

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 25 April 1994  
at 8pm in the Community Centre.

Present: D.T. Wildman (chair), members of the Parish Council and  
25 members of the public.

Apologies received from Hazel Smith and Richard Summerfield

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1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of April 1993 having been  
circulated were confirmed and signed.

2. Accounts. A summary of the accounts for 1993/4 was  
circulated.

Total receipts for the year were £51404 and payments £63804.  
Council had £119847 in the Bank.

3. Charities. Ann Moore secretary gave a report (accounts were  
circulated). Noted that S.C.D.C. owned the Piper Lifelines  
for which the Charities paid the rental.

4. Chairman's Report.

Doctors' Surgery. D.T.W. gave a summary of recent events  
concerning the surgery and the present position - that a  
site on the Coles Road recreation ground seemed to be the  
most likely place for a new surgery.

D.T.W. thanked Dr. Steward for her considerable efforts at  
the time of the change over and welcomed Dr. Hunt to the  
meeting to answer any queries.

The feeling of the meeting was that recreational land should  
not be used. There appeared to be no alternative however  
at this stage especially as the doctors had only 2½ years  
of their present lease left.

The doctors would welcome further suggestions for sites  
and thanked the Parish Council for their help.

Overview. There had been no change in Parish Council  
personnel during the year.

The vision of the P.C. in 1986 in replacing the old village  
hall had made possible much of what had happened in 1994.  
The Community Centre (M.C.C.) was thriving with many clubs  
and organisations using its facilities and deserved the  
support of the village especially at its A.G.M. on May 4th.

The P.C. had minuted 450 items during the year and thanks  
to the Village View for reporting the main points.

70% of the budget went to the M.C.C. M.P.C. was giving  
financial support also to the youth club, day centre and  
newly established mobile warden scheme (the warden was due  
to start on May 3rd).

In 1985 M.P.C. precepted for £27000 (£15.88 per head), in  
1988/89 for £45000 and again in 1994/5 for £45000 (£11.25  
per head).

Community Policeman. The role of community policeman had  
been taken on very ably by P.C. David Gent, with whom  
Bob Waters, parish councillor, liaises. Unfortunately

P.C. Gent has three villages to cover. M.P.C. had contacted James Paice M.P. and Inspector Hayes had attended a P.C. meeting. Although extra resources were unlikely for at least two to three years M.P.C. would continue to campaign for a policeman devoted to Milton only.

A Special Parish Constable scheme at Bottisham was being monitored. If successful this scheme could be extended.

New neighbourhood watch schemes had been set up. The loss of the co-ordinator had slowed the process down.

Planning. Although consulted on planning matters by S.C.D.C. M.P.C. had no real powers.

- (i) Rowing Lake. The major planning application of the year concerned the proposed rowing lake. Public meetings in Waterbeach and Milton had been held (and well attended). M.P.C. continued to oppose the scheme and would focus on the conditions to be applied if the scheme goes ahead.
- (ii) Golf Course. An application for a golf course/driving range off the A10 had been turned down. Both M.P.C. and Morningsea.P.C. had objected to the plan. The application was now subject to an appeal.
- (iii) Cambridge News. The Cambridge News had made an initial presentation of plans for an office block at Winship Road. A formal application had yet to be submitted. The Cambridge News were keen to be good neighbours and work with M.P.C.

D.T.W. stressed that S.C.D.C. made planning decisions. Comments by parishioners on planning matters should be made to S.C.D.C. and preferably with a copy to M.P.C.

Local Government Review. A presentation had been made by officers of the County Council. The commission was in the process of producing preliminary proposals. The County Council preferred two unitary authorities based in Cambridge and Peterborough while S.C.D.C. preferred an amalgamation with East Cambs D.C. - Cambridge City being a separate authority.

Information would be distributed to every house. Parishioners would have 9 weeks to comment on the proposals.

Meetings. The P.C. meets on the first working Monday of each month except August. Items for the agenda needed to be submitted approx. 10 days before the meeting.

Cycle Route. M.P.C. were still pressing for improvements.

Bridge over A45. Not likely in the foreseeable future.

Dogs. More bye law signs had been erected. Bye laws were difficult to enforce. The bye laws for the Country Park for example had taken a long time to formulate.

Odours. Many complaints had been received about smells from the sewage works and landfill site. M.P.C. had contacted both Anglian Water and East Waste Ltd. Action had been promised. Further complaints would be followed up by M.P.C. East Waste had taken action to clean up rubbish that had blown from their site.

Traffic.

- (i) Pedestrian Crossing. A recent traffic count had dropped Milton from 17th to 18th in the County for a pedestrian crossing in Cambridge Road/High Street. Following an accident near Edmund House M.P.C. had met with County Council officials and would continue to press for improvements.
- (ii) Telephone Box A10. A phone box on the A10 was a possibility but not before 1996.
- (iii) A10 Slip Road. The road at the northern approach had been narrowed to slow traffic down. There was a perceived speeding problem in the village. A number of the speeding motorists lived in the village.

Chesterton Fen. M.P.C. had visited Chesterton Fen. As a result there had been improvements to the drainage, footpaths and street lighting.

Youth.

- (i) Youth Club. This was run by the I.V.C. Patch. Council meets with Andy Allen Patch Co-ordinator from time to time.
- (ii) Bus Project. A scheme was being set up, initially by Histon Baptist Church. M.P.C. had not yet decided whether to become involved.
- (iii) Detached Worker. M.P.C. were funding a pilot scheme for the summer term for a youth worker to meet the youth out and about in the village.

The Parish Council had a commitment to the youth.

Open Spaces. Most of the public open spaces now belonged to the village, including Coles Road Recreation Ground.

The open spaces north of Butt Lane (Costain and Bryant Homes) were in the hands of solicitors. It was hoped that these areas would be handed over soon.

It was the responsibility of the M.P.C. to maintain these areas of land.

Play Areas. Existing play equipment was monitored for repair work. Additional play facilities had been put in place as planned.

Bus Shelters. It was hoped to instal vandal proof lighting in the existing brick built shelters. Three new shelters had been erected.

Cemetery. In 1983 M.P.C. bought the land for the extension to the cemetery for £2700. Recent quotations for laying a path amounted to £5000. For the present a path was being mown very short. The question of whether to have a proper path laid was under review.

After a meeting with Andrew Rackham of the Farm College it has been suggested that a hedge be planted on the north and western boundaries and that a wild flower meadow be created on the area to the north of the path.

Discussions were proceeding with the Church Council as to whether to remove the hedge between the "old" and the "new" parts of the cemetery.

Impact. M.P.C. had agreed to make a donation of £10,000 to the I.V.C. swimming pool project after considerable discussion over three meetings.

It was a majority decision to support the scheme. The pool was due to open in September 1995 and would be beneficial to children now and in the future and to all in the village.

#### Elderly.

- (i) Day Centre. The Day Centre was proving to be very popular and successful.
- (ii) Mobile Warden Scheme. A part time mobile warden had been appointed to start work on May 3rd. This scheme had support from government bodies, charities and M.P.C.
- (iii) Sheltered Housing. A Housing Association had met with S.C.D.C. planners. A site at Milton Hall was being considered.

#### 5. Question and Answer.

Impact. Concern was expressed about the £10,000 donation to Impact, as this did not directly benefit the village.

D.T.W. explained that this decision was discussed over three meetings, that the payment was a one off donation and that in the majority view of Council this particular scheme warranted support.

A number of messages of support had already been received.

Youth. Council would be happy to respond to any positive suggestions for the youth in the age range 16-18.

Mrs. Shaw congratulated the Council on their positive attitude to young people.

Odours. It was suggested that the Environmental Health Officer be contacted about the odours from the sewage works and landfill site.

Land off Slip Road/A45. Concern was expressed about the possible access to the field.

Council would need to remind the owner to make the access secure from unauthorised entry.

Elderly. Len Sandford thanked the charities and M.P.C. for their help towards the Day Centre. The Day Centre were desperately in need of storage space. Helpers were also needed.

It was reported that noise was disturbing elderly residents in Walkling Way.

Highway Matters. The suggestion was put forward again that there should be a change of priorities at the northern slip road entrance to the village.

Concern about a "second hand car dealership" developing on the land in front of the industrial estate was voiced.

Chesterton Fen. There was still a need to remove rubbish from the ditches and hedgerows.

Sheltered Housing. The grounds of Milton Hall were suggested as a possible site for the doctors' surgery.

Allotments. Fewer allotments seemed to be taken up.

Country Park. Bye laws due to come in force 2nd May had taken 2 years to come to fruition. There would be another set of bye laws for dogs.

A Friends of the Country Park organisation had been set up - any welcome to join.

Footpaths. The state of footpaths was giving concern. J. Coston and the clerk were due to meet with Ed Thornton, the new District Supervisor.

Open Spaces. The Parish Council had no scheme for watering newly planted young trees.

Daffodils. F. Chilton thanked those who had planted the daffodil bulbs.

There being no further comments or questions D. Wildman thanked the residents for showing an interest in village affairs and attending.

The meeting ended at 9.45pm.

Signed *[Signature]* .....Chairman *24th April 1944* Date