

Minutes of the Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday
1st March 1982 at 7.30pm in Milton Primary School.

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), Mrs. B.C. Waterson,
A.D.J. Bull, R. Day, H.W.H. Easy, K.P. Humphries, P. Kiddle,
G. Patten, S.B. Poulter, Mrs. G.F. Tonks, M. Waggett,
Councillor J. Brackenbury and the Clerk S.J. Daniels.
Mr. E.J. Wilson Planning Officer

I. COUNCIL BUSINESS

The Chairman welcomed Mr. E.J. Wilson, Planning Officer, South Cambridgeshire District Council to the meeting.

1. 5051 Milton Plan. Mr. E.J. Wilson stated that he was in the process of re-drafting the Milton Plan and that all of the twelve items set out in minute 5015 were being written into the new Plan with the minor exception of the recreation ground areas. Two acres east of the present recreation ground and nine acres within the proposed development area south of Butt Lane would be allocated for recreation ground purposes; the nine acres being in one area. Play areas would be in addition. E.J.W. affirmed that the S.C.D.C. would fight any development north of Butt Lane up to and beyond 1991.

Green Belt designation was for the County Council to decide, S.C.D.C. and the Parish Council being consultees only. S.C.D.C. would agree to the Parish Council's wishes but E.J.W. was not certain what the County Council's position would be.

In response to questions E.J.W. confirmed that the Milton Plan would be treated in a similar manner to the Waterbeach and Sawston Plans; the first draft together with the Sawston Plan to be put before the County Development Control Committee on April 26th. He stressed that he could not guarantee certification by the County. It was almost certain ~~however~~ to be adopted by S.C.D.C. as a non statutory plan if need be.

G.P. raised the question of the corridor of land proposal. E.J.W. commented that this was rejected unanimously by the Planning Committee and that the proposal would not work because of the following reasons:-

1. There was no justification in visual/noise terms (a 30 metre strip would stop a certain amount of noise and provide a screen).
2. The cost of buying, planting, maintaining and protecting the trees ^{and land} would have to be met.
3. The cost of drainage would be too high for the developers.
4. The land north of Butt Lane was better agricultural land and it would be more sensible to preserve a block of land rather than fragments.
5. The A.P.M. of 1981 together with a petition of 144 names plus unsolicited letters from six residents opposed development north of Butt Lane.
and most importantly:
6. The County Council would not certify such a plan.

G.P. felt that the S.C.D.C. had missed the whole point of the exercise which was to forestall any possibility ever of further developing Milton. E.J.W. commented that his members had understood that and the S.C.D.C. must implement the County Council's orders; and that there was a limit to how far the S.C.D.C. could push to get a correct balance that would be acceptable to the County Council.

K.P.H. and E.J.W. both stressed that the Parish Council's letter of November 6th 1981 had received as much ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ consideration by the Planning Committee as ~~any~~ ^{any} development ~~and~~ control applications dealt with every year.

S.B.P. enquired about the drainage. E.J.W. replied that although the City ~~was~~ ^{was} less than co-operative, S.C.D.C. were still aiming to drain south of Butt Lane as per the feasibility study. He added that the planning permission for the 60 acres would be granted subject to the drainage position being satisfactorily resolved and that it must be satisfactory to the A.W.A. The main problem was taking the water through the railway. He was however reasonably confident that the drainage would be resolved. It was felt that if the tear-drop site were developed, drainage would be a problem but S.C.D.C. had never supported development of this site.

In response to G.T.'s question, E.J.W. agreed that the school access did present some difficulty but he hoped that the County Council would be able to provide an access that is acceptable. He stressed that the safety of children would be paramount. K.P.H. commented that the County Council had in fact promised the access late in the plan period (about 1986). By his calculations the population would need to increase by 450 before the school became full and the access difficulties became really bad.

E.J.W. confirmed that the amount of square ft. of shopping area had been reduced so that it would be unattractive for a supermarket.

P.K. commented that some of the Parish Council members felt that much of the plan had been rapidly bulldozed through latterly and that for example the Parish Council had been given little time to discuss the corridor proposal. He believes that pressure to build north of Butt Lane would inevitably become too great to resist. He hoped therefore that the Parish Council would be consulted over any problems that might arise.

E.J.W. did not accept this and in fact stated that he had ~~not~~ ^{not requested} ~~wished~~ to hear the Parish Council's views in November 1981 since the plan was still in the same phase that it had been during spring of 1981. If the plan had been on schedule it would have been finalised July 1981.

Answering R.D.'s question E.J.W. said that the 30 metre barrier of trees would be planted during the first planting season after planning permission had been issued and that the Trees and Woodland Officer would lay down regulations as to the type of trees to be planted.

There would be no more consultation over the draft plan since E.J.W. had the Parish Council's views in a letter dated 6th February and that it was important to send the draft plan to the County immediately.

E.J.W. confirmed that he would send the Parish Council a copy of the plan when he sends one to the County Council.

2. 5052 Burial Ground Extension. E.J.W. stated that there would be no planning objection whatsoever to siting a burial ground in the conservation area. He agreed to see if there were any alternative sites especially with regard to water levels and report his observations to the Parish Council.

At this point the Chairman thanked Mr. Wilson for attending the meeting.

3. 5053 The minutes of the meeting held on 1st February had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

4. Matters Arising

5054 Footbridge - Milton By-Pass. Concern was expressed about the length of time taken erecting the footbridge. Cllr. J.B. agreed to investigate.

5055 Damage to Village Seat. The Clerk confirmed that the seat had been repaired. A cheque had been received from Cornhill Insurance for £31.55.

5056 Conservation. M.W. reported that the owners and occupiers had received their notices. He was still investigating the possibility of extending the Conservation Area.

5057 Rate Precept. The Clerk reported that Milton's rate precept figure for 1982/83 had been amended to £4000.

5058 Village Ventures Project. Further details of the project were circulated and noted. Unfortunately it was now rather late to contemplate setting up a project.

5059 Bus Pass. The Clerk read out a letter from Mr. C.H. Fromant conveying his appreciation to the Council for the reimbursement of his concessionary bus ticket.

5060 Milton Interchange. H.W.H.E. reported that action was required. Drainage was being affected by the clay. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Divisional Surveyor reporting the problem.

5061 Notice Board. Mr. Symonds had estimated that it would cost approximately £40 to repair the notice board and that a new one would cost about £200. G.P. suggested that a more permanent notice board be built. It was decided to delay action on the repairing of the board. S.B.P. agreed to design a new type board possibly with a brick base.

5062 Ditch Piping - Outside Doctors Surgery. The Clerk reported that he had contacted Mr. Tyrrell about the delay in starting work on the above. Mr. Tyrrell had sent in a

quotation in June 1981 but because of a misunderstanding he had assumed that he was not to be offered the job. He felt that the quotation now in March 1982 was unreasonable. S.B.P. and the Clerk between them would try to find the original plan. It was agreed that the Clerk should then obtain fresh estimates from Mr. Jakes, Mr. Tyrrell and Lambert Constructions.

5. 5063 Grass Cutting. The Clerk read out a letter from Mrs. Twinn (4833) about the state of the land on the corner between 41 High Street and 22 Willow Crescent. The Clerk to write to Chartered Accountants dealing with Felstead Properties to ascertain the ownership.

M.W. had looked at the areas round the village and stated that approximately half acre of grass in total ought to be maintained by the Parish Council. He proposed that the Council identify these plots, have a map drawn up and invite tenders to be submitted for cutting the grass in these areas every fortnight. Seconded G.P. and agreed by all in principle.

The areas identified were as follows:-

- Willow Crescent/High Street (see above)
- Pond Green and small strip near 46 High Street.
- War Memorial and the grass on the opposite side of Coles Road.
- Small strip outside 14/20 High Street.
- A yard or so width along the verge outside Edmund House and Mr. Walklings.
- Coles Road (south side) along the ditch by the recreation ground and the garden of 25 Cambridge Road and the north side of Coles Road from Cambridge Road to the footpath at the rear of Walkling Way.

The area in Old School Lane near number 37.

H.W.H.E. proposed an amendment which was seconded by A.D.J.B. not to cut the areas normally done by the County Council. This amendment was defeated with 3 votes in favour, 6 against, 1 abstention.

The proposal was then voted upon, 7 being in favour and 3 against.

B.C.W. proposed an amendment that all of the verge outside Mr. Walklings and Edmund House should be cut; this was not seconded.

M.W. agreed to draw up a plan and the Clerk was instructed to advertise the Council's requirements on the notice board.

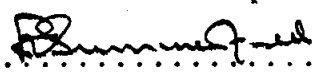
6. 5064 Bills for Payment. It was proposed by G.P., seconded by S.B.P. and agreed by all that the following bills be paid.

1.	Heffers - Receipts and Payments book	£5.75~
2.	S-Print - photocopying conservation area notices minutes, agenda, green belt working paper	£8.85~ £25.12~
3.	The Municipal Group - 2 copies of the Councillors Handbook	£4.00-
4.	<u>Bus Pass</u> Mrs. D.L. Jennings, 49 Coles Road	£4.20~
	Mr. B. Mourton, 38 Shirley Lodge	£4.20~
5.	Mr. S. Symonds - Repairs to village seat	£36.55-

6.	S.J. Daniels - Clerk's salary for Feb. including sec. expenses	£75.00	
	- postages and telephone	£6.69	
	- reimbursement of payment to C.A.L.C. for audit notices	£1.05	£82.74
7.	Conservation Corps - donation for lopping trees on perimeter (min 5065) of Tomkins Mead		£10.00

7. Any Other Business

- 5065 Willow Trees. R.T.S. had noticed willow trees on the boundary between Tomkins Mead and the recreation ground had been lopped. R.D. confirmed that the trees had been lopped by a volunteer force from the Conservation Corps and that they would be doing more work during next winter. R.D. proposed, K.P.H. seconded and all agreed that a contribution of £10 be made to the Conservation Corps.
- 5066 E.E.B. - Street Lighting. The Clerk read a letter from Eastern Electricity with the information that energy and maintenance charges for the lighting in the bus shelters would be increased as from 1st April 1982.
- 5067 Community Advisers. The Clerk read out two letters:-
(i) Publicising a First Aid Course organised by the British Red Cross and St. Johns Ambulance Assoc.
(ii) An invitation to the Chairman to the Community Advisers Graduation evening 29 March 1982.
R.T.S. would be unable to attend the Graduation evening.
- 5068 Pond Green. H.W.H.E. expressed concern about the damage being caused by vehicles. M.W. suggested some sort of kerb stones to prevent vehicles driving up on to the green. The matter was deferred to next meeting.

Signed Chairman *5th April 1982*Dated

II. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 5069 The minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 1982 had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.
2. Matters Arising
- 5070 Library. S.B.P. had nothing to report at this stage.
(5024)
- 5071 Country Car Park - Temporary Car Park. The Clerk reported (5026) his conversation with Mr. J. Warren. Mr. Warren confirmed that the County Council have planning permission to use the car park for 2 years only during the early stages of the Country Park; their intention being to move to the official car park after 2 years. If the County Council are unable to lay tarmac a suitable base will be left so that tarmac could be laid. Village use of the car park will not be prohibited. He suggested that the Parish Council allow the County Council use of their land on a 2 year lease with perhaps a peppercorn rent being negotiated. H.W.H.E. commented on the question of wayleave. It was suggested

that this could be negotiated as and when the car park lease was negotiated.

5072 Gypsy Transit Site. E.J.W. earlier had stated that the (5035) County Council Development Control Committee would decide the position of the Gypsy Site on 5th March. The County Council can give itself the necessary permission. The Clerk read two letters from the solicitors of Mr. Harrold of Sunclose Farm. Councillor J.B. had also been approached by Mr. Harrold and he would see that a member of the Development Control Committee would keep Mr. Harrold informed of the up to date situation.

K.P.H. pointed out that the City Council will be pressed by S.C.D.C. to manage the site.

Cllr. J.B. agreed that when the outline planning permission becomes detailed planning permission he would keep the Parish Council informed.

3. 5073 Report of the Sub Committee. The minutes of the Sub Committee meeting of 19th February 1982 had been circulated.
4. 5074 Cambridge Green Belt. The working paper had been circulated prior to the meeting. K.P.H. felt that the plan was Cambridge City orientated. M.W. commented it was important to make clear that there is a gap between the City and the village and he agreed with the paper that it was necessary that the Green Belt should thus prevent coalescence with the City. Paras 1.1(b) and 8.1(a) support the Parish Council's arguments for keeping the tear-drop land as Green Belt. It was also hoped that land north of Butt Lane be designated Green Belt.
5. 5075 Amendment to Church Extension. The revised plans for the (4977) Church extension were circulated. It was noted that the S.C.D.C. Planning Committee would be discussing them on Wednesday 3rd March and that Mr. Sillery had already approved them. The Parish Council found the plans acceptable.

6. Any Other Business

5076 New Bungalow, Old School Lane. The prospective purchaser, Mr. J.E. Reeves had written to the Council in order to ascertain the ownership of that part of the ditch that runs alongside the boundary of the garden. K.P.H. confirmed that it was not an awarded ditch that is a responsibility of the S.C.D.C. or Parish Council and was therefore riparian ownership.

5077 E.E.B. Sub Station. A letter together with a plan had been received from E.E.B. with a proposal to provide a new access in Church Lane to the Sub Station. The Clerk was instructed to enquire why this was necessary as there appeared to be adequate access in the E.E.B. grounds.

The meeting was closed at 10.59pm.

Signed *B. H. H. H. H.* Chairman *5th April 1982* Dated