

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Milton Village Hall
at 7.30pm on 25th May 1982 under the Chairmanship of
Mrs. B.C. Waterson - Chairman of the Parish Council.

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson, S.B. Poulter, A.D.J. Bull, R. Day, H.W.H. Easy, K.P. Humphries, P. Kiddle, G. Patten, R.T. Summerfield, M. Waggett, Cllr. J. Brackenbury and the Clerk S.J. Daniels together with approximately 50 residents.

Apologies received from Mrs. G. Tonks.

- 5213 1. The minutes of the A.P.M. held in 1981 had been
(5194) circulated. The following amendments were made:
Under 'Present' Cllr. W. Crossman to be added.
Item 5118 third para. for 'west' read 'east'.
Page 336 after item 29 a petition of 110 signatures
handed in against housing in area 3. Accepted without
comment by the Chairman and without discussion.

The following amendments were to be typed and
included with the minutes:

Under 'Present' delete 'Wright' from the paragraph.
(He was Councillor Wright from the City) - see below.
The following attended as observers:

S. Cambs. - Mrs. R. Johnson, Miss H. Hatley,
Mr. K.E. Turner, K.P. Humphries (also as
member of Parish Council)

City - Mrs. W. Nicol, Peter Wright.

Planning Officers

County - Mr. Colin Smith

City - Mr. David Urwin

The minutes were then signed.

2. Matters Arising. There were no matters arising from the last set of minutes.
3. Parish Council Accounts and Charities Report. On the proposition of Mr. F. Carlton and seconded Mr. R. Farrington the Accounts were approved subject to audit.
The Charities Accounts had been circulated for information only. The Rector reported that the trustees had broadened their scope from food parcels for the elderly to medical aid and equipment.
4. Past Chairman's report. B.C.W. thanked Richard Summerfield on behalf of the whole parish for the tremendous amount of work and the way he had conscientiously carried out his duties over the last seven years as Chairman and indeed over the fifteen years on the Council. These comments were received with the hearty approval of the meeting.

In prefacing his report R.T.S. thanked the Chairman for her kind words.

R.T.S. gave a full and comprehensive report of the previous year's activities mentioning the following:-

County Councillor - The close liaison between J.B. and Council.

Clerk - Retirement of Mr. Connor to whom thanks were expressed and the appointment of the new Clerk.

Roads and Paths - The state of these is constantly under surveillance.

Trees - Much guidance and work again from M.W. Loss of Fen Road trees also being considered.

Pond Green and Doctor's ditch - Improvements soon to be put in hand. Dr. Draper generously agreed to meet half the cost towards piping the ditch.

Grass cutting - A machine had been purchased and Parish Council have contracted for grass cutting to be done. To those residents who continue cutting public areas near their home R.T.S. expressed the Council's gratitude.

Telephone box on By-Pass - The situation is being reviewed - an application was turned down by British Telecom during the year.

Library - A suitable building is still to be obtained.

Gypsy Caravan Site - The Council had now lost this fight as the County Council had given permission for a site off Mere Way.

Country Park car park - The whole scheme is in the melting pot and only time would tell what happened next.

By-Pass footbridge - The Council have been assured that the bridge would be opened on June 22 1982.

Youth - The Parish Council had continued to sponsor a youth leader at the Youth Club and have supported a youth motorcycle training scheme on the old Bovis site.

Over 60's - The older villagers had also received support in the reimbursement of bus passes to the sum of £4.20 per pass.

Burial ground - It had been decided only the previous week to make the necessary approaches to acquire the land behind the existing Landbeach Road cemetery for extension.

At this point R.T.S. invited questions. Mr. P. Harrold asked about the position of the Chesterton Fen Gypsy Site. R.T.S. commented that this was a private site and planning permission had been granted for 3 pitches only.

Mr. F. Carlton was concerned about the apparent lack of safety devices on the Impington side of the bridge. R.T.S. commented that there would be protection on the village side and S.B.P. stated that sockets were already in position on the Impington side for staggered barriers.

5. Milton Plan. R.T.S. explained that although in 1981 he had agreed to call a public meeting he had not done so because the moment never seemed opportune and decisions had to be taken quickly except recently and as the 1982 A.P.M. was then looming there seemed no need therefore to call a special meeting.

He then summarised the developments throughout the year explaining that the S.C.D.C. Milton Plan had been returned by the County so that agreement can be reached on the Plan before it goes to Whitehall and that the final version of the Plan would probably be decided by the Minister or at a Public Inquiry. He explained the Parish Council's view, with the exception of the District Councillor, regarding the 'hundred metre corridor'.

The Chairman asked for questions from the floor.

Mr. F. Carlton asked who would pay for the development of the hundred metre strip. R.T.S. suggested that the land developers would have met the cost. B.C.W. however explained that according to the Planning Officer outline planning permission had now been granted for the area south of Butt Lane; 'therefore strip idea is out', although R.T.S. felt it could still be included as part of the detailed planning permission. B.C.W. explained that the corridor would be too expensive according to the Planning Officer and the responsibility of the Parish Council to maintain.

B.C.W. re-emphasised the present position namely that the County Council had thrown out the S.C.D.C. plan and that if the Plan were sent back to the County Council unchanged it would be sent to the Department of the Environment, not certified because it was not meeting Structure Plan requirements; without doubt the Minister would back the Structure Plan requirements.

The village could have its own Village Plan which would not be certified. In such a case developers would have the opportunity to move in anywhere. Cllr. J.B. supported B.C.W.'s comments as accurate stressing a compromise was needed between the S.C.D.C. and the County Council over housing in order to persuade the County Council to certify the Plan; to be relied upon a Plan must be certified.

S.B.P. felt that as the land south of Butt Lane was ideal for development, a compromise would mean an increase in density, or development north of Butt Lane.

K.P.H. commented that the County Council would not certify the Plan as it stands because the Structure Plan which the Minister approves states that Milton must take 3200 people and this is what Milton was fighting against. Public consultation and feasibility studies had been carried out properly over 10 months from July 1980 to May 1981 and that the '100 metres strip idea' had been put forward far too late. Mr. L. Sandford agreed with S.B.P. that Milton village had been subjected to moral blackmail. He felt strongly that a certified Plan was not necessary and that the village should fight every development individually.

S.B.P. felt that any compromise would mean more building land becoming available in the Milton area although K.P.H. did comment that the Milton Area is loosely defined.

R.T.S. commented that J.B.'s mention of compromise was in fact no compromise. He explained that the S.C.D.C. had proposed an increase of 2000 people to the County Council but a compromise of 300 extra houses as mentioned by Cllr. J.B. meant an extra 750 people; in addition the Nuffield Road proposals would bring the figures to 3200 people. M.W. agreed that Milton should not compromise to the top figure of 3200 which includes Nuffield Road area since 200 should be taken off that figure for the Nuffield Road housing.

Mr. Taylor asked after the S.C.D.C. had decided to 'go it alone' had they or the Parish Council reconsidered the King's Hedges Area. K.P.H. explained that in July 1981 the City would not swap the King's Hedges area for the land north of Butt Lane and that the S.C.D.C. did not need to suggest an alternative

allocation because of the present shortfall in forecast of population growth.

P.K. explained that in April 1981 the resolution R2 was passed to fight the expansion of housing and that the major problem was the control of building within the whole parish. It was not until November 1981 that the M.P.C. realised that the S.C.D.C. were prepared to reduce the numbers and the suggestion of 'a strip of land' was put forward to prevent any more expansion in the future. He felt that the Plan as drafted by the S.C.D.C. would not prevent further development north of Butt Lane after 1991. He agreed with Mr. Sandford that the village should fight all the developers individually. It was fine to have a Plan to control development realistically but in this case the planners had gone too far.

The Rector commented that if we had no Plan then no matter how much the village fights the decision could be negated by the Department of Environment.

S.B.P. was concerned that with no Plan, Milton would have fragmented development and none of the proposed facilities.

In response to Mr. Taylor, P.K. felt unable on the spur of the moment to say how future development could be controlled without a Plan. He commented that the Parish Council was agreed that Milton ought to have a Plan for future development but whether it coincided with the Structure Plan was irrelevant; Milton village should control the future development.

G.P. felt that it would be a shame to throw out the whole Plan for just two points.

Mr. L. Sandford proposed a Special Meeting be called in the light of P.K.'s comments to discuss the future development of Milton. This was seconded by Mr. R. Norman. A vote was taken there being in favour 24, against 3 and abstentions 6, approximately 17 residents did not record a vote.

Cllr. J.B. suggested that the meeting be held when the Parish had something concrete to discuss probably after the S.C.D.C. Planning Officers' visit to London in July 1982.

B.C.W. suggested that September would probably be a suitable time for the meeting stating as a personal view the possibility of a newsletter.

Mr. D. Maddocks agreed with P.K. that Milton should be kept as a village community. He felt certain that the Structure Plan could not be changed and that the village must have a certified Plan since few people would have the necessary time to fight each and every development individually.

6. Any Other Business

Gypsy Site off Mere Way. Mr. P. Harrold enquired how many caravans would be allowed on the site. B.C.W. answered that outline planning permission stated '... up to 15 families' and that the Parish Council would monitor the situation.

Village Sign. Mr. Booth put forward the idea of erecting a village sign. It was agreed to consider the matter at a Parish Council meeting.

Road Signs. M.W. commented on the loss of the finger signs. The Parish Council was still awaiting a reply from the Divisional Surveyor.

Home Defence Measures. B.C.W. read a letter from S.C.D.C. asking for a volunteer Community Adviser in the parish. It was hoped that a volunteer would come forward after the meeting. (Mr. P. Harrold subsequently volunteered).

The Chairman thanked all those who attended stressing that the Parish Council would endeavour to carry out the parish's requests for a Special Meeting and any new matters concerning the Plan to be circulated in a newsletter.

The meeting closed at 9.55pm.

Signed ... *Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs.)* ... Chairman ... *26th April 1983* ... Date