

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 29 April 1996 at 8pm in the Community Centre

Present: RLE Waters (chair) RJ Farrington JE Coston IL Davis R Day IF May
CF Nunn J Sandford SJ Snaith RT Summerfield EY Wakeling
Sgt Bill Chapman Pc's Nick Lidstone & Ian Parton
Bob Menzies & Judith Banks - County Council Transportation
Department
30 members of the public and the clerk to the Parish Council.

- 203/96 **1. Apologies for Absence**
DJ Lee J Shaw HM Smith DT Wildman A Moore and M Sandford.
- 204/96 **2. Welcome**
RLEW welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the Parish Councillors to introduce themselves to the "Annual Assembly". He pointed out that the Local Government Act 1972 in amending old legislation required each parish to hold an annual assembly between 1 March and 1 June and that resolutions made at this meeting were not necessarily binding on the Parish Council.
- 205/96 **3. Minutes**
The minutes of the APM 1995 were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- 206/96 **4. Accounts**
Accounts for the year had been circulated. The clerk gave a brief summary. Receipts totalled £111,989 and payments £129,578.
- 207/96 **5. Charities Report**
As A Moore was unable to be present there was no report. The Accounts were circulated.
- 208/96 **6. Chairman's Report**
RLEW took over as chairman in November 1995 with RJF becoming vice chairman. He thanked DTW for his service as chairman. Instead of giving a comprehensive report on the activities of the Parish Council he had highlighted key issues to be discussed.
- a) Crime. Statistics for 1995 showed car crimes to be the most common offence. The recent survey showed that people were worried about car crimes, burglary and criminal damage. RLEW felt that by taking positive action the village could reduce crime. MPC had submitted a bid to the Home Office for a grant towards a CCTV system at the Community Centre an area affected by criminal activity in 1995. If the bid was successful the village would have to find just over £8000 towards the project. RLEW looked for the support of the APM.
- MPC together with the police and other agencies was pursuing a "Safer Villages Initiative". It was hoped that this scheme would involve everyone in making Milton a safer village to live in.

MPC showed a positive attitude towards the youth of the village both by financially supporting the youth club and by negotiating with Impington Village College for additional facilities. Although approximately 200 youngsters were catered for in the village by the scouting organisations there appeared to be a need for a "Drop In" centre. Tesco had agreed to donate £1000 and Andy Allen of IVC had secured further finance. Until a permanent building for a Drop In centre could be found the Bus Project would provide an alternative venue at The Sycamores Recreation Ground.

Questions from the Floor.

WD Booth felt that regular Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator meetings should be held (as had happened in the past). He asked if the statistics showed if the same people were committing crimes.

Sgt Chapman replied that 50% of the offences were committed by people in the 14 - 25 age group and that the age of offending seemed to be getting lower and lower.

In reply to questions from Paul Capitain and Harry Capitain Pc Ian Parton pointed out that he had many other duties as well as being Milton's policemen. He was aware of which youngsters were causing problems and he had been in constant dialogue with them. He felt that the problems at Dillons store had decreased.

In response to F Hubbard it was suggested that concerns about the ratio of police officers to the population of Cambridgeshire should be sent to the Chief Constable. L Sandford wondered whether Parish money should be put towards a policeman although R Day was strongly opposed to this. Sgt Chapman said money was available for Special/Parish Constables. The problem was finding a motivated person to provide that service.

Thanks to the police officers for attending.

b) Traffic Calming.

Robert Menzies and Judith Banks of the County Council Transportation Department attended.

There had been 447 replies out of 1800 to the Traffic Calming questionnaire sent out by RM and his team. 65% of the responses were in favour of some sort of traffic calming. If the village decided to go ahead with the scheme the Transport Services Committee would look at various factors such as the number of accidents in Cambridge Road/High Street. RM thought that after these factors had been taken into account Milton would be somewhere in the middle of the list of places requesting traffic calming schemes and that it would be some years before the scheme came into being. He estimated a scheme for Milton would cost between £150,000 and £200,000.

MPC had started the process as there was a perceived problem in the main road namely injury accidents. A pedestrian crossing was MPC's minimum requirement.

Questions from the Floor

In response to L Sandford RM explained that to turn Coles Road into a cul-de-sac to prevent "rat running" would be a long legal process.

Pc Ian Parton pointed out that the majority of people speeding in the village were villagers and that as many mature as young people speed.

WD Booth asked about 20mph speed limits. The Department of Transport control this, other traffic control measures would be needed in addition to the 20mph limit.

The problems caused by parking in the High Street and on the pavements was raised. RM would incorporate parking areas within a traffic calming scheme. R Rose expressed concern about the number of Eastern Electricity vehicles driving through the village. RM explained it would be difficult to restrict through traffic as the road is a public highway.

In his view G Sheen felt that measures such as road humps slowed down the responsible motorists but not the irresponsible ones. RM commented that whatever scheme was designed one could not expect 100% success.

RLEW thanked Robert Menzies and Judith Banks for attending.

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7. County Councillor's Report

a) Rowing Lake. The County Council were involved in this project only because they owned most of the land. There had been much discussion with the Rowing Trust on conditions imposed as part of the land sale. The Rowing Trust had agreed to allow free public access to pedestrians or cyclists from Milton, Landbeach and Waterbeach. The Trust needed to buy further land. Issues involving drainage and the cut under the railway needed to be resolved. SCDC were looking at noise levels during excavation and the hours of operation. The Trust were hoping to raise money through the Lottery and by fund raising efforts. Milton, Waterbeach and Landbeach Parish Councils had representatives on the Rowing Trust Board as observers and also on the Rowing Trust Forum. Hazel Smith was Milton's representative together with JEC. Issues relating to archaeology close to Car Dyke could halt the Project. These were under discussion.

b) Northern Fringe. There were likely to be several proposals for the Sewage Works and the land from the Science Park to Histon Road. Housing would generate a low level of traffic, shops a high level and offices between the two. At peak times 2800 vehicles per hour use the A14 at present. By the year 2013 with no development this would increase to 4900 per hour. A shopping scheme would generate 5800 vehicles per hour. The County Council would be holding a public meeting in the autumn and JEC asked that Milton has its own meeting.

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8. District Councillor's Report

a) Sheltered Housing. A need for Sheltered Housing in Milton had been demonstrated and the only viable site for a scheme was on the Coles Road Recreation Ground behind the tennis courts with the access from Cambridge Road. It was MPC's objective to replace this land by

compulsory purchase of the land opposite Tesco's. SCDC had made funds available for Cambridge Housing Society to go ahead with the scheme in 1997/8. Representatives of Milton Parish Council had met with SCDC and Cambridge Housing Society on site. Plans for a possible scheme were now being drawn up. There would be approximately 30 units.

b) Land Adjacent A14. Travellers were last on the site in January. Measures to prevent illegal access included the skip paid for by the owners. Although there was illegal dumping this skip had proved effective. MPC were working together with the County Council to build a small bund on the roadside of the hedge. SCDC had used its powers of eviction twice under the Criminal Justices Act. SCDC had cleared up the rubbish that was a health hazard and charged the cost to the owners but the owners had not cleared away the trees, rubble etc.

What was the future of this land? MPC wished to plant trees and use the land as open space perhaps for people walking their dogs. The owners wished to develop the land.

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9. Questions and Answers

Traffic Lights. JEC would ask if the traffic lights at the A10/A14 interchange could be switched on at lunchtimes.

Conservation Area. Concern was expressed that little notice was taken of the Conservation Area by some applicants for planning permission. J Selby Conservation Officer had visited the village and was working on enhancing the Conservation Area.

Tomkins Mead. RTS assured the meeting that no footpath was proposed into Tomkins Mead from Coles Road adjacent to the flats. SCDC were tidying up the rubbish and debris and trying to return the area to its original wetland state.

Odours. Smells from the Sewage Works had been noticeable recently. MPC would contact AWA.

Dog Fouling. Concern was expressed about the amount of dog faeces in the Country Park. SCDC would prosecute if someone was willing to give evidence.

Parking. Pc Parton would follow up the complaint that HGV's were parking inappropriately in High Street adjacent to the Farm College.

Bob Waters thanked everyone for attending the Annual Assembly and closed the meeting at 9.50pm.

Signed S. H. Waters Chairman 28.4.97 Date

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I, ROBERT LESLIE EDWARD WATERS., having been elected to the office
of* CHAIRMAN MILTON PARISH COUNCIL
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 96 (Signed) R.L. Waters -

This declaration was made and signed before me,

(Signed) M. Daniels

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

MILTON

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