

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

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson (in the chair), S.B. Poulter,  
A.D.J. Bull, R. Day, H.W.H. Easy, K.P. Humphries, G. Patten,  
R.T. Summerfield, Mrs. G. Tonks and the Clerk S.J. Daniels  
Mr. R. Meek, Planning Officer, S.C.D.C.

Apologies received from: M. Waggett and Cllr. J. Brackenbury.

I. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 5356 Milton Plan. The Chairman welcomed Mr. R. Meek to the meeting to discuss the provision of recreation areas in the Milton Plan. He explained that the original Plan of July 1981 proposed about 25 acres of recreational land including the existing Coles Road area of about  $5\frac{3}{4}$  acres and play space north of Butt Lane with a recreation ground of about 12 acres adjacent to the slip road.  
Since that time it had been proposed not to develop north of Butt Lane and in accordance with that proposal planning consent had been granted for the 60 acre site south of Butt Lane to include a recreation ground of 9 acres only. With the new situation of September 1982 (i.e. development north of Butt Lane) there was now a shortfall of about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres. The N.P.F.A. recommends 6 acres of recreation area per 1000 houses; in July 1981 it was proposed that Milton have 5.78 acres per 1000 and in September 1982, 5.3 per 1000. Milton was faced therefore with a worsening situation compared to July 1981.  
In response to questions R.M. explained that the S.C.D.C. would follow the Parish Council line that a third recreation ground situated north of Butt Lane was not wanted and press for a recreation ground at the southern end of the village. Concern was expressed by H.W.H.E. about the unsuitability of the land for the proposed recreation ground because of the flooding caused by the by-pass. The solution he felt was for water to be drained into the 13th drain.  
It was perhaps open to negotiation to incorporate the 3 acres of play areas into the proposed recreation ground thus restoring the recreation ground to 12 acres. To revert to the original proposals of July 1981 however (i.e. 12 acres + 3 acres play) would lead to compensation payable to the developer.  
R.M. explained that Milton would be provided with the land only, ready-grassed for recreational and play use, but could obtain the co-operation of the developer for future maintenance of play equipment. He would like to see imaginatively designed play areas incorporated into the Plan but stressed that the S.C.D.C. would give their backing only if the Parish Council really wanted such areas. He agreed that in similar cases approximately 50% of developers had not co-operated with the maintenance of play areas.  
R.M. agreed with the Chairman that an extra playing field could be added to the school to be maintained by the County Council but whether such land could be used for a dual purpose would depend on the School Governors and Headmaster.  
R.M.'s advice was sought about Middleton's Pit since the Council had understood that this land would be assimilated into the present recreation ground for use as another football pitch. R.M. explained that a compulsory purchase

order for the purchase of Middleton's Pit should be used only as a last resort and he suggested that the Parish Council approach the District Valuer to act on their behalf.

£70,000 had been set aside for growth villages for such projects as a new Hall but this could well come under threat during revisions of the Budget.

Mr. Meek confirmed that as he was in the process of writing the Plan he was open to receive the Parish Council's views. The Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting at which point he left.

It was then proposed R.D. and seconded K.P.H. that "the M.P.C. keep the present 9 acres of recreation ground next to the slip road plus 3 acres of play areas within the housing development south of Butt Lane."

S.B.P. proposed an amendment that:- "the M.P.C. do nothing and wait to see what the planners come up with." Seconded G.T.

The amendment was defeated by 4 votes to 2; the proposition was then carried by 4 votes to 2. H.W.H.E. and A.D.J.B. were not allowed to vote.

The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. R. Meek confirming that the Parish Council had not changed its mind concerning recreation and play areas.

K.P.H. proposed, R.T.S. seconded and all agreed that the District Valuer be asked to open negotiations with Cyril Middleton and Company for Middleton's Pit (see min. 5323).

The Clerk would look up the planning consent for the infilling of the Pit since concern was expressed about the level of the surface.

2. 5357 The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 1982 had been circulated. Minute 5337 "£39" was amended to "£29.45". The minutes were then duly confirmed and signed.

### 3. Matters Arising.

5358 Footbridge. The Clerk confirmed that this matter was (5321) receiving attention by the County Council.

5359 Telephone Kiosk. The Clerk read a letter from British (5326) Telecom which had stated that it would not be financially viable for a Kiosk to be situated on the by-pass. British Telecom would consider the application further if the M.P.C. were prepared to make an annual contribution in excess of £800. It was decided to pursue the matter no further.

5360 Pond Green. It was noted that the bollards had been (5327) erected. S.B.P. explained that they had been situated in line with the lamppost.

5361 Christmas Tree. The Clerk confirmed the night of the (5328) carol singing to be Tuesday December 21st at 7.30pm. A tree had been ordered, to be collected from Dullingham. H.W.H.E. would attempt to arrange collection although a charge of approximately £30 for collection might have to be made. S.B.P. to check on the lights situation.

5362 Village Sign. S.B.P. reported that an artificial stone base (5329) would cost approximately £250/£300. G.P. proposed, R.T.S. seconded and all agreed that M.P.C. proceed with plans for a village sign subject to costs. K.P.H. would find some historical facts that could be incorporated in the design.

The Clerk would ask Mowell and Company and J. Ostler of Metalcraft if they would be prepared to make a wrought iron sign and for a rough estimate of costs. H.W.H.E. would also contact a metal worker in Coldhams Lane.

- 5363 Camtrial. R.D. had spoken to Mr. C. Nunn who had expressed (5332) interest in joining the Management Committee but would like further details before committing himself. The Clerk to write to Community Council for details.
- 5364 Chiropody Unit. The Clerk read a letter from the Community (5334) Health Services which stated that the Walkling Way site would be a possibility if a parking space could be made available and that water and toilet facilities would also be required. The Clerk had already replied with offers of assistance from Walkling Way residents.
- 5365 Resignation of P. Kiddle. A letter had been received conveying (5336) Mr. Peter Kiddle's full resignation from the Parish Council. He would also be resigning from the Milton School Governors, Impington Governors and the Parochial Charity Trustees because of business reasons. He expressed his gratitude to members of the Council for their help over many happy years and conveyed his best wishes to all for the future. B.C.W. expressed her sadness that he had come to this decision and the Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Kiddle for all the hard work he had put in over the years.
- 5366 Bus Pass. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Pettit (5339) expressing their appreciation and thanks for the Parish Council's contribution to their bus passes.
- 5367 Library. S.B.P. explained that having been to a portakabin sale recently he estimated that the cost of providing a temporary library could be in the region of £6000. The Council would be interested only if S.B.P. managed to obtain a bargain priced portakabin.
- 5368 Roadside Verges. The Clerk was asked to write to the cubs (5337) and scouts thanking them for their help in planting the daffodil bulbs.
4. 5369 Report on V.H.M.C. and P.C. Meeting. The minutes of the joint meeting had been circulated. R.D. asked who should inform Manorians F.C. about the hiring of the football pitch (min. 5351). B.C.W. explained that it was the duty of the secretary of the V.H.M.C. K.P.H. agreed with the views expressed in min. 5354 and gave his full support to the V.H.M.C. H.W.H.E. would report back to the V.H.M.C. that the M.P.C. was seeking the help of the District Valuer.
5. 5370 Appointment of Clerk. The Clerk was asked to leave the room and on his return it was proposed G.P., seconded H.W.H.E. that S.J.D. be appointed as Parish Clerk as from November 1st 1982. The three year appointment to be waived. Proposed A.D.J.B., seconded K.P.H. that the salary be £1000 per annum with the proviso that no more than £300 of this per annum be allowed to Mrs. Daniels (proposed R.T.S., seconded G.T.). The Clerk expressed his thanks to the Council.

6. 5371 Bills for Payment and Monies Received.Monies Received

Allotment Rents Michaelmas 1982  
(current account) £121.25

It was proposed G.P., seconded K.P.H. and agreed by all that the following bills be paid:-

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| 1. | Cambridgeshire County Council - rent due Michaelmas 1982 for Manor Farm | £62.00      |        |
| 2. | Mr. S.W. Shipp - village cleaning duties Aug., Sept., Oct.              | £18.75      |        |
| 3. | <u>Bus Passes</u>   |             |        |
|    | Mr. J.L. Young, 17 Old School Lane                                      | £4.20       |        |
|    | Mrs. K.P. Young, 17 Old School Lane                                     | £4.20       |        |
|    | Mr. C.L. Moule, 29 Cambridge Road                                       | £4.20       |        |
|    | Miss E.M. Fulcher, 7 Walkling Way                                       | £4.20       |        |
|    | Mrs. E. Sadler, 2 Lyndhurst Close                                       | £4.20       |        |
|    | Mr. F.G. Coulson, 56 Old School Lane                                    | £4.20       |        |
|    | Mr. L.H. Waters, 4 Lyndhurst Close                                      | £4.20       |        |
|    | Mrs. S.M. Denton, 12 Walkling Way                                       | £4.20       |        |
|    | Mrs. N. Smith, 25 Butt Lane   | £4.20       |        |
|    | Mr. C. Smith, 25 Butt Lane  | £4.20       |        |
| 4. | S.J. Daniels, clerk's salary  | 75.00       |        |
|    | (inc. sec. expenses)  |             |        |
|    | photocopying  | 8.85        |        |
|    | postage and telephone   | <u>7.28</u> | £91.13 |

7. Any Other Business

5372 Walkling Way Seats. The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by residents of Walkling Way with the request that a seat situated behind no.22 be placed in a more suitable position; also that a seat be provided in front of nos.9-12 for the use of residents. Proposed S.B.P., seconded H.E. that these requests be granted. The Clerk would make enquiries from the residents as to where they would like the seats. S.B.P. would ascertain costs and this matter to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

5373 Christmas Refuse Collection. Dates for the Christmas refuse collection had been received and these had already been published in the parish magazine.

5374 S.B.P. expressed concern as to the actual powers of the Parish Council since in his opinion much time had been spent discussing matters over which the P.C. had no control. He proposed that the Planning Sub Committee be dissolved with planning applications appearing under A.O.B. and decisions reached by the S.C.D.C. to be minuted only and that a guillotine be put on the meetings at say 10pm and any business not transacted be left over to the next meeting. G.P. agreed that any planning objections should be made by the neighbours concerned and not the M.P.C. B.C.W. was concerned since important decisions were soon to be made. K.P.H. commented that the S.C.D.C. Planning Committee did in fact take notice of Parish Councils' views. R.T.S. felt that Planning Business could be dealt with by the Sub Committee on a different evening as originally intended. S.B.P. then commented that he no longer wished to chair the Planning Sub Committee and made a formal proposal that all Parish Council meetings should finish at 10pm, G.P. seconded. A vote was not taken.

Signed Beryl C. Waterson (Dhs).....Chairman 6-12-82.....Date

II. Planning Business

1. 5375 The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. New Applications

- (a) 5376 S/1450/82 E.E.B. - area for overhead line training - K.P.H. commented that the site would be hidden from any road and the equipment used for only 6 weeks a year - no comments.
- (b) 5377 S/1482/82 Mrs. G.E.A. Morgan, 59 Cambridge Road - change of use to "takeaway" restaurant - K.P.H. had been asked to point out that the food was to be consumed "off" the premises. The Clerk read a copy of a letter sent by a neighbour to S.C.D.C. objecting to the proposal. *The M.P.C. member* objected on grounds of litter, noise and late openings, *but the remainder had no objections.* *BAW*
- (c) 5378 S/1491/82 Shearline Precision Engineering Ltd., Cambridge Road - change of use to offices and factory for the manufacture of electrical goods - no comments.
- (d) 5379 S/1492/82 Mr. R. Pollendine, 48 Coles Road - new bungalow at rear of 48 Coles Road (in Wilson Way). The Clerk read a copy of a letter sent by a neighbour objecting to the development. Proposed R.T.S. seconded A.D.J.B. that objection be made because of back land and cramped development.

3. Decisions Received

- (a) 5380 Mr. C. Silverman, Chesterton Fen Road - storage (5308) of furniture - office purposes only - approved (renewal of S/1594/79).
- (b) 5381 Grundy Business Systems Ltd., Science Park - (5343) consent to display flag pole for 5 years.
- (c) 5382 J. Harradine, 19 Goding Way - extension - approved. (5344)

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.37pm.

Signed ... *Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs)* ... Chairman ... *6-12-82* ... Date