

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 1, 1974 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors Mrs. J.G. Chinnick, M.E. Jones & B.C. Waterson; Mr. H.W.H. Easy, P. Kiddle, M.J.D. Nurse, R.T. Summerfield & the Clerk.

Apologies from Mr. D. Pearson (Chairman) & L.M. Forbes (Vice-Chairman).

Also in attendance were the South Cambs. District Planning Officer, Mr. E.J. Wilson, B.A. Dip. T.P. M.R.T.P.I., & the Senior Development Control Officer, Mr. S. Sillery.

2503 Chairman for the meeting : In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, the Clerk called for nominations for Chairman for the meeting. On the proposition of Mr. Summerfield seconded by Mrs. Jones and there being no other nominations, Mr. Kiddle was elected unanimously to the Chair.

2504 The Chairman introduced Mr. Wilson & Mr. Sillery.

2504/1 Mr. Wilson gave a general resume of Milton present and future planning and the new parish consultation machinery which had been operating from April 1 last.

2504/1/1 Mr. Wilson said he must, firstly, single out Milton as a parish "which has had, in the past, and is now facing, more individual problems than any other parish in the District: that is off ~~the~~ the 101 parishes altogether" The problems were large, some very large, and later in this meeting Mr. Sillery would be dealing with the main ones.

2504/1/2 Consultation with parishes over planning, said Mr. Wilson, was one of the main features of planning re-organisation since April 1. As an Officer he was concerned with the system and, after 6 months of the new District Council improvement was felt on the old 'County' system; many parishes shared this view. The parishes were supporting the new system by a good response and sound comments on local applications. He gave a word of warning to Parish Councils to avoid the trap of supporting a single objection when it was not the general feeling in the village.

2504/1/3 The Sewerage Embargo Mr. Wilson explained that the Anglian Water (2362) Authority had now placed a building embargo on 28 parishes in the South Cambs. District and a total embargo on the 9 parishes which the City Sewerage Works served. This meant, of course, as far as Milton was concerned they were now joined by another 8 parishes for total embargo. However, the AWA had agreed to relax the Milton embargo (operating since mid-1970) insofar as applications made before July, 1973 which had been refused on drainage grounds alone (see 2497 & 2501); there were, in fact, only three applications thus affected:

- (i) Middleton, Winship Estate: indust. dev. S/0734/74 (MIN:2497) (see also, C/73/29 & C/72/951)
- (ii) Mrs. Wilkin, Fen rd. Milton; residential dev. C371/11 MIN:1812
- (iii) Chesterton R.D.C: residential dev. 0.85 acres. C/72/23, (Jan. 1972)

These 3 applicants had been asked to re-submit.

2504/1/4 Milton Village Plan. Mr. Wilson pointed out that the prolongation of this embargo on Milton by the AWA, if regarded as unfair does at least provide opportunity for the District Planning Committee to produce a new Milton plan, and this was shortly to be taken in hand. His local planning team would, in the first place (he hoped early next year) hope to discuss it with the Parish Council and later hold a village 'Open House' (see MIN 2500).

Mr. Sillery suggested two questions which spring to mind in the future planning of Milton:

- (i) How is the Chesterton Fen area to be treated in relation to the rest of the parish?
- (ii) What is the future of the area which will be cut off from the village by the Northern By-pass i.e. between there and the Science Park?

2504/2 Mr. Sillery then dealt with 10 planning matters all either of long-standing, recent or pending or were constantly before the District & Parish Councils for discussion, comments or appeal inquiries. These were:

2504/2/1 The Stokes Inquiry (OSP 220) 12 enforcements had been served: 6 (2436) against Stokes of Cambridge Ltd; 4 - Mall Investments; 1 - Olover Rix - all of which had appealed; and 1 against Mr. T. Gates who had not appealed and was therefore likely to be brought to Court.

Mr. Sillery said the Appeal hearing of the 11 above was to be on the 18 December. He hoped the Parish Council would provide evidence.

The position of the occupants (on OSP 220) of the old brickworks site where permission had been granted originally was discussed and the future of the rest of OSP 220 (the Stokes' land) in relation to the proposed Country Park of which that land was now designated 'Stage 2'.

Mr. Wilson said the original permission granted to the brickwork site occupants restricted their expansion and it was intended to encourage small business in their early days. This should have been made clear to the occupiers.

2504/2/2 Proposed Country Park This scheme embraces some 60 acres of old gravel pits and waste land some of which is on OSP 220 (see 2/1 above). It is a County Council scheme with grants from the Countryside Commission having been promised. Under present financial circumstances it is shelved together with other such schemes in the County. Hopefully, purchase of the land at Milton was to be made next year. Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sillery suggested the Parish Council ask that a member of the County Planning Dept. come and discuss it with them.

2504/2/3 Gilbert Rice Ltd (C/73/1135) This applicant was undecided about appeal (2481) and, Mr. Sillery, understood, was consulting the Parish Council - also awaiting the final decisions on the Northern By-pass and Milton By-pass. (see also MIN: 2504/2/8 following). He thought the scale of the development was most undesirable and that heavy types and amount of traffic would be generated.

2504/2/4 Gravel Extraction, Milton Fen (S/0547/74) The District Council (2493 & 2492/2) Planning Committee would discuss this and their recommendations would be put before the County Planning Committee who would make the final decision as this was a mineral application. There were a substantial number of objections both from the Parish Councils of Milton and Horningsea and petitions and letters. He had noted the strong objections from the well-attended Public Meeting at Milton.

2504/2/5 Permanent Site for Travelling Caravan People - Cave, Chesterton Fen road, MILTON (S/0668/74) Here again the District Council (2492/1 & 2483) would make recommendations to the County. Some objections had been received.

2504/2/6 Proposed Rowing Course, Milton Fen (C/73/1682) - Sports Advisory Council. This application was lodged before April 1 with the County Planning and would remain. Again the District Council would make recommendation.

2504/2/7 Science Park, Milton Road - Trinity College This was developing () with scope for extension and promised to be a pleasant industrial site.

2504/2/8 Northern & Milton By-passes Publication of the Side-Road Orders (2411) had been held up by London Gazette Printers' strike and was not expected in 6/8 weeks time. He knew how anxiously the Parish Council awaited the decision because of the number of issues dependent on them. Probably further public inquiries would follow when compulsory purchase steps were taken. It was expected building would commence about October, 1975.

2504/2/9 Pioneer Concrete, Winship Est. (S/0146/74) The District Planning (2395) Committee agreed with the Parish Council's objection on grounds of undesirable generation of heavy types and volume of traffic and had refused the application; it was also against the sewerage embargo. It was possible the applicants may appeal.

2504/2/10 Filling-in of Gravel Pit, Winship Est. Middleton (C/73/1037.
(2455) MIN: 2339) & S/0197/74 MIN: 2455) This was originally a County
Planning matter but after April 1, had been decided by the District
It was accepted that no development would take place on the re-instated land
and understood that Messrs Middleton would then donate that piece of land to
the County Council and the District Council would certainly resist any attempt
at further industrial development there as extension of the Winship Estate.

The Clerk here recalled the meeting with Mr. Wood and Mr. French (MIN:
2339, Feb. 1974) at which the Parish Council received assurances about
the future of this pit if filled in.

Then

2505 An informative and useful discussion/took place with Mr. Wilson and
Mr. Sillery covering many Milton planning matters.

2506 The acting Chairman expressed the Council's appreciation of the two
Planning Officers' attendance and they left the meeting.

2507. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3 These had been circulated;
they were confirmed by the meeting and signed by the acting-Chairman.

2508 MINUTES OF PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE of SEPTEMBER 17 Also previously
circulated. Confirmation was left to the next Planning Sub-Committee
but any matters arising were taken.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

2509 CHANGING ROOMS (i) (2473 i). Mr. Kiddle reported that quotations for
PROJECT(2473) sub-contract brick-laying would shortly be considered.

(ii) £ 2,000 loan (2473 iii) After discussion and on the
proposition of Mr. Nurse, seconded by Mrs. Waterson, the Council decided not
to take up this loan and the Clerk to write to Mr. Martindale accordingly
and to thank him for his help in this matter.

(iii) (2473 v) The Clerk said he had further replied to Mr. Daniels as
instructed.

2510 WINSHIP EST- Re-siting of large notices The Clerk now awaited reply
ATE (2478) to his letter.

2511 THE PARISH BANKS After a full discussion the Council agreed unan-
(2484/2) imously on the following action and on the ac-
companying Minute: 'Because of recent discussion
on the Gravel extraction application in Milton Fen by Pearson & Wilson
(ref: S/0547/74 MIN: 2504/2/4) the question of back rents on Parish-owned
land was raised and the Clerk was asked to investigate ; he found that,
as far as he was able to ascertain from the records, Mr. Pearson had not
paid rent for the Parish Banks since 1965; why the rent for 1966 had not been
collected he could not say. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Pearson
pointing out the parish ownership and that the Council feel that rent should
now be payable as from the beginning of the current financial year (i.e.
29 September, 1974) at a fair rent equal to the rate per acre for equiv-
alent Charity land.'

2512 THE PLANNING SUB- MIN: 2492 was discussed at length the Council app-
COMMITTEE(2492) reciating the reasons for the measures suggested
therein.

On the proposition of Mr. Nurse, seconded by Mrs. Chinnick, it was unan-
imously agreed that the recommendation given in MIN: 2492, a, b, & c, be
adopted by the Council.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

DECISIONS RECEIVED

2513 S/0146/74 Pioneer Concrete (UK)Ltd. Refused on gds. of unaccept-
(2504/2/9) able increase in traffic; & sewerage embargo.

FOR COMMENT

2514 S/0830/74 Eastern Electricity - 11,000 volt & 415/240 volt overhead

(2514 contd.) line on wooden poles to supply 'Big-T' caravan site, Chester-Fen rd. Milton. (Details illustrated) - No comment

2515 S/0812/74 H & H Electronics Indust. Est.(OSP220) - Temp. laboratory.
The Council have some sympathy with this company who (with others) are caught in the cross-fire of the Stokes enforcement proceedings and suggest this application be held until after the Stokes' appeal (which is pending).

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

2516 C/73/1135 Gilbert Rice Ltd - proposed large-scale motor sales, maintenance and repair depot on site of Bene't Farm (prop. be demolished) - The Clerk reported that Mr. B. Thompson, the Managing Director sought the advice of the Parish Council on proceeding with a possible appeal against refusal. He was most anxious 'not to press any development on any community if that community did not want it'. He wondered if the Council would care to take a decision on whether they welcomed his proposal at any of the alternative sites which had been suggested in informal discussions he had had with the Clerk and the Chairman.

The Council appreciated his request and his approach to them but felt that in view of the news received earlier in the meeting (see 2504/2/3 & 2504/2/8) that the DOE hoped soon to announce the definitive lines of the Northern and possibly the Milton By-passes, they felt that until the Council knew the precise road pattern they could not decide. The Clerk was asked to convey this to Mr. Thompson.

2517 **BILLS FOR PAYMENT** On the proposition of Mr. Summerfield, seconded by Mr. Easy the following bills were passed for payment:

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| | £ |
| Messrs Spaldings 2 copies 25" O.S. Maps, 1970 Edn. | 3.40 |
| K.P. Humphries, Clerk's sal. & exp. for SEPT. 1974 | 41.66 |
| Total: | <u>45.06</u> |

2518 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** Agreed this be changed to TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 and to be at the earlier hour of 7.15 p.m.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

2519 **STOKES' APPEAL PROCEEDINGS** (2504/2) The Council unanimously agreed that it was important to discuss at the next meeting who shall be delegated to represent the Council at this Appeal and the Clerk was instructed to place this on the Agenda for November 12 as the first item.

2520 **RECENT FATAL ACCIDENT IN HIGH STREET** (Road Safety: 2387) The Council were once again concerned at yet another accident in this part of the High Street, although, this time it did not appear as if the cause were similar to the large number of previous accidents involving collisions with property.

The Council wished to express their sympathy and concern with the family of the late Philip Clarke, aged 19, who was killed when the vehicle he had just entered was involved in collision with another motor vehicle.

Members recalled Mr. & Mrs. Clarke's efforts in the past towards road safety here as also the lengthy but unavailing correspondence by the Clerk concerning the long series of accidents that have occurred in this length of road.

On the proposition of Mrs. Chinnick, seconded by Mrs. Waterson and unanimously agreed, the Clerk was instructed to make representations to the Coroner pointing out the Council's long concern and the poor response they had received from the Authorities.

Also unanimously agreed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Clarke from this Council.

2521 On proposition of Mrs. Chinnick, seconded by Mr. Nurse agreed unanimously to hold separate Council meeting for any special matter such as the visit of the Planning Officers this evening,

This concluded the business and the acting-Chairman closed the meeting.
Signed..... Date