

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 1 December 1997 at 7pm in the Community Centre

Present: RLE Waters (chair) JE Coston R Day IF May (to 532/97) CF Nunn PK Oldham J Sandford J Shaw (to 521/97) HM Smith SJ Snaith RT Summerfield LC Twinn EY Wakeling and the clerk SJ Daniels.

1. Apologies for Absence

RJ Farrington and DJ Lee

502/97

2. New Councillors

RLEW congratulated Paul Oldham and Lynne Twinn on being elected to Council and welcomed them. They signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

503/97

3. Minutes

Minute 463/97 was amended to read..."County Council" and not ..."Highways Agency". Minutes of the meeting of 3 November 1997 were then confirmed and signed as a true record. Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 17 November 1997 were approved but not signed.

4. Matters Arising

504/97
(334/97)

Seminar - South Cambs Village Capacity Study

A report of the meeting held on 22 September was received and noted. RLEW volunteered to attend the Seminar on 10 December.

505/97
(355/97)

Police Local Consultation Group

Notes of the meeting held on 29 October were received.

506/97
(444/97)

Audit

Certificate of Audit was received.

507/97
(451/97)

Carequest

Noted that the Planning Officer was recommending "that the principle of the development be supported but that officers be granted delegated powers of approval to negotiate further to satisfy the Conservation Officer."

508/97
(459/97)

Pedestrian Refuges

Noted that the bollards were now lit and that the County Council were aware that the central lights needed action.

509/97
(460/97)

AWA Sewer

Noted that D Ward was monitoring the situation. The grass seed would be sown in Spring 1998. The clerk to ask whether tree planting would take place this season.

Agreed to remind AWA of the possible consequences of not replacing the skip at the entrance to the land adjacent to the A14.

- 510/97
(463/97) Foot/Cycle Bridge
A useful meeting was held with the various agencies. Another meeting was set for February. RLEW and RTS recorded a vote of thanks to JEC.
- 511/97
(464/97) Allotments
Agreed to inform the allotment holder who had not yet paid his rent that as he was in breach of the tenancy agreement Council would try to re-let his allotments.
RD and the clerk had made a site visit. Some plots though occupied were not being cultivated. There was evidence of rabbits and muntjac deer and fly tipping. Agreed to ask the contractor to burn the shrub/tree cuttings as soon as possible and to tidy up the un-let allotments.
- 512/97
(465/97) Land Adjacent A14
East Waste had confirmed that they would shape the bund before Christmas.
- 513/97
(467/97) MCC Constitution
The clerk to ask the MCC secretary for the up to date rules.
- 514/97
(468/97) Community Care
IFM reported that the Doctors agreed in principle to the use of a room for a chiropodist's visit. The committee felt however that there would be logistical problems in organising this and that it would probably be more beneficial to arrange home visits.
The Mobile Warden had ten regular members. The Day Centre was still in need of volunteers. It was suggested that there was scope for a Community Bus. IFM and JS agreed to co-ordinate.
- 515/97
(470/97) Farm College
RTS reported that the land between the village framework and the Green Belt boundary was known as "White land". The only buildings allowed on such land were agricultural buildings.
A Consultation Document on proposals for a merger between the Cambridgeshire College of Agriculture and Horticulture and the Norfolk College of Arts and Technology had been circulated prior to the meeting. Council's comments to be sent to the appropriate person. It was agreed that the College was an asset to the village and that Council would not like to see it moved.
- 516/97
(471/97) MCC Lighting
JEC confirmed that she had asked for a leaflet about CCTV and lighting to be produced and it would take six months.
As there was concern about light pollution in Coles Road JS would arrange to have the lights tilted down.
The clerk would ask John Henry to replace the nine lost cotoneasters.

517/97 Parish Council Telephone
(475/97) The clerk reported that the Parish Council telephone was now installed and that it would cost an extra £3 per quarter to have an entry in yellow pages and the telephone directory.

518/97 MCC
(482/97) RLEW would ask for a joint meeting as soon as possible to discuss Sheltered Housing, maintenance, staffing and Constitution.

519/97 Land at War Memorial
(483/97) Noted that the land was vested in the Crown as *bona vacantia*. It was agreed to ask the solicitor for estimated costs to pursue an ownership claim.

520/97 **5. Sheltered Housing**
(481/97) Planning application had been made.
RD proposed JS seconded and all agreed that Council would lease an extra piece of land approximately eleven metres in length to the west of the tennis courts for visitors' car parking if required.
Noted that the clerk would need to advertise the Release of Covenant.

521/97 **6. Quotations**
CFN proposed and RD seconded that Council accept the following quotations from Herald Contract Services:
a) Supply and plant bare rooted shrubs at the Froment Way and Humphries Way open space... £331.00 plus VAT.
b) Supply and plant 360 blackthorn and hawthorn bare rooted plants on bund next to land adjacent A14... £480.00 plus VAT.
Carried 12 in favour and 1 abstention.

(461/97) Maintenance Committee to monitor work recently done by Herald Contract Services and to review at its meeting on 15 December.
LCT agreed to join the Maintenance Committee.
JEC proposed HMS seconded and all agreed to accept P Whiterod's quotation of £93.05 for repairing the slide steps at The Sycamores Recreation Ground.

522/97 **7. Money Received and Bills for Payment**

Money Received

Photocopying	3.00
Community Care Fees	
Bowls loan repayment	<u>1000.00</u>
Total	1003.00

Bills for Payment

It was proposed RTS seconded IFM and agreed by all that the following bills be paid:

A Ellwood	Section 137 Community Care	363.27
RCT Adams	Village Cleaning	62.12

SJ Daniels	Clerk inc expenses	219.58
JA Daniels	Secretarial	158.00
Herald Contract Services	Grass Cutting	1077.32
Jarrold	Photocopying	20.97
GJ Sheldrick	Coles Rd Lighting	3694.64
GJ Sheldrick	Bus Shelter Electrical	176.07
Herald Contract Services	Fertilising Recs	587.50
John Henry	Coles Rd Ducting	5958.57
Alex Lawrie	MCC Bill	934.13
HR Cleaning	Bus Shelters	21.00
Staples	Stationery	49.04
Herald Contract Services	Maintenance Shrubs/Trees	2179.62
Wicksteed Leisure	Play Repairs Froment Way	267.90
<u>Bus Passes</u>		
Mrs EI Felton		8.00
Mrs G Tippett		4.00
Mrs Meikus		8.00
Mrs AM Millard		8.00
Mrs M Daniels		8.00
HK Wright		8.00
HA Bird		<u>8.00</u>
Total Bills Paid		15821.73

8. Planning

Decisions Received

- 523/97
(346/97) Mrs R Bell et al Chesterton Fen Road 16 caravan pitches.
Refused. (Conditions attached).
- 524/97
(409/97) Cambridge Regional College - Display of College title/logo signs.
Approved.
Conditions imposed to prevent a glare problem to trunk road users.
- 525/97
(495/97) Mr F Haslop 5a High Street - Extension.
Approved.

New Applications

- 526/97 S/1744/97 L Gaskin Lomas Farm Chesterton Fen Road - Demolition of out building, levelling and clearance of site and laying hard-core. SCDC Policies fully supported.
- 527/97 S/1745/97/LDC L Gaskin Lomas Farm Chesterton Fen Road - Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use in breach of a planning condition. SCDC Policies fully supported.
- 528/97 S/1757/97 Trinity College - Erection of two storey offices/laboratories at Unit 314 Science Park - No objections so long as informal cycleway is reinstated.

**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
CAMBRIDGESHIRE**

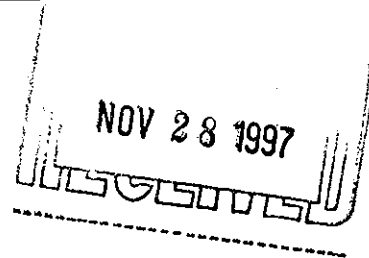
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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

REFUSAL OF PLANNING PERMISSION

TO: Chesters
Solicitors
Albion Chambers
11 Albion Street
Exmouth
Devon
EX8 1JL

346/97



The Council hereby refuses permission for 16 Pitches

at Chesterton Fen Road, Milton

(For Mrs R Bell, Mr C Lee, Mrs O Upton, Mr B Lee, Mrs R Upton, Mr H Blewitt, Mrs L Brazil, Mr H Blewitt, Mr W Webb, Mr A Smith, Mr R Hilden, Mr J Lee, Mr W Hilden, Mr T Smith, Mr J Burton, Mr W Holmes.)

in accordance with your application dated 14th August 1997

for the following reasons:-

1. The proposed use of the site for gypsy/travellers' caravans is contrary to Policy SP12/1 of the Cambridgeshire Structure Plan 1995 in that development in the countryside will be restricted to that which is essential to the effective operation of local agriculture, horticulture, forestry, permitted mineral extraction, outdoor recreation or public utility services.

It is also contrary to Policy SP12/2 of the same Plan and Policy C1 of the South Cambridgeshire Local Plan (1993) in that the site lies within an Area of Best Landscape where the Local Planning Authority will not normally grant permission for development which would adversely affect its character.

2. The proposed use of the site for gypsy/travellers' caravans is contrary to Policy SP18/3 of the Cambridgeshire Structure Plan 1995 and Policies GB3/1 and GB3/2 of the Cambridge Green Belt Local Plan (1992) in that the site lies within the Green Belt around the City of Cambridge. Within the Green Belt there is a presumption against development and permission will not normally be given with the exception of development for the purposes of agriculture, outdoor participatory sport and informal recreation, cemeteries, institutions standing in extensive grounds, or other uses appropriate to a rural area. In addition permission will not normally be given for development where it would adversely affect the rural and open nature of the area.

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3. The principles behind the Green Belt policies referred to in Reason 2 above are fully supported in PPG2 "Green Belts". In addition the development and use of the land as proposed would be contrary to the five principles set out in Para. 1.5 and Annex E refers to Para.3 of DOE Circular 1/94 which states that gypsy sites are not normally appropriate in Green Belts.
4. Policy SP4/6 of the Cambridgeshire Structure Plan 1995 requires adequate provision to be made for gypsies who reside in, or resort to the County. Fen Road Chesterton is already well serviced for travellers sites and vacancies exist on Council run sites throughout South Cambridgeshire District Council and the County and on permitted private sites. There is no justification to increase this number.
5. The site lies within the recorded flood plain of the River Cam; raising the ground levels and using the land as proposed will exacerbate the flooding problems in this area.
6. The site is located in an area which attracts birds to both breed and overwinter. Development in the area has already significantly reduced the amount of suitable land available to birds, and the cumulative effects of even small encroachments of development can be significant. The proposed caravan site will direct increase to disturbance to Chesterton Fen reducing its value for birds, and hence its importance as a wildlife habitat, and as such is contrary to Policy C13 of the Local Plan.
7. In the interests of highway safety there needs to be an adequate vehicular access to the site. The proposal does not meet this requirement since the visibility splays and kerb radii to the existing access are inadequate.

D. B. Hussell

9. Highway

529/97

Footpath - Pond Green

JEC proposed and RD seconded that Council contribute 50% or up to £400 whichever is the lower figure towards a footpath from High Street to Willow Crescent. 12 in favour 1 abstention.

530/97

Landbeach Road

Agreed to ask the County Council about stopping up the old disused Landbeach Road.

531/97

10. Bus Project

To be discussed at next meeting.

532/97

11. Crime Update

Latest crime figures were circulated. Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators' meeting was arranged for 11 December at 7.30pm. Five existing co-ordinators had left and one new one had joined.

Agreed to ask Tesco to remove graffiti from their wall.

533/97

12. County Councillor's Report

JEC had received a letter from a resident expressing concern about the pedestrian bollards and the problems of parking on both sides of High Street for cyclists.

JEC had also responded to his concerns about the water table at the allotments' site when the rowing lake has started.

534/97

13. District Councillor's Report

Enventure Southern were putting up a plaque at Tomkins Mead.

RTS had met with District Councillors Wyatt and Saberton to discuss the reservoir at Rectory Farm. There were concerns about possible dangers to mature trees along the cemetery boundary. Agreed to ask for J Hellingsworth's advice.

535/97

14. Correspondence Received

Cambridgeshire County Council - Annual Review 1997.

- Parish Paths Partnership 1998/99

- External Funding - Guide for Local Councils

Cambridgeshire ACRE - Annual Report 1996/97.

The meeting ended at 10.20pm.

Signed.....*L.G. Waters*.....Chairman.....*5.1.98*.....Date