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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday April 26th 1993
at 8pm in the Community Centre.

Present: D.T. Wildman (chair), members of the Parish Council and
about 40 residents.

Apologies received from R.E. Smith

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1. D.T.W. welcomed all to the meeting and reported that J. Fisher's health was improving. He expressed his best wishes for a full and speedy recovery. Mrs. Fisher wished to give thanks for the many messages of support. Alan Wyatt, District Councillor of Landbeach had offered to represent Milton's interests at S.C.D.C. during J.F.C.F.'s incapacity.
2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 1992 having been circulated were confirmed and signed.
3. Accounts. The clerk reported on the accounts for 1992/3. Balance in hand at 31.3.93 amounted to £132246 including £84035 commuted sums towards the maintenance of open spaces and £11850 for capital projects.
4. Charities Report. A Moore reported that the main expense was for alarm systems. S.C.D.C. now provided the systems. The charities helped pay monthly charges where the recipient could not afford to pay.
5. Chairman's Report. D.T.W. noticed that frequently thanks were expressed in the minutes often to those who gave time for the village.

He wished to thank R.D. former chairman, and R.T.S. vice chairman and the clerk.

S. Pullen and E. Dunlop had resigned from the Council;
Bob Waters and Robin Rose had been co-opted.

Thanks also to all members of the Council; editors and those who deliver the Village View, the Cambridge News former sponsors and Eastern Electricity current sponsors of the Village View.

Youth Work. A. Allen Patch Co-ordinator from I.V.C. informed Council in June of an increased budget to pay for three youth leaders and the hall. In February he warned of budget cuts which prevented I.V.C. from starting a junior club. His priorities were to maintain the level of adult education and to develop youth work when he could. M.P.C. had protested to the Director of Education about the cuts and would continue to work with the "Pepys" Patch.

Neighbourhood Watch. Schemes were now being set up in the village.

The scheme "Combine Against Crime" had been launched to encourage local communities to help combat problems.

Statistics showed that Milton suffered mainly from theft from unlocked cars and burglary because of poor security in houses.

The full time police officer had recently been replaced by a part time officer. Council were concerned about this and had sent letters to Supt Rogers and J. Paice M.P.

Travellers. It was hoped that legislation due in 1993 would strengthen police powers.

Thanks to Mrs. Wilson for having her field adjacent to the A45 cleaned up and also to the County Council for digging a ditch on the verge adjacent to the A10 and Butt Lane to prevent the incursion of travellers.

Pay Party. Following a pay party vulnerable buildings were identified and security improved. Thanks to S.C.D.C. and Cambridge News for clearing up the bricks and Tesco for repairing the wall.

Traffic. Traffic calming schemes were given a low priority by the County Council. M.P.C. had investigated the possibility of part funding schemes.

Drive Carefully signs for use during school holidays had been purchased.

Council's main priority a pedestrian crossing was 18th in the County Council list in November. Traffic schemes could be implemented if fully funded (cf Fen Ditton scheme c. £50,000).

Council had agreed to await the report of the Department of Transport experimental calming schemes.

Thanks to Eastern Electricity who were aware of traffic problems and tried to encourage staff vehicles not to use the village.

M.P.C. were awaiting responses from the County Council re: the cycle/foot bridge and the parking of vehicles on the mound in front of Jarrold.

Footpaths. Priority for resurfacing for 1993/94: Cambridge Road, Old School Lane and Pryor Close. Coles Road and Fen Road were in the list for 1994/5.

Cable T.V. R.J.F. was monitoring the Cambridge Cable operations on behalf of M.P.C. One cabinet (causing an obstruction) in High Street had been relocated.

Legion Hall. The old hall at the Lion and Lamb had been demolished - the bricks to be used for the Lion and Lamb extension.

Old "British Legion" photos had been located. It was hoped to put copies on display.

Annexe. Thanks to R.J.F. and R.T.S. who had spent a lot of time sorting out problems with the architects.

Proposed Rowing Lake. Change of use of land between Milton and Waterbeach to a rowing lake had been agreed in principle by S.C.D.C. subject to certain controls. The Rowing Trust were still revising plans to try to take into consideration the views of Milton and Waterbeach. These plans were expected within weeks.

Local Government Review. As part of the consultation process M.P.C. had made three recommendations:

1. More account of local opinion should be taken on planning matters.

2. Locally elected members should be allowed to vote on planning matters within their area.
 3. The business rate should be a proportion of the number of businesses within each parish boundaries.
- M.P.C. was opposed to the City merging with the necklace villages. It was also felt that parishes should have the statutory right to spend on social services.

Structure Plan Review. M.P.C. were especially concerned about dualling of the A10 and upgrading of the A10/A45 interchange prior to any shopping centre or development north of the city.
No significant change in the Milton area was envisaged.

Chesterton Fen. Council had visited Chesterton Fen. As a result the County Council were costing schemes for footpath and street lighting.

Country Park. Now almost complete. Official opening set for May 26th. Much of the wildlife that had been disturbed had returned.

Thanks to M. Busby, ranger, who took M.P.C. on a conducted tour.

Proposed bye laws were yet to be confirmed.

Thanks also to J.F.C.F., R.D. and R.T.S. representatives on the Working Party who had been successful in protecting the interests of the village.

The ditch and hedge (Coles Road) adjacent to the village access had been cleaned out.

Care for the Elderly. Though not initiated by M.P.C. J.F.C.F. was involved in schemes for the elderly:

1. Short Term. A day centre for the frail elderly.
2. Medium Term. A mobile warden scheme.
3. Long Term. Sheltered housing.

A well attended public meeting had discussed these proposals.

The day centre was now being set up.

M.P.C. was granting £1400, Eastern Electricity helping with the cooker and freezer and Milton Charities also helping by purchasing chairs.

Thanks to the committee members especially J.F.C.F., L. Sandford and M. Sandford.

Grass Cutting. All public areas for grass cutting within the village were now being looked after by M.P.C. The County Council had agreed to fund the areas previously cut by their own contractor.

Bus Passes. M.P.C. continued to reimburse a proportion of the bus pass costs (recently increased).

Street Lighting. Thanks to the County Council for their prompt action in installing street lights in Shirley Close following a request from the Residents Association.

Tree Planting. Thanks to S.J.S. Tree Warden and her team of volunteers and to R.D. for arranging purchase of shrubs/trees.

M.C.C. Annual General Meeting set for May 5th. Support from the village always welcome.

Play Areas. Play areas had been improved and new ones installed. A scheme for Humphries Way was planned.

Christmas Tree. Thanks to C. Bland of Willow Crescent for donating Christmas Tree and to M.P.C. members for erecting tree. Thanks also to J. Sandford for looking after the lighting.

Daffodils. Thanks to J.E.C. and volunteers for planting daffodil bulbs. It was hoped to plant more in 1993.

D.T.W. concluded by thanking residents for attending the meeting.

6. Questions and Answers.

Crime. In response to a query about levels of crime R.L.E.W. pointed out that crime was on the increase and that the Cambs. Police Force needed more resources. He emphasised that everyone should do as much as possible to deter criminals (e.g. improved security, locking car doors) and should always advise the police of any incident. He hoped that neighbourhood watch schemes would be supported.

Travellers. It was not known why only half of the site off the A45 was occupied. The car park at the Country Park was to be locked overnight to keep travellers out.

Sound Barrier A45. The sound barrier adjacent to the A45 and Country Park was not planned at present but would be reviewed. R.T.S. suggested that everyone writes to the S.C.D.C. and also the Cambridge News.

Dogs. Concerns were expressed about dog faeces. More signs were needed. Bye laws for the Country Park were expected.

Traffic. It was suggested that the 30 M.P.H. signs north of the village should be moved further north.

Concern about the junction at the slip road off the A10 north of the allotments was expressed.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

Signed *[Signature]*Chairman *25th April '94* Date