

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Milton Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.  
on April 22nd 1980 under the Chairmanship of Mr.R.T.Summerfield - Chairman of  
the Parish Council.

Present: approximately 40 residents, G.Patten, R.Day, Mrs.B.C.Watson, R.T.Summerfield, A.D.J.Bull, H.W.H.Easy, P.Kiddle, K.P.Humphries, Councillor W.H.Crossman and the Clerk B.K.Connor.

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1. The minutes of the A.G.M. held in 1979 had been circulated and were taken as read.
2. There were no matters arising from the last set of minutes.
3. Chairman's Report:

R.T.S. advised the meeting that the past year had once again been a very busy one. The elections had seen the loss of Muriel Jones, David Cook, Michael Waggett and Stan Poulter, all of whom had made valuable contributions to village affairs. A welcome was extended to the new councillors Gwen Tonks, David Bull, Roger Day and Ken Humphries. The size of the council would shortly be increased from 9 to 11 members as permitted by the size of the present population.

Planning matters had consumed much time and necessitated the holding of separate sub-committee meetings in an effort to reduce the lengthy duration of full council sessions. Progress reports were provided on the Structure Plan, the Milton Area Plan, the Country Park scheme, Drainage, Allotments, the Waste-Fill Site and the end of a successful campaign for the pedestrian footbridge over the Milton By-Pass at Butt Lane crossing.

In conclusion R.T.S. thanked all councillors past and present for their support. Special thanks to Mike Waggett for his tree planting work although no longer a councillor, and finally thanks to the Clerk Barrie Connor for the hard work he carries out so efficiently.

- (A) Stokes Lane - K.P.H. advised the meeting that all appeals had been dismissed and the road has been taken up - other applications are still being received.
- (B) Mr.L.Sandford queried if the M.V.H. Management Committee had been consulted on the use of the car park in connection with the Country Park Scheme. The answer was negative but nothing had been agreed to.
- (C) Mr.H.Capitain registered his disapproval of the use of this ground for car parking which would involve the piping of the ditch and the removal of hedges and trees.

It was explained that ultimately the car park would be on the Stokes Land thus the idea of a temporary permission for this part of the proposal. The Chairman offered to arrange a public meeting with the County Council's representative to explain matters.

4. Milton Primary School Manager's Report (P.Kiddle)

P.K. advised that the staff provided an excellent team and should remain unchanged for 1980/81. In general there is public concern at the loss of the 11+ stage and in certain areas the standard of education had fallen, but this was certainly not the case in Milton. On finance, there had been a hard fight against the cutbacks, but thanks are due to Mr.Whitton and his staff for his excellent 'housekeeping' and all those parents who provide additional help.

5. Report on Impington Village College (R.Waters - Vice-Chairman of Governors)

R.W. confirmed that both 'O' and 'A' level results were good. There are two new departmental heads, and expertise was forthcoming from the staff. A new

science block is required, but this depends on the Education Dept. etc. Cut backs have seen the refusal of a request for £19,000 in new furniture and fittings. A trust fund was being established to supplement the cuts and initial support for this project had been good.

6. Report on Milton Village Hall & Recreation Ground Management Committee

(H.W.H.Easy)

H.E. expressed thanks to the Parish Council for the money to purchase the new garage and reconditioned tractor, and also to all those who helped with the completion of the project. As usual the Hall had been booked to capacity use and the wear and tear continues to take its toll, therefore more money is required for renovation. Hiring fees were being maintained at a minimum thanks to support from the Sub-Committee on fund raising.

S.B.P. outlined the possible proposals which have yet to be put forward covering the replacement of the Village Hall.

7. District Councillor's Report (K.P.Humphries)

K.P.H. reported that an "economy/efficiency" policy had been adopted. The rate had been increased by 2p in the £ from last year. The services provided include health, environmental, refuse collection and free rat disposals. Recreation and Leisure grants totalled £30,000. On housing only £1.3m had been allowed and efforts were being made to try to increase this level. The 5 year maintenance programme is being continued/maintained. As far as new buildings are concerned the concentration is aimed at 57 units for the elderly in 5 villages rather than build houses which could be sold under the new legislation.

On drainage problems, the Anglian Water Authority had not shown interest but a survey is scheduled to take place in the near future. In general, planning applications for consideration are still running at a high level.

8. Provisional Parish Council Accounts for Year ended 31/3/80.

Copies were distributed for information.

9. Provisional Accounts of Milton Parochial Charities for year ended 31/12/79.

Copies were distributed and Mr. Carlton, as Chairman, explained the purposes of the No.1 and No.2 Fund.

10. Comments by the District Councillor (Councillor W.H.Crossman)

Councillor Crossman drew attention to the fact that the adoption of Stansted as a major airport could affect our area because of the good road systems, and would make total nonsense of the Cambridgeshire Structure Plan.

Councillor Crossman added his congratulations to the successful campaign for the Milton-By-Pass footbridge.

11. Doctor's Surgery

Dr. Draper was then introduced to the meeting and commented that Milton had come very close to losing its medical practice facility. It was hoped to move the surgery nearer to the middle of the village within a few months. Thanks are due to the Chairman for his help with the proposals.

12. Question & Answer Session

1. Mr. & Mrs. A. Nicol raised the question of dogs fouling the footpaths and recreation ground. Mr. Waters commented that in 8 years experience no-one had been prosecuted for this type of offence. Warning signs may act as a deterrent - the M.V.H.M.C. had circularised a notice on the subject to every household.
2. Mrs. Jones reported that some of the 109 service buses were not using the Waggon & Horses bus shelter stage.
3. Mr. Heath queried the position regarding the second (redundant) water pump

and tank on the allotments following the move. H.E. volunteered to remove the equipment for storage.

- 4. Mr.Poulter complained about the siting of the road sign by the entrance to the allotments on the former A10 which obstructed vision.
- 5. Mr.D.Stretch complained about the road pot holes which need filling in - his daughter had recently been injured following an accident.
- 6. Mr.A.J.Wagstaff queried the suggestion that the former A10 road should be closed off by his farm which would cause access difficulties. He expressed approval to a 'one way' system.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked everyone for an extremely good meeting, which closed at 10.10 p.m. Mrs.M.E.Jones then expressed a vote of thanks to the Council on behalf of the floor.

Signed B. Sumner..... Chairman ..... Date 13/1/81.....