

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26 April 1983 in Milton Village Hall at 8pm under the chairmanship of Mrs. B.C. Waterson.

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson, S.B. Poulter, A.D.J. Bull, R. Day, H.W.H. Easy, K.P. Humphries, R. Summerfield, Mrs. G. Tonks. About 65 residents and the Parish Clerk S.J. Daniels.

Apologies for absence received from: Cllr. J. Brackenbury, G. Patten and M. Waggett.

Min. 5543. The Chairman extended a warm welcome to all. The minutes of the Annual Parish meeting of 25 May 1982 having been circulated were confirmed and signed.

Matters Arising

Library. M.P.C. had been unsuccessful in obtaining a building for the site next to J. Farrow's shop. It was anticipated that a branch library would eventually be built within the new shopping area. According to the City Librarian funds were still in reserve.

Trees. Some of the trees in Fen Road had been lost. A row had been planted by the owner. A Tree Preservation Order had been put on the remaining coppice.

Pond Green. Bollards had been erected to prevent lorries from driving on to the green.

Ditch Piping. The ditch outside the Doctor's surgery had been piped and filled in. Half of the cost having been met by the Doctor.

Telephone Kiosk. Because of the high rental this had not been acquired.

Gypsy Site. M.P.C. had pressed for proper control of the site. The secretary of the S.C.D.C. in a recent letter had confirmed that a part-time warden (20 hours per week) would be 'on call' 24 hours a day.

Footbridge. This was finally opened in September. M.P.C. had expressed concern at the height of the railings and about the dangers of leading horses across the bridge.

Cemetery. An extension to the Landbeach Road cemetery is in the process of being acquired for about £2000. This site was preferred to any other since there was concern that the present cemetery could otherwise be neglected.

Village Sign. K.P.H. had worked out some details of the history of Milton and the M.P.C. were working on a design.

Home Defence. Mr. P. Harrold had attended a course of lectures throughout the year.

2. The minutes of the Special Parish Meeting of 8 September 1982 were confirmed and signed.

The District Councillor explained that he had failed to obtain enough support for Option C by 3 votes out of 50 members of the S.C.D.C. The Plan had been certified and would be published in June. He hoped that it could be put on public deposit in the

village from 6 June to the end of August during which time the public would be able to make any comments or objections.

The County Council now forecast that by 1991 the population increase would be between 2100 and 2700.

3. Parish Accounts 1982/3. The provisional summary of accounts were circulated.

Charities Accounts 1982. The Charities accounts were circulated. The rector explained that the large balance on No. 1 Account would be reduced when the bill for an invalid chair was received. He gave a brief summary of each fund viz:-

- No. 1 - To help persons in need.
- No. 2 - General benefit.

4. Chairman's Report. In addition to the points already mentioned under Matters Arising the Chairman outlined the following business of the Parish Council.

Trees. Mr. Hellingsworth, Trees Officer was concerned about the disappearance of the trees. With the co-operation of Mr. David Bull and Mr. Neville Asplin he had produced a new planting plan. He would be willing to advise any landowners who would like to have trees on their land. Trees also have been planted around the Landfill Site.

I.V.C. It was discovered that the road to Impington was a test run for Heavy Goods vehicles. With the co-operation of the testers the M.P.C. had ensured that H.G.V.'s would not use this road between 8.30am to 9.00am and 3.30pm to 4pm.

Camtrial. The Camtrial Motorcycle Scheme had opened for youngsters between the ages of 13 and 17 on the Old Bovis Site.

Donations. A bottle of brandy and a card had been sent on behalf of the village to Mr. J. Coulson on his 100th birthday. A bottle of whisky had been given to Mr. B. Flitton who had kindly collected the christmas tree from Dullingham Woods at no charge. The Chairman thanked the members of the Parish Council for helping erect the tree and other members of the village who helped with the lights.

Chiropody Unit. This service was open to all over 60 years of age. The Unit visited the Walkling Way site every 8 weeks.

Daffodils. Mr. Easy had acquired 5 sacks of daffodils at a cost of £40. Thanks were due to him, Mr. Day, cubs, scouts and venture scouts who helped plant them. General murmur of approval.

V.H.M.C. The Chairman thanked the members of the Village Hall Management Committee for all their hard work on the recreation ground and the Village Hall.

Roads. Mr. Kisby, Divisional Surveyor had been kept very busy throughout the year with numerous complaints.

Subsidies. The Parish Council had tried to help the whole age range by paying the I.V.C. Youth Leader salary and part payment for the senior citizens bus pass.

Hedging. After many years hedging had been replaced in front of

Boulton and Paul with the co-operation of the firm.

Grass Cutting. During 1982 Mr. Butler had been employed to cut areas of the village. Mr. Simon Shipp had taken over in 1983 at the same rate of £30 per month.

Cleaning Duties. Mr. S.W.B. Shipp had kept the bus shelters clean and cleared the litter from the greens. The Chairman thanked him for these duties.

Rates. The Council felt it necessary to precept high for 1983 because of anticipated costs namely the village sign, cemetery extension and extension to the recreation ground (Middleton's Pit).

Traffic. All were upset at Peter Kidman's accident. As a result the Parish Council had met with the police and the County Council with the suggestions that the speed limit be reduced, the 40 m.p.h. signs north of the village be moved further north, the dual carriageway section be reduced in width and that consideration be given to changing the priority at the Fen Road junction. The police did not agree with the first and last suggestions but agreed that the signs could be moved and that markings (hatching) be painted on the road.

The Chairman concluded by thanking everybody who had helped namely those who cut the grass verges near their houses, all the parish councillors for their support during the year, County Councillor John Brackenbury and District Councillor Ken Humphries. Peter Kiddle through business reasons resigned in December and the council were sorry to lose him.

There were now only eight councillors and the chairman thanked the retiring members for all their hard work and asked if any members of the public were interested in filling the three vacancies.

Finally the clerk and his wife were thanked for their help.

5. Any Other Business

Verges. Mr. Rowlinson commented that although he kept the verge outside his house cut Eastern Electricity lorries had churned up the verge.

Traffic Conditions. Dr. Lock was concerned about the speed limit. Insp. Waters explained that the County Council would reduce the speed limit if two criteria were met:-

1. high percentile speed
2. number of accidents.

According to figures recently obtained the percentile speed for the village (average speed) was 34-36 m.p.h.

The County Council would monitor the situation as the village population expands.

Insp. Waters thought that white markings on the road near the Fen Road junction and the positioning of the 40 m.p.h. signs further north would probably happen.

In answer to S. Poulter, Insp. Waters explained that the police would have no objection to narrowing the carriageway but the County Council highways would need to be persuaded. K. Humphries suggested that the village could ask for this to be included in the Plan. The police and County Council were aware that children cross the main road at a dangerous point but this did not alter the County Council's view regarding the speed limit.

Mrs. Kearney was concerned about the number of E.E.B. vehicles

driving through the village especially between 8.30am and 9.00am. The Parish Council were aware of this problem and Eastern Electricity would be reminded.

Level Crossing. Mrs. Jones complained of the uneven level crossing on Milton Road. The Parish Council would contact the appropriate authority.

Ditch - Old School Lane. Mr. Kerlake would be happy to pipe this ditch if pipes could be supplied; also the brickwork in the wall had become loose and dangerous.

K. Humphries explained that the ditch was private and that there was little possibility of obtaining pipes from the S.C.D.C. but he had asked environmental health and the land drainage committee to look at the situation. The Clerk would write to highways about the wall.

Mr. Nunn commented that this ditch was often blocked under the road.

Grit Bin. Mrs. Kearney asked for the litter to be cleared from the Grit Bin.

Footpath - Old School Lane. Mr. Kerlake asked if the builder would put right the footpaths near the two new houses. This complaint was noted.

Sign. Mrs. Evans asked if villagers could see the design before the sign was erected and wondered where the sign would be put. The Chairman suggested villagers would be able to read details on the notice board.

Motor Cycles - Pearson Close. Residents of Pearson Close complained about the motor cycling beyond Pearson Close. Insp. Waters explained that if considerable noise and inconvenience was caused the residents should complain to the parish and the police. If however the owner of the land did not object then no criminal offence was committed. Mr. Nunn commented that this problem was not new and that perhaps residents should try to encourage the boys to fit silencers and move away from the houses.

Mr. Merry had attempted this but the noise was not only throughout the day but also at 11pm and Saturday and Sunday.

Camtrial had provision for restricted membership and therefore would not cater for all of these youths.

Country Park. Mr. Milner asked about the latest position of the Country Park.

According to K. Humphries the matter was in abeyance although the County Council were being urged to make progress.

A45 Footbridge. In response to Mr. Kerlake's query about the A45 footbridge K. Humphries suggested that local residents raise this matter during the deposit period of the Plan, although it was in the Local Plan and firmly supported by the City.

A45 Interchange. Mr. Kerlake pointed out that because of poor signposting many drivers take the slip road by mistake and then reverse up the hill.

Three matters had been recently raised which the Chairman put before the meeting.

I.V.C. Bus. The cost for this service during the summer term

would be £50 + and parents were concerned that if the bus were not used it might be withdrawn.

The bus would run in September and parents were asked to encourage their children to use it (if 40 children used the service it would cost £29.68 per term).

The County Council and Governors were looking into ways of contracting the bus for a year.

Bus Timetable. As complaints had been received about the revised bus services the Parish Council had written to the Department of Transportation.

School. The Chairman asked the rector to comment on the future of the school following the announcement of Mr. Whitton's retirement.

The Governors were eager to maintain the present style and standards. They would have considerable say at the interview of a new headteacher.

There being no further business Mrs. Waterson thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.38pm.

Signed ..*Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs)*.....Chairman ..*8 May 1984*.....Date