

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 9 July 2007 at 7.30pm in the Bowls Pavilion

Present: JE Coston (chair) RH Chapman PS Badley (part) G Covell R Day M Ellwood
RJ Farrington SC Humphreys B Jefferson IF May HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters
The clerk, 1 member of the public (part) and County Councillor M Williamson (part)

Public Participation – David Geasor on behalf of the Parish Plan Steering Committee gave a brief summary of the responses made by members of the public at the Village Fayre. There were many positive responses. The committee intended to meet again on 19 July and would report back to council at the September meeting.

RCT Adams – retirement – Rob Chapman thanked Robin for his 16 year’s service to the village and presented him with a gift.

1 Apologies for absence – AJ Campbell

294/7-07 **2 Vacancy** - the clerk had received various inquiries but one only candidate, Teresa Drummond.
(252/6-07) It was **AGREED** unanimously to co-opt Mrs Drummond on to the Council.

295/7-07 **3 Declarations of Interest – personal and/or prejudicial**
HMS item 6 planning – personal (member of SCDC Planning Committee); HMS item 10 Country Park – district councillor; RTS item 10 Country Park personal – district councillor, member of Save Country Park Campaign and member of SCDC Interview Panel of bidders; JEC item 10 Country Park personal – garden backs on to Tomkins Mead and member of Save Country Park Campaign; RLEW item 10 Country Park – personal (grandson fishes in the park).

296/7-07 **4 Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting of 11 June 2007 were approved and signed as a true record.

5 Clerk’s / Chairman/s report

297/7-07 Parish Plan – 8/9 people were interested in helping produce a Parish Plan. A proper case to the Council for
(1/1-07) funding would be made at September meeting.

298/7-07 Mobile library – slight alterations to timings of the Milton stops were planned. (See also min 237/5-07).
(186/4-07)

299/7-07 Code of Conduct - Noted that CPALC were running a Code of Conduct workshop and were willing to “block
(229/5-07) advertise” our adopting the amended Code. This would be cheaper than all parish councils advertising individually.

300/7-07 Boundary Fence – Cambridge Mencap had agreed to move the fence as quickly as possible – expected by end of
(233/5-07) August (letter dated 11 June).

301/7-07 Web site - Chairman and clerk were still to meet with PKO.
(258/6-07)

302/7-07 Highway matters: - parking on verge Cambridge Road. A resident had complained that cars parked on the verge
(260/6-07) cause visibility problems for vehicles leaving Barnabas Court. The clerk would ask PCSO Scott Evans to investigate. **Action: the clerk**
The clerk had met with Bob Howard to discuss unresolved highway issues. It was reported that recent tarmac patching in Hall End was of a poor quality. The clerk would contact Bob Howard. **Action: the clerk**

303/7-07 Land adjacent A14 - CCC officers were investigating a possible breach of planning control.
(261/6-07)

304/7-07 Park & Ride – the clerk would find out about the Archaeology Day 11 July and report back. **Action: the clerk**
(262/6-07)

305/7-07 Travellers consultation meeting – cancelled.
(264/607)

306/7-07 Crime – South Cambs Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership – Community Safety event planned for Tuesday
25 September at Cambridge Airport 5.30pm to 8.30pm. Next Neighbourhood Panel meeting on 18 July. JEC,
HMS, RTS and RLEW were unable to attend.

307/7-07 Year end internal audit – Nick Sloman’s final (satisfactory) report received. Two items on insurance that F&S
committee may wish to consider.

308/7-07 Baits Bite Lock - Richard Mosely of CamToo project was seeking records for the 1978 and 2001 flood levels
around Baitsbite Lock. The clerk had sent him photographs taken by Paul Oldham.

309/7-07 VAT workshop – RTS and the clerk attended a VAT day at Bluntisham. Council’s method of paying MCC bills
and claiming back VAT was confirmed as legal practice. There was doubt about claiming back VAT on
minibus fuel. A full summary of the day would be printed in a CALC bulletin.

310/7-07 SLCC Conference – Society of Local Council Clerks Conference at Coventry 26 – 28 October.

311/7-07 East of England Association of Parish and Town Councils – News letter received.

- 312/7-07 **6 Planning** - the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 2 July 2007 were received and noted
Decisions received: none
New applications:
- 313/7-07 Guided Bus – discharge of condition 3(a)(iii) relating to junction at Cambridgeshire Regional College – **no comments.**
- 314/7-07 S/1123/07 P Patel 32 Sutton Close – conservatory – **no recommendations.**
- 315/7-07 S/1142/07 Mr IJ Worland – 66 Coles Road single storey rear extension for sun room and shower room – **no recommendations.**
- 316/7-07 (265/6-07) **7 Youth** – the minutes of the Youth Committee meeting held on 20 June 2007 were not to hand
CCTV policy - It was **AGREED** to adopt the policy produced by HMS.
 Noted that the MCC policy would be in force as soon as the hand over of the building to MCC.
 Thanks to HMS.
 The youth club was thriving – approximately 25 members. The new youth worker hoped to run sessions on two evenings per week from September. Youth work would take place during the Summer holidays – the cost to be taken from the youth budget.
 There had been four inquiries for the post of caretaker/cleaner of the youth building and one interview. No appointment had been made. Two students would cover during the holiday period.
- 317/7-07 (285/6-07) (285/6-07) (288/6-07) (289/6-07) **8 Maintenance** – the minutes of the Maintenance Committee meeting held on 25 June 2007 were received.
 The following recommendations were **APPROVED:**
the appointment of P Adams as litter picker as from 1st July;
a retirement gift to RCT Adams;
Cemetery Shrubs Policy;
Increase in allotment rents to £15 per 10 pole allotment and annual review thereafter. (PSB and ME both declared a prejudicial interest and did not take part in the vote).
- 318/7-07 (274/6-07) **9 Parish Boundary Review and associated electoral arrangements relating to new development at Arbury Park**
AGREED to support Option 4 to incorporate the parcel of land at Cambridge Regional College into Milton Parish and to ask SCDC to consider a review of the whole Northern Fringe boundary and that the anomalies be removed so that the boundaries of Milton Parish would become the A14 to the south and the river Cam to the east. This would mean incorporating the Science Park, part of St John's Innovation Park and Chesterton Fen within Cambridge City and those three parcels of land adjacent the Jane Coston bridge, in the Country Park and near the railway line just to the north of the A14 currently within the City becoming part of Milton.
- 319/7-07 (275/6-07) **10 Country Park update**
AGREED
 to close the meeting at 8.22pm for this item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business.
- The meeting re-opened at 8.55pm with all present + County Councillor M Williamson.
- Maintenance of Tomkins Mead could possibly be explored with the successful bidder.
- 320/7-07 (276/6-07) **11 Land update**
Report from Land Working Group:
- Continue to negotiate for both sites and keep both options open (Landbeach Road and EDF land). We should seek professional advice – perhaps use an agent from outside Cambridge;
 - Ian M will find out how many acres FA will fund.
 - Would it help if Senior club moved to Landbeach Road and keep Colts at The Sycamores?
 - Management and security at Landbeach Road site a problem (eg travellers).
 - Where else can we get funding? Jane and Ian will investigate.
- Next step: seek professional advice, meet with the professional and find out costs.**
Areas that an agent could investigate:
- **EDF land and Turner/Wilson land adjacent.**
 - **Land adjoining Park & Ride site.**
 - **Should we buy just 14 acres at Landbeach Road – negotiate down to £10,000 an acre?**
 - **Can we lease?**
 - **Can we buy and CCC keep development rights?**
- Are there any other options?**
Village must be informed of what we are doing.

AGREED

to bring answers to some of the questions above to the September meeting before considering taking professional advice. **Action: JEC and IFM**

MW would find out whether CCC would be prepared to lease the land at Landbeach Road and how much the Cambridge Sport Lakes Trust were paying for the County Council land being released for the rowing lake.
Action: MW

JEC would write an article for the Village View. **Action: JEC**

321/7-07 **12 MCC update**

MCC - A builder had indicated that it would be possible to put up a brick façade around the Community Centre. MCC could not apply for grants until a firm quotation for the building works had been agreed.

MYC - A meeting was to be held to try to resolve how to manage the youth building.

Courts - a complaint had been received from the Cambridge Netball League about the state of the surface of the 5-a-side football / netball court. MCC were looking to put down an acrylic surface (cost c £16,000).

Village Fayre - this was very successful. The clerk would send a letter of thanks to the organising committee.

Action: the clerk

322/7-07 **13 County Councillor's report**

Sewage Works – relocation - there would be further consultation in the Autumn.

Landfill Tax – MW suggested that there was a possibility of using landfill tax money to upgrade the A10 foot bridge. Concerns were expressed that this would divert money from other projects ie land for colts football and that the CCC should pay for upgrades.

323/7-07 **14 District Councillors' reports**

Chesterton Fen – speed humps approaching Chesterton Fen were in need of improvement – this was a condition of planning consent for the waste transfer site.

(192/4-07) HMS was preparing a petition for a proper sewage connection.

(279/6-07) Tesco – grass cutting has not yet been done. Manager said that he would get it done asap. Recycling facilities were not being emptied regularly enough – as a result the area was very untidy.

ATM – the manger was not aware that head office had applied for an ATM at the petrol station. (Noted that SCDC had approved the ATM).

Disabled parking bays – these would not be moved – must wait for the next review.

(263/6-07) Histon Sector newsletter – PCSO Scott Evans had replied that his impression was that a few private properties looked “dilapidated and appealing to crime”.

Signs – RTS and the clerk had noted that some street signs at The Sycamores were in need of repair. SCDC had been informed. Noted that the Enforcement Officer had visited a house at The Sycamores and reported that a parked caravan was not being used for living accommodation.

324/7-07 **15 Bills for Payment and Money Received**

CONFIRMED payment of cheques 3536 - 3550

AGREED payment of cheques 3551 - 3559

325/7-07 **16 Correspondence**

Gallagher Estates - Northstowe update

Village Homes for Village People - Open day 19 July 10am – 5pm Newport
Saffron Walden

Guided Bus - Histon to Cambridge Local Liaison Forum Wednesday 11th July 2007;
June newsletter

CPALC - Liaison between SCDC and CALC; Bulletin

SCDC - Increasing public involvement in decision-making; schedule
of public meetings;

- Public Consultations (Position at June 2007)

17 Dates of Next Meetings

Planning - **tba if necessary**

Council - **3 September**

The meeting ended at 9.40pm.

Chairman..... Date.....