUNTS A brochure containing Minutes of the 1972 APM, audited Parish Council Accounts for 1972, provisional Parish Accounts to March, 1973 & Parochial Charity Accounts for 1972, was distributed. Matters arising were taken and the Minutes then confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

2122.2 - GRAY, CONOLEY LAND, COLES RD. (1946) The Clerk reported conclusion of negotiations for purchase except for the legal 'paper-work'.

2122.3 - PUBLIC TOILETS & CHANGING ROOMS (1990) 2091 The meeting discussed the effect of the present 'sewage embargo' which was preventing this scheme from going ahead. Councillor Humphries said he was hopeful of talks he was having at District Council level that the embargo may be lifted for this project as a special case.

2122.4 - PROPOSED NORTHERN BY-PASS (1950) The Clerk explained in some detail the nature of the objection put forward at the Public Inquiry in July, 1972. The Council had succeeded in getting the DOE to agree to a ground-level road (instead of a 24-foot embankment) and an interchange with the A.10 to the west, but would give no date for the building of a Milton By-pass which they promised. They agreed traffic through Milton would increase enormously as a result of the Northern By-pass. We still awaited the Inspector's Report.

2122.5 - PROPOSED MILTON COUNTRY PARK (1956) County Councillor Dr.Hartley told the meeting that the Countryside Commission had recommended the County Council to set up a Country Park, south of the Fen Road and east of the A.10, and would pay 75% of the initial cost of Stage I (some 60 acres) totalling £56,896..

In discussion two main points emerged: that the postponement of about 30 acres to Stage II leaves a high proportion of water to land and the Park would suffer from lack of adequate car-parking; concerning traffic and access it was regretted that the Park would inevitably bring more traffic into the village and agreed that access via Old School Lane was not desirable.

2122.6 - PROPOSED GYPSY CARAVAN SITE The Parish Council had received a petition of 450 signatures against this in July last year and had made strong protest to the County Council on grounds of its detriment to the environment, traffic dangers on the A.10 and that there is a very old gypsy site in the parish already. St.John's College were refusing to sell and the County Council were looking elsewhere.

2122.7 - MILTON PAROCHIAL SCHOOL Mr.Forbes, Chairman of the Managers, was happy to report a very successful year & an excellent spirit of co-operation between parents & staff; its fame outside the County brought many English & Commonwealth visitors. He expressed his deep gratitude to Mr. Whitten, Headmaster, for his work for our children. Mr.D.Cooke

2122.8 - VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE Mr.D.Cooke said that now the Hall was so popular day-to-day running was now covered by income. All the varied activities continued but the Committee would welcome more recruits to ease the burden of running the Hall.

2122.9 - RABBITS A vigorous discussion arose over the Recreation Ground alleged by Mr.Capitain to be in a 'disgusting state' - overrun by rabbits & poor grass. Mr.Cooke said the grass was being treated on advice from the Farm School. The Clerk agreed to seek help

from the Public Health Dept. Rodent Officer about the Rabbits.

2122.10 - PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 1971/1972 These showed a balance of £522.63 after expenditure of £430.93 on Village Hall & Recreation Gd.; £116.90 repairs & maintenance of 'bus shelters & wayside seats and grass-cutting (verges); Admin. expenses: £311.16. Proposed by Mr.G.Russell, seconded Mr.R.T.Summerfield be accepted.

2122.11 - PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS PROVISIONAL 1972/3 These showed a balance of £726.31 (Deposit & Current) after expenditure of £462.05 on Village Hall & Rec. Ground; £47.73, 'bus shelters & grass verges; Admin. expenses & insurance £429.90.

2122.12 - PAROCHIAL CHARITY ACCOUNTS TO DECEMBER 31st. 1972 After allotting £250 according to the Scheme, including £126.15 distributed in coal & groceries in the village, a debit balance of £1.74 was carried forward to 1973.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2122.13 - DOGS FOULING PATHS Mr.L.Clark (30,High St.) complained of the nuisance caused by owners allowing their dogs to foul the pavements. The Clerk said he understood from the County Council and Police that there were no bye-laws in rural areas against this but he would make further inquiries.

2122.14 - TRAFFIC THROUGH VILLAGE The meeting shared general concern at the DOE's proposal to increase the speed limit and Mr.L.Clark mentioned the particular danger in the narrow High St. The decision was still awaited and the Parish Council had asked that this be at least deferred until the By-pass position was clarified.

2122.15 - STATE OF HALINGWAY Several complaints were made of the danger to walkers and cyclists due to the shocking condition of the path, and the Chairman said a letter from this meeting would be sent to the Conservators. Although general meter traffic along the towpath is prohibited those dwelling near the locks have permission from the Conservators.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS & THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING.

Date 10-11-74 + + + Signed *[Signature]* Chmn.

+ PROVISIONAL PARISH COUNCIL +
+ ACCOUNTS - MARCH 31st 1974 +

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Balances at March 31st., 1973:	Vill.Hall & Rec. Gd. 502.05
Deposit£671.11	C.C.C. -Allot. rent (ann.) 83.20
Current 41.45 712.56	'Bus shelters,litter,grass-cutting,rats on allots. 83.25
Ap.'73: Rate Precept 3850.00	Admin: salary, post. tel. stationery, audit, P.C. Assec., Insurance 660.18
Allotment rents (ann.) 92.85	Balance (Deposit&Current) 3326.73
 Total: <u>4655.41</u>	 Total: <u>4655.41</u>