

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 24 April 1989  
at 8pm in the Community Centre.

Present: Mrs. L.M. Lock (in the chair), members of the Parish Council, about 120 residents, the County Councillor and the parish clerk.

Apologies were received from: John Coston, R.J. Farrington and J.F.C. Fisher.

Mrs. Lock expressed a very warm welcome to all.

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1. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 1988 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
2. The minutes of the Special Public Meeting of October 10th 1988 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
3. Accounts. The clerk gave a brief summary of the accounts pointing out that the large balance of £76095 was the result mainly of money left over from the £100,000 given by Dorther Properties and Twigden Homes for the preparation of the new recreation ground. £12,000 was also earmarked for new play equipment on the Coles Road recreation ground.
4. Charities Report. Reverend F. Kilner explained that the trustees included three Parish Council nominations. The income from No. 1 account was £1500 per year. Half of this had been spent on people's needs (telephone and alarm systems). During 1988 £1500 had been spent as there was money in hand from the previous year.  
No. 2 account was for general benefit. Money was available for the play equipment on Coles Road recreation ground.  
No. 3 account was used towards maintenance of the church.
5. Chairman's Report. The chairman began by highlighting the numerous and various meetings and site visits attended throughout the year by councillors.

Village Voice. Thanks were due to the new editors of the Village Voice Bas Barringer and Richard Boyd for producing an attractive and informative paper, a most important method of communication. Thanks also to all who help produce and distribute the Voice.

Village Sign. The file of historical references Ken Humphries had made was now lost. As a result John and Gaye Holder were no longer willing to continue with project and had handed over to Parish Council £161 donated by the public towards the sign. This was being held in trust pending the making of another design. Thanks to John and Gaye for all their work. John Waterson had offered to design and paint a two-sided sign for which P.C. was grateful.

Environment. Parish Council were concerned about the appearance of the village. Anti dog fouling signs had been ordered for lamp posts around the village. "No Dogs Allowed" notices were planned for all children's play areas, which would be fenced off where possible. Bye-laws now existed against dog fouling on footpaths and verges.

Grass. The contract for grass cutting throughout the village and cemetery in 1989 had been awarded to Mr. Hall.

Thanks to Mr. Shipp who continued to clear areas of the village including the bus shelters.

Traffic. It was intended to have double yellow lines on the S.E. side of High Street between no. 12 and the White Horse. Council had also requested bollards at the Butt Lane/High Street junction.

Footbridge/Cycleway. Council's efforts for a bridge had been supported by Jim Paice M.P. in a letter to Peter Bottomley. As a temporary measure (so it was hoped) a cycleway had been provided from the Science Park traffic lights into Milton.

British Rail. Council fully supported British Rail's intention to instal automatic half barriers at the Fen Road crossing.

Elderly. The lack of sheltered accommodation in the village concerned Council. S.C.D.C. have been strongly appraised of the need for such housing but lack the finance to purchase land. S.C.D.C. have been asked to encourage developers in the private sector to consider ways of providing sheltered housing.

Councillors were looking at ways of providing services for the elderly. Thanks to D. Roberts for the production and distribution of the fact sheet of information for the elderly.

Thanks also to Pat Fletcher and the W.R.V.S. for their work with the elderly.

Senior citizens shopping trips finished in February. Thanks to Suzannah Jones of Youth Action and Sally Summerfield for the transport. Latterly the Waterbeach Scout minibus was hired and driven by Jim Fisher and Jim Daniels.

Council continued to support the bus pass scheme. The amount reimbursed had just been increased to £5.

Pharmacy. A special meeting and a public meeting were convened following an application by E. Moss Ltd in September for a pharmacy in the village. The public meeting supported the P.C. resolutions against a pharmacy.

The Moss application was subsequently withdrawn. A second application by Mr. Cunningham and Ms. Gubrud however was approved in March by the Rural Dispensing Committee in London.

Library. A site had been acquired next to the butcher's shop in 1973 for a permanent branch library.

The Milton District Plan of 1985 fully supported a library as an essential facility.

Both M.P.C. and S.C.D.C. had been pressing for a library.

According to the Chief Librarian the earliest date now set for a library would be 1992/3. There were major problems of siting and capital.

Richard Boyd had recently offered the ground floor of 8 High Street. The Librarian was looking into this possibility.

Meanwhile a friendly and helpful service was provided by the mobile library. The chairman requested support from the village for this facility.

Country Park. The inquiry into the compulsory purchases necessary to complete the area for the Country Park had been held in October. R. Day attended throughout and the Inspector's report was expected shortly.

Council had approved the ideas put forward by the landscape architects at the inquiry. M.P.C. had been consulted throughout.

Footpaths. Negotiations were now taking place between the County Council and landowners to secure the link connecting the driveway off Fen Road and the Ely Road. The E.E.B. hoped to remove dangerous trees from their wood once part of the grounds of Milton Hall planted by Humphrey Repton. They intended replanting with suitable species. It was hoped to allow access to the village within ten years.

This wood and adjoining areas were important as part of the conservation area.

Community Centre. M.P.C. continued to support the Centre which had reported another successful year. Thanks to the committee, the manager G. Patten and D. Jones treasurer for 21 years.

Recreation. Middleton's Pit had been drained, levelled and seeded. Play equipment would soon be installed on the Coles Road recreation ground.

Thanks to Twigden Homes for providing play equipment on the new play area at the north end of The Rowans.

It was hoped that other developers especially those north of Butt Lane would follow suit.

New Recreation Ground. Negotiations for the handing over of the recreation ground, play spaces and £235,000 were still ongoing. There had been considerable delays and frustrations but David Twigden had assured the chairman that the monies from the developers (£135,000) had been released to their solicitor. Tesco would release their money (£100,000) as soon as they received the final draft of the agreement.

The £100,000 for the preparation of the recreation ground had already been paid.

Council had applied to S.C.D.C. for minor alteration to the landscaping to accommodate a pavilion, car park and entrance to the ground.

J. Fisher was convenor for the formation of a new committee to make proposals to the P.C. for the development and management of the recreation ground.

The cricket and football clubs had agreed to move to the new ground leaving the present ground free for tennis, netball bowls etc. Council had agreed in principle to providing a cricket square on the new ground, pavilion and car park.

It was hoped to start work on the cricket square as soon as the money from the developers was handed over.

The P.C. was committed to spend the bulk of the money on these facilities.

The chairman concluded by thanking all the councillors and the clerk and his wife for their work and support.

## 6. Question and Answer Session

Village Sign. Dr. Booth was concerned at the delay which was caused by the loss of the relevant files after K. Humphries' death.

John and Gaye Holder did not wish to continue with the project. John Waterson had offered to design the sign.

New Recreation Ground. Immediate neighbours were assured that they would receive notification of any planning applications for development on the recreation ground.

It would be the P.C.'s responsibility to maintain the new ground (once Council's ownership has been confirmed).

Allotments. The P.C. had given their views re: development of part of the Farm School. The S.C.D.C. local plan opposed any development there.

No mention had been made of developing the land used for allotments.

Pharmacy. Permission for a pharmacy had been granted. Dr. Draper had appealed against this decision. Council knew no more than this.

Traffic. The P.C. had received no information concerning the traffic census on the slip road despite requests to County Council.

Concerns about danger spots were expressed.

These were:

Coles Road/Cambridge Road junction (View obscured - should kiosk be moved? Layby for residents parking opposite Edmund House?)

Inadequate car park at Doctor's surgery.

Fen Road/High Street junction.

Coles Road and Old School Lane - parking problems.

Pedestrian crossing in High Street.

A telephone kiosk on the A1309/A10 would not be economically viable (according to British Telecom). Council would look into the possibility of re-siting the Coles Road kiosk.

P.C. Barringer was aware of parking problems in Coles Road and Old School Lane, which occurred mainly at evenings. Residents used the roads for parking.

He was also aware of Cambridge Road visibility and he would be looking at the possibility of a High Street crossing in the future.

Double yellow lines were due to be painted on part of High Street.

P.C. Barringer did point out the presence of parked cars helped slow traffic down.

The Highways Department would not agree to a barrier across the road to stop lorries but allow cars through as lorries needed to deliver to shops, pubs etc.

Bollards had been proposed by Council at the Butt Lane/High Street junction to prevent lorries doing u-turns there and to make it clearer which side to drive on when leaving Butt Lane.

The County Council had refused a mirror at Goding Way/Fen Road. They felt that this in itself would be a danger as motorists might look at it rather than the road.

Council would investigate again the possibility of closing the slip road at the north end of the village. (This had been refused previously because of the extra traffic hazard caused on the A10 by vehicles turning off slowly).

A series of sleeping policemen on this strip of road was suggested.

David Jones was concerned about the amount of traffic on roads near the Science Park. Council had been requesting another entrance in Kings Hedges for some time. The latest application by Trinity Hall for another Science Park and County Council for a Regional College included an entrance into Kings Hedges Road.

Council had tried and would continue to try to press the appropriate authorities for ways of improving traffic flows.

Council would look into the possibility of having a path laid from Cambridge Road to the entrance to the recreation ground.

The P.C. had not discussed the effects that a new village on the A10 would have on Milton.

Foot/Cycle Bridge. It was suggested that Council approach Tesco for their support.

The Country Park was being used as another reason for a bridge.

Although the County Council had previously refused to phase the Science Park traffic lights for pedestrians/cyclists to cross it was felt that it might be worth trying again.

Country Park. This would be low key. The land to the south was earmarked for parking and the entrance would be from the Tesco roundabout.

It was hoped that other entrances could be for the village use only although there could possibly be parking at these entrances.

Under Fives. A permanent hall for the playgroup was proposed.

The chairman suggested that the playgroup approach the Council if there was such a need.

7. Clean Up Milton Campaign. The issue of litter and dog fouling was discussed fully.

Various suggestions were made:

- Annual tidy up.
- Posters
- Advertising
- Employment of part time cleaners
- Education
- Ask shops to keep forecourts clean (Tesco did this regularly)
- A skip to be placed in village
- Dog walking area.

The school was already making a positive effort and were willing to help.

Mrs. Snaith offered to organise a campaign and co-ordinate volunteers.

It was agreed that Sunday May 14th would be the first "Clean Up Campaign."

L.M.L. concluded by reminding all present that they were always welcome to attend Council meetings.

R. Norman thanked the Council for their hard work.

The meeting ended at 9.50pm.

Signed *Richard Norman* .....Chairman *23rd April 1990*.....Date