

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 22nd. MARCH, 1967, AT
7.30 P.M.

There were present:

Mr.D.Pearson, Chairman of the Parish Council, in the Chair; Messrs L.M.Forbes, J.S.Doggett, J.W.R.Lewis, E.J. Walkling, A.W.Wenham and Mrs.D.Pearson, members of the Parish Council; Mr.K.P.Humphries, Clerk of the Parish Council together with 15 electors.

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APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Dr.H.Hartley, County Councillor, who had been called out at short notice due to a doctor's illness, to stand in as locum tenens. The Chairman expressed regret that the meeting would be without Dr.Hartley's report.

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MINUTES.

The minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING held on 22nd. March, 1966, were read. An elector proposed that the minute dealing with the provision of a swimming pool be corrected to read that it : 'would be available to all school children of the village school'. The minute was amended accordingly: they were then confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

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Extra pillar box - The Chairman reported that, at the Council's request the Post Office had now provided a pillar box near the Waggon and Horses to serve that side of the village.

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Waste Land, Coles Road - Negotiations for acquisition of this land were proceeding between the Council and Messrs Gray, Connolley.

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Telephone Kiosk - Mrs. Jones and several other electors complained that reflection of car headlights still occurred from the lower glass panels of the door. The Council were asked to take the matter up once again with the Post Office requesting particular attention to blacking-out the lowest panels.

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PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st. MARCH, 1966.

The Clerk presented the accounts for the year ending, 31st. March, 1966. These showed an income of £476.9.8d, payments amounting to £679.4.1d, leaving a balance in hand of £255.1.0. Mr. Summerfield asked for details of expenditure on the Recreation Ground and the Clerk read items totalling £479.5.3d, which, with a further £61.7.2d spent on the present village Hall made a total of £541.2.5d. On the proposition of Mr.L.Harvey, seconded by Mr.L.M.Forbes the accounts were unanimously adopted.

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MILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITIES' ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31st. DECEMBER, 1966.

The Clerk presented the Audited and signed accounts for the year ended 31st. December, 1966.

A total of £106 had been distributed according to the

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rules of the Charity Scheme. Of this £52.6.6d allocated to the Village Fund had been spent on groceries and coal delivered to 39 deserving recipients just before Christmas.

On the proposition of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. G. Russell the accounts were unanimously received.

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REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL.

The Chairman briefly reviewed the work of the Parish Council during the year which he said had seen the retirement, to the Council's regret, of their long-serving Clerk, Mr. L. F. Coulson, after 29 years during which he had been described as a 'very courteous and efficient official'. A new Clerk, Mr. K. P. Humphries, was appointed last July.

The Council were pressing on with their efforts to secure a safe road through the village and had now approached the Ministry of Transport direct.

The Council's gift to Milton School of £100 towards the Swimming Pool had been greatly appreciated and he was also pleased to report that the eyesore of the disused old Village School premises would disappear eventually when King's College sold the property for re-development.

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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

Councillor Mr. E. J. Walkling reported:

Sewerage schemes completed and in operation at Willingham, Swavesey, Over, Longstanton, Waterbeach and Landbeach; well under way at Haslingfield and Hauxton and Harlton. Sewage disposal was becoming more expensive.

Improvements on pre-war houses being carried out. Housing schemes in Grantchester under way and Planning permission for old people's bungalows being sought.

Refuse collection increasing in cost and now problems of disposal are arising.

The responsibility for street lighting had now been passed to County Council's by the Ministry of Transport with an effective saving of £15,000 of District Council rate money but efforts in Council to pass this on to rate-payers by a 2d rate reduction had failed.

Councillor Walkling made a special plea to the meeting to do all in their power to prevent children dumping rubbish in the Recreation Ground watercourse as cleaning was an expensive operation.

In reply to a questioner Mr. Walkling thought that the Fulbourn Housing Scheme was hideous but appeared to be a popular experiment. It was a costly experiment in industrial housing but it was thought maintenance costs would be lower in the long run.

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MILTON SCHOOL MANAGER'S REPORT.

Mrs. D. Pearson reported that the number of pupils attending was now 164: 140 stay to mid-day meal; there were now 3 junior and 3 infant classrooms, 6 full-time staff and 1 part-time. The vacancy caused by the leaving of Mrs. Pinney the Cook had been filled. Activities at the School were well-attended.

Mrs. Pearson thought that the fine efforts being made by all to finance the School Swimming Pool project were to be commended. A recent Raffle and School Walk had raised £270; The Parish Council had given £100 and there was now over £800 in hand, sufficient to start the first stage. On this the Headmaster, Staff and Swimming Pool Committee were to be complimented.

In reply to a questioner Mrs. Pearson said it was hoped that heating of the Pool would come at the second stage and she certainly agreed that educational standards of the School had risen greatly for which compliments were largely due to Mr. Whitton, the Headmaster.

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IMPINGTON VILLAGE COLLEGE MANAGER'S REPORT.

Mr. J. S. Doggett said that the year had been overshadowed by the death of Mr. Michael Pease - a sad loss of a great Education authority.

This event coincides with a period of rapid expansion: a new block including Gymnasium and open Games shed was opened. Further plans for substantial expansion to bring pupils up to a total of 1,200 in the foreseeable future due to population increases in the area and the autumn intake of schoolchildren will include those stopping until 16 instead of 15 as now. The 15/16 year would have its problems - meaning new methods of teaching 'unwilling' stayers and staff-ing difficulties, all part of the problem of increasing school population and decreasing numbers of staff.

Comprehensive education was likely to come at Impington.

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COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT, MILTON VILLAGE HALL AND RECREATION GROUND.

Mr. L. M. Forbes reported definite action at last. A sports hut had been erected last year. Trees had been planted with some foresight and had been cheaply obtained.

A Department of Education and Science Grant of 50% of the cost of the new Village Hall, up to £3462, had been accepted. Tenders were now out for foundations; while no definite date for completion of the new Hall could be given it was hoped to be finished about July.

In reply to questioners Mr. Forbes said that they had reluctantly given up the idea of a permanent building owing to high costs.

Mr. G. Russell thought that the temporary materials proposed would mean high maintenance costs which would fall on the rates.

Mr. Walkling confirmed that a loan towards building costs from the Rural District Council was not possible.

Mr. Forbes said that the costing had been put into the capable hands of a quantity surveyor in order to avoid excessive expenditure of public money and the temporary structure had been decided on.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

The following matters were raised by parishioners:

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Mr. G. Patten thought that a Notice Board was required as well as those in the 'bus shelters and Mr. G. Russell offered

to provide one free of cost.

Mr.E.J.Walkling proposed a vote of thanks to Mr.G. Russell for his generous offer seconded by Mr.L.M.Forbes.

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The Chairman hoped soon that they would provide the services of a greenkeeper to cut the War Memorial grass.

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The condition of the entrance to the Recreation Ground on the Cambridge Road was brought to the notice of the meeting.

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Mr.L.M.Harvey said that he thought there might be danger to children climbing certain trees near Milton House and Old School Lane and wondered whose responsibility it is.

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Mrs.Beldon asked for more Press reports of Council Meetings; the Clerk said that he did send reports and would now make a special appeal to the Editor.

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The Chairman assured the Meeting that all the above matters would have the consideration of the Council.

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Mr. E.J.Walkling proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the conduct of the meeting,

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

Signed *J. Pearson*..... Chairman.

Date *March 12th*.....1968.