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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 27 April 1992
at 8pm in the Community Centre.

Present: R. Day (in the chair), Parish Council, about 60 residents
and County Councillor M. Leeke.

Apologies for absence from J.F.C. Fisher, G. Patten and F.J. Kilner

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1. Country Park Update. R.D. welcomed all to the meeting and introduced Tony Leadley of S.C.D.C. and Malcolm Busby ranger of the Country Park.

T.L. explained that the budget for the Country Park project had been reduced. The second phase of the landscape contract was in progress. All work north of the 13th public drain was due to be finished by the end of May. The Visitors Centre and separate toilet block (with full access for disabled) would be built between July and March 1993. Country Park to be completed by March 31st 1993.

45-50 fishing platforms had been built. All fishing rights to be leased to an angling club - Milton residents to pay reduced rate of membership. An assistant ranger had been appointed recently. A seasonal ranger would be appointed for the summer months from 1993.

The Cambs. and Beds. Wildlife Trust were interested in managing the shop within the Visitors Centre.

Bye laws would be formulated for the two rangers to implement.

A grounds maintenance contract for a four year period for litter clearance, grass cutting, maintenance of paths etc., would be open for tenders.

The following issues were raised.

Horses. These would be allowed on an identified route. Galloping not allowed. At this stage the scale of problems such as horse fouling was an unknown factor.

Dogs. If S.C.D.C. decided to apply for "dogs on leads" bye laws the Home Office would insist on exercise areas for dogs. In such a case there would probably be two or three fenced off areas for dogs off leads.

Access. Pedestrian access only to be allowed at all entrance points except main entrance with car park at "Tesco" end. The Lease negotiated with the angling club would prohibit parking in Old School Lane, Shirley Close and Fen Road.

T.L. agreed with R.D.'s suggestion that any map of the Country Park should not show these (pedestrian) entrances.

Sound Barrier. E. Dunlop argued strongly for a re-examination of the sound barrier along the A45. R.D. agreed that the Country Park would be enhanced by a sound barrier and that a solid sound barrier was the only effective answer. N.B. Parish Council has been very concerned about this matter. T.L. - to be kept under review.

Trees. T.L. was disappointed at the size of the trees on the mound.

Car Parking. (100 spaces + 20 overflow spaces) to be available in Summer 1992.

Roadway. To be adopted from Tesco roundabout to car park.

Advertising. No plans for advertising at present.

R.D. thanked T.L. and M.B. for attending and pointed out that both he and R.T.S. sat on the Working Party which had listened to their views and taken note of suggestions. If any parishioners wished to make suggestions the Parish Council would willingly take these to the Working Party.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 13 May 1991 having been circulated were confirmed and signed.

3. Accounts. Receipts for the year were £98478.00 including £35252 VAT refund and £23450 interest. Payments amounted to £254826 of which £241024 was spent on the Community Centre and recreation grounds (bowls green, tennis courts, pavilion, car park, annexe, play equipment).

In response to a question R.D. explained that M.P.C. had decided not to fence the play equipment on The Sycamores recreation ground as a trial, as experience had shown that fences did not always prevent dogs from entering play areas. In addition fences were often broken down necessitating repairs. (M.P.C. were advised also that dogs were not keen on "using" a barked area.)

4. Charities Report. Ann Moore Clerk to the Charities reported on the accounts. If there was a need (e.g. for alarms for the elderly) Ann Asked for requests to be put to the Trustees.

5. Chairman's Report. M.P.C. needed to co-opt members in 1991 to make the full complement.

R.D. intended retiring as chairman in May 1992.

Recreational Facilities. (Open Spaces) These were now second to none. M.P.C. were still negotiating with the developers north of Butt Lane for the hand over of open spaces.

Spaces south of Butt Lane were almost all under the control of M.P.C. The Rowan's play area had been planted with pyracantha. It was hoped to remove the unsightly wire and concrete fence in time.

The Sycamores recreation ground was now managed by the Milton Community Centre. G. Patten cut the grass and P. Ferguson looked after the trees/shrubs and bund.

A water main had been laid along the perimeter of the recreation ground. Landscaping was due to be replaced in Autumn 1992.

An improved car park was one result. (Both had been damaged by contractors). As Tesco did not wish to be involved with the planting of the roundabout outside their store M.P.C. had planted shrubs following advice from B. Cox.

Over 150 trees had been planted throughout the village. B. Cox had donated some of these trees. Thanks were due to J. Snaith for organising tree planting.

Landfill Site. Permission to extend this site was granted by the County Council. Various conditions included road improvements at the Butt Lane/A10 junction.

Bus Route. The highlight of the year was the granting on appeal of a free bus service for children travelling to Impington Village College.

Thanks to James Paice, Maurice Leeke, Parish Council and

parishioners who helped.
Thanks especially to Hazel Smith and Jane Coston.
Jane Co-ordinated the campaign and spoke at the appeal hearing.
A tremendous achievement!

Traffic. Volume of traffic and speed was a problem (as everywhere). It was hoped that the traffic lights at the A45/A10 junction would alleviate problems. M.P.C. had met with County Council officials to view all sites of concern. A survey and radar trips (May 1991) had shown no significant speeding problems. There was no bad accident record in Milton. The County Council had limited funds and concentrated their resources on "black spots." Milton was on the County Council's list for traffic calming measures and was awaiting results of another survey by the County.

Community Centre. M.P.C. continued to support M.C.C. The annexe was now being used by the playgroup, beavers and scouts. R.D. asked parishioners to support the M.C.C. by attending their A.G.M.

Youth Club. This opened again in September 1991 with 60-70 members. M.P.C. paid for youth leaders. Meetings had been held with J. Williams and A. Allen of I.V.C. Concerns about the apparent low level of support for the youth by I.V.C. had been expressed. It was understood that A. Allen was intending to propose to the governors an increase in support for Milton youth.

Tennis/Netball Courts. These were completed on time. No Saxon/Roman remains were found.

Litter. As everywhere this was a problem. S.C.D.C. cleaned the High Street once a fortnight. M.P.C. employed two workers to clean up litter.

Bus Passes. M.P.C. continued to support this scheme.

Allotments. Complaints were received about rabbits even deer at times.

Footpaths. No progress had been made with the footpath link and pocket park off Fen Road as originally proposed by David Waterson.

Village Sign. The sign had been erected recently. Thanks to Len Sandford for woodwork and co-ordinating project also to Bert Pearson for help with storage and erection of sign. Plaques to K.P. Humphries and Dr. H.B. Whitmore would be put on the post.

War Memorial was cleaned for the first time in many years. Traffic islands at Fen Road/High Street junction were cleaned by R.D. and the clerk.

Baits Bite Lock. The N.R.A. had altered the rail barriers.

Best Kept Village Competition. Milton came second in its group.

Village Tour. M.P.C. make an annual tour of the village.

Cable T.V. Advance notice of Cable T.V.'s intention to lay cable had been received.

Cambridge News. M.P.C. had visited the C. News building.

Village View. The Village Voice had ceased publication. The Village View had taken over. The first four editions were being printed free of charge by the Cambridge News. R.D. wished the publication success.

Dogs. A committee had looked into the possibility of "Dog fouling" bye laws for the open spaces and recreation grounds. M.P.C. had decided against asking for bye laws and suggested a scheme to S.C.D.C.

R.D. concluded by thanking his fellow councillors and the clerk and his wife for their support during his time both as chairman and vice chairman.

6. Question and Answer Session.

Open Spaces. According to P.C. Barringer the roads on the development north of Butt Lane were not yet adopted. The developers had threatened to employ private contractors to maintain the open spaces. M.P.C. would prefer control of these areas and had been negotiating for their hand over. As yet M.P.C. had no control over these areas. There was a risk that these areas would not be handed over. The patch of land at the Landbeach Road/Humphries Way was an eyesore. The County Council intended maintaining this area. M.P.C. had planted trees.


Neighbourhood Watch. Derek Booth hoped to co-ordinate a scheme for Fen Road. Supt. Tooke would be happy to arrange a meeting about the scheme. It was suggested that this should be publicised in the Village View.

Butt Lane/High Street and Fen Road/High Street. Concern was expressed about these junctions. M.P.C. were awaiting for County Council's advice.

Industrial Estate. The land in front of the industrial estate had not been mounded as this was in line with the entrance to the proposed cycle/footbridge over the A45.

Bund. Residents of Townsend Close were concerned that walkers on the top of the bund could look down into their properties. Main worries were to do with security. R.D. pointed out that the Local Plan of 1985 deemed this area public open space. There would be no formal footpath but once the land was in public ownership it would be difficult to prevent people from walking along the top of this bund.

There being no further questions R.D. thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.55pm.

Signed Chairman *26th April 93* Date