

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE  
VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 1966, AT  
8.0 P.M.

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There were present:

Mr. D. Pearson, Chairman of the Parish Council, in the Chair; Messrs. L. E. Forbes, J.R.W. Lewis, E.J. Walkling, A.W. Wenham and Mrs. D. Pearson, members of the Parish Council; Dr. H. H. Hartley, County Councillor, Mr. L. F. Coulson, Clerk of the Parish Council, together with 12 electors.

APCLOGY FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. J. S. Doggett, Parish Councillor.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 17th March, 1965, were read, confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

1129.

PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1965.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year ended 31st March 1965. These showed an income of £1361.7.11d., payments amounting to £2166.14.11d., leaving a balance in hand of £457. 15s. 5d.

The accounts were unanimously adopted.

1130.

MILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES' ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1965.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1965.

A total of £110. 0s. 0d. had been distributed, leaving a balance in hand amounting to £3. 1s. 6d.

The amount of £50. 0s. 0d. allocated to the Village Fund had been expended in providing 2 cwts. of coal to 37 old age pensioners and necessitous cases.

In regard to the sum of £10. 0s. 0d. paid annually to the Milton School Managers, Mr. Birchenall reported that as a School Manager he had no jurisdiction over this fund. He had enquired into the matter and had ascertained that the Rector of Milton as Governor of the Educational Foundation, was the sole Manager having jurisdiction over the fund.

On the proposition of Mr. Birchenall, seconded by Mrs. Pearson, the accounts were unanimously received.

1131.

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The Chairman briefly reviewed the work of the Parish Council during the year. Thanks were expressed to Milton Football Club who had presented nets and goal posts to the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Management Committee for the use of a junior football team, and to Aston Building Company for erecting a seat at Bene't Close free of charge and also for fixing new litter bins at the two bus shelters, also without charge.

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1132.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Dr. H. H. Hartley reported generally on the work of the County

Council, and more particularly as to how this had affected the village.

A new classroom was under construction at the school; plans for the Farm School were well under way, and when completed would be a great asset not only to the village, but to the County as a whole. The speed of traffic in built-up areas was a national problem, and Dr. Hartley had made a point of emphasising in Committee the dangerous situation arising at Milton. He promised he would have another attempt at getting some improvement made to the trunk road which would have the effect of minimising the danger to which pedestrians were exposed when crossing the trunk road. The home for mentally handicapped children was now occupied, and improvements were being made to the grounds surrounding the home. The workshop for adolescents had been moved to Coldhams Lane, Cambridge.

1133.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Walkling reported:-

- (a) new housing schemes at Waterbeach, Over, Swavesey and Willingham;
- (b) Street lighting had been brought up to date;
- (c) Refuse collection - the whole of the rural district was now covered by this service, although it was very costly indeed;
- (d) Watercourses - as far as possible watercourse maintenance was being mechanised;
- (e) Industrialised Housing - the scheme at Fulbourn was proving more costly than traditional type houses and progress was not as rapid as had been thought. The first houses would be ready for occupation on 31st March, some 15 months after commencement.
- (f) Council House Rents - the introduction of increased rents for Council Houses had been postponed until 1st October, 1966.
- (g) Rent Rebate Scheme - it was likely that this scheme would result in an increase in the number of staff at the Rural District Headquarters.
- (h) Great Eastern House - new premises at Station Road, Cambridge, had been purchased at a cost of £170,000 for housing all departments of the Rural District Council. Alterations and adaptations were taking place and it was anticipated these would be completed in two or three months' time when the antiquated premises at the County Hall, Hobson Street, would be vacated.

1134.

MILTON SCHOOL MANAGER'S REPORT.

Mrs. Pearson reported the number of pupils attending the school had increased from 140 to 156, 130 of whom stayed for the mid-day meal. Five full-time and one part-time teachers were employed. A new classroom was in course of erection, making 6 in all.

The school was very lively and indulged in a wide range of activities.

Parents were free to visit the school and to discuss with the headmaster any educational problems they might have.

A new project was envisaged - the provision of a swimming pool and it was hoped everyone would give their full support. The pool would be available to all children in the village school.

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1135.

MILTON VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Mr. Forbes reported that due to Government policy in the matter of grants the plans for the Village Hall had suffered a setback. The scheme had become very expensive and the Committee had reconsidered the whole matter and a more modest scheme costing approximately £6,000 had now been submitted for grant purposes to the Department of Education and Science.

In the meantime two swings and a sandpit had been provided in the children's corner, and the Parish Council had provided a changing room cum pavilion.

Financially, the Committee were hopeful of being in a position to pay for the hall on erection, subject to their receiving a grant of 50% of the cost. It was likely that within a period of two months the matter of the grant would be finalised.

1136.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The following matters were voiced by parishioners and the Chairman promised they would have the consideration of the Council:

(a) the need for additional pillar boxes at Cherry Close and Butt Lane corner;

(b) waste land on Coles Road Estate - could not this be acquired by the Parish Council from the estate developers and used as a children's adventure playground;

(c) additional blacking out of panels on door of telephone kiosk at Willow Crescent entrance to prevent glare from car headlights.

This concluded the business and after thanking parishioners for their attendance, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

*J Pearson.*

Chairman.

Date Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 1967