

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 29 April 1991
at 8pm in the Community Centre.

Present: R. Day (chair), Parish Council and about 60 residents.

Apologies for absence: F.J. Kilner, P. Hague.

Minute 173/91

1. The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 23 April 1990 were confirmed and signed.
2. Accounts. The summary of accounts for 1990/91 were presented. Receipts for the year totalled £257,993.00 and payments £181153.00. J.F.C.F. pointed out that the sums of money dealt with by M.P.C. were far greater than most parish councils had to deal with.
3. Charities. The accounts were presented. It was reported that funds were available towards the emergency answering service.
4. Chairman's Report. The chairman especially welcomed the new residents and gave a brief outline of the recent developments in Milton from the Cambridgeshire Structure Plan of 1978/9 and the District Plan of 1985, the expansion of the village including Tesco and the need for a bigger community building which was opened in 1986 to the present day.

Facilities completed or in the process of being built were as follows: new recreation ground, cricket square, pavilion, bowling green, tennis courts and under 16's building.

There was a possibility of Neolithic, Saxon or Roman remains at the site of the tennis courts on Coles Road Recreation Ground.

R.D. thanked his predecessors Beryl Waterson and Lesley Lock for their efforts in negotiating with developers, also the sports clubs for their co-operation, J.F.C.F. for co-ordinating the sporting facilities and J.E.C. and her Play Committee for organising the children's play equipment. Thanks also to M.C.C. for their donation towards an extension to the car park.

During 1990/91 the Council was involved in the following:

Country Park. Rubbish had been removed, pathways laid and landscaping started.

A warden was due to start within a few weeks. R.D. envisaged major changes during the next five years. He expressed concern that the numbers of visitors and the need for S.C.D.C. to justify spending £500,000 on a visitors' centre (as had been recently proposed) could alter the concept of a low key park and destroy the nature of the area.

In 1991/2 pond clearance, fishing platforms, roadworks, car parking and part culverting of the 13th public drain were planned.

The area now owned by S.C.D.C. was safe from industrial development. A debt of gratitude was owed to S.C.D.C.

Tree Planting. 150 trees and shrubs were replaced on the bund and open spaces on The Rowans and Sycamores. Thanks to the volunteers, the scouts for use of minibus and venture scouts

for use of trailer.

Youth Club. The Youth Club closed in December through lack of support. Council had met with Sylvia West and Janet Williams of I.V.C. after which a youth panel consisting of Roy and Betty Martin, Janet Williams and Jane Coston was formed.

The Youth Club was a vital part of the community and anyone interested in acting as a leader was urged to contact J. Williams at I.V.C.

Bus Passes. Council continued to subsidise this scheme.

Allotments. There was an ongoing problem with rabbits although council had paid S.C.D.C. and a private contractor to try to solve this problem.

Village Sign. The sign had been painted. It was hoped to have it erected in 1991. Thanks to Len Sandford and David Waterson.

Baits Bite Lock. Mesh had been fitted on the stairway of the bridge. The sluices were now automated. Bollards had been installed to prevent cars using the halingway.

The area surrounding Baits Bite was confirmed as a conservation area in November 1990.

Footpaths. David Waterson was investigating the possibility of a circular route from Fen Road to Waterbeach Road and then Landbeach Road.

R.D. looked forward to seeing a footpath connecting the halingway and the Country Park.

Village Cleaning. The problems of litter were not unique to Milton.

From 1.4.91 S.C.D.C. were cleaning High Street and Cambridge Road fortnightly.

A part time cleaner Robin Adams had been employed for other areas. Thanks to R. Adams and also to S. Shipp for their efforts.

Community Centre. Council continued to support M.C.C. to the equivalent of the manager's wage.

A feasibility study examined the possibility of extending the Centre.

Because of piling an extension would be too expensive.

Council had therefore decided on a separate building.

Thanks to M.C.C. Committee, especially the Executive Committee, Lesley Lock, Mick Gray, Gerry Patten and Doug Jones.

Congratulations to M.C.C. for winning a village hall competition.

The land behind the Centre known as Middleton's Pit (filled in 1978) was tested for methane gas. No gas was found.

R.D. encouraged parishioners to attend the A.G.M. on 8 May 1991.

PLANNING

i. Open Spaces. Most of the development was now finished.

Responsibility for maintenance of the open spaces would fall upon the Parish Council.

Money for maintenance had been received from two developers. It was expected that a commuted sum for the maintenance of the open spaces at Humphries and Froment Way would be received

during the next year.

Russian Vine had been planted along the fence by The Rowans play area. The fence had been erected to stop children running on to the road.

There were problems of dogs and the hitting of golf balls on the open spaces. The new Council would possibly need to consider bye-laws.

ii) Extension to Landfill Site. An application to extend the Landfill Site had been received. The Parish Council were extremely concerned about the traffic implications in Butt Lane and objected to the proposed entrance in Butt Lane.

iii) Eastern Electricity. Eastern Electricity had received permission to build an office, dining and sports club. Extensive tree and shrub planting on the southern and western boundaries was a condition of planning.

iv) Cambridge News. Permission for a Cambridge News Press Hall in Winship Road was granted in July, with strict conditions on odour, noise and fumes. Landscaping should hide the building within 10-15 years. The landscaping in Winship Road was welcomed.

Tesco Roundabout. The County Council were not yet ready to take over the roundabout. Tesco were interested in helping plant it. The County Council had agreed to raise the mound in front of the industrial estate and erect bollards to prevent parking on the mound.

Street Trading. High Street/Cambridge Road was due to become a Consent Street on July 1st. Street trading would not be allowed without the consent of S.C.D.C.

Traffic. Retail shops were welcomed although there were parking problems in High Street. The parking however did help reduce traffic speed.

M.P.C. was awaiting feedback from an experiment at Gamlingay before deciding whether to apply to have humps or rumble strips laid. The problem with these was noise which could affect residents living nearby. T-junction signs had been erected at the Goding Way junction on Fen Road.

Cambridge Northern Fringe. M.P.C. was involved in the consultation period. Cambridge City's support for a foot/cycle bridge over the A45 was welcomed.

This bridge was in the County Council 3 year medium term plan "Subject to funding." Cambridge City had proposed the A45 as the boundary plus the inclusion of Chesterton Fen within the city.

A City Plan was now awaited.

The road across Ditton Meadows was now deferred until 1996 and the Eastern By-Pass squashed.

Size of Council. The Parish Council had been increased from 11 to 15 members. It was disappointing that there would be no

election in 1991. Council would be looking to co-opt.

R.D. concluded by thanking (in addition to those already thanked) Stan Poulter for overseeing the pavilion project, Richard Summerfield (vice-chairman), Rob Farrington and Richard Summerfield for their involvement in the Under 16's building, all volunteer helpers and the clerk and his wife.

5. Question and Answer Session.

Bund - Coulson Close. The bund by Coulson Close had not been handed over - negotiations with the liquidators of the building firm were in hand. It was hoped to provide a walk along the whole length of the bund from The Sycamores Recreation Ground through to the northern end of the village.

"Shapers" S.C.D.C. were taking enforcement action to ensure provision of adequate parking as per planning application.

Cricket Square. H.A. Capitain reported that the cricket square played perfectly on the opening day of the season and thanked all involved on behalf of the cricket club.

Traffic. The question of part time traffic light controls at the A10/A45 was raised. It was reported that the Department of Transport had asked the County to design and install lights by end of 1991.

The cycleway path was in a poor state of repair. S.C.D.C. were unwilling to put money into cycleways as had the City Council within the city boundary. The clerk had complained to the County on numerous occasions. The Parish would continue to press for improvements.

Mud and sharp stones on the slip road were causing problems.

Concern was expressed that there was not enough parking provision for the cars that were prevented from parking on the mound in front of the industrial estate.

Eastern Electricity lorries continued to use the village. The question of asking them to use the by pass was raised (again!).

The extra car parking at Coles Road recreation ground was welcomed.

Landfill Site - Extension. Concern was voiced about traffic problems in Butt Lane if this scheme were to go ahead.

Voluntary Car Scheme. The scheme for taking elderly residents to Tesco was working well. Thanks to Iris Chilton.

Industrial Estate. Improvements to the signs at the industrial estate were called for.

Road Cleaning. It was noted that the perimeter of the central islands at Fen Road/High Street junction were never swept.

Country Park. A car park for 50 cars plus a grass overflow park was planned. J.F.C.F. commented that S.C.D.C. had not yet taken the decision to put in the visitors' centre.

Doctor's Surgery. Both doctors were on duty each morning which reduced the waiting time. Thanks were due to the doctors.

Sign - Humphries Way. The sign to Milton seemed to suggest that Humphries Way and neighbouring roads were not in the village. This sign was erected to stop vehicles especially lorries, travelling to the school by mistake.

R.D. thanked all for attending.

J.F.C.F. thanked R.D. for all the hard work that he had done for the village during the previous 12 months.

The meeting ended at 9.20pm.

Signed R DayChairman .. 27 April Date 92

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

I, Roger Day, having been elected to the office of* CHAIRMAN

declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of my judgment and ability.

I undertake to be guided by the National Code of Local Government Conduct in the performance of my functions in that office.

Date 13 May (Signed) R Day

This declaration was made and signed before me,

(Signed) S Daniels 1991/2

~~Member~~/Proper Officer of the Council of the parish/~~community~~/town of MILTON

*Insert description of office.

This declaration, or a form to the like effect, must be used whenever a person is elected to a town, parish or community council or is co-opted to a casual vacancy where there has been no bye-election or is elected town mayor or chairman.