

Minutes of a Meeting of Milton Parish Council held in Milton Parochial School on
Tuesday, March 2nd, 1971 at 7 p.m.

Present: Mr D Pearson, in the Chair; Mrs M Jones, Messrs H W H Eary, P Kiddle
G R Lewis, M J D Nade, R J Summelfield & A W Wenham & the Clerk to the Council

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Circulated Minutes of Meeting of January 5th, 1971

These were confirmed & signed.

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1807

Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chairman welcomed Mr. A. W. Wenham back to the Council renouncing an association with this Council dating from 1946.

Mr. Wenham signed the Declaration of Office.

1808

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Details of the Accounts to be given at the Annual Parish Meeting immediately following - see Minute, 1821

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Negotiations were now proceeding between the Receiver & the Parish Council about the status of a remaining piece of land on the north-east corner of the Gray Conoley estate.

Possible uses of the first piece of land when obtained were discussed. A parishioner suggested a footpath be made as an amenity.

1817. Street lamp near Rec. ft. entrance

Mr. Patten said that the lamp erected by the County Council was hardly near enough to the Hall entrance.

1818 Request for street sign to Village Hall

The Clerk said the Highways Dept. told him that a Ministry of Transport ruling prevented such a sign on the main A. 10.

Mr. Patten re-affirmed the necessity of the sign as there were now two "Milton Halls" in the village, & many patrons of events in the Hall were not local residents.

Mr. Nurse suggested the sign could be placed in Coler R. - and visible from the main road.

The Clerk said he would approach the Highways Dept. again with these two points.

1819 Cambridge R., Council House gardens & Rec. ft. Fencing

Mr. Patten drew attention to the present position. He said there was now no boundary at all between the Ground & the gardens & that tenants were bewildered by the continuing indecision about the rear halves of their gardens still staked out, after some years, for garages & houses; he alleged they received contradictory letters from time to time about cultivating these parts of their gardens.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that a Ministry of Health decision had prevented the R.D.C. from building the elderly persons' housing as planned near the Rec. ft. The land had been left marked out with a view to building garages. The Parish Council had learned only an hour before this meeting that R.D.C. policy now favoured hard-standing instead of garages.

A parishioner pointed out the importance of a definite boundary to the Rec. ft. as Insurance claims for injury in the G.D. could arise. At present it was a "no-mans-land" which an Insurance company might dispute if a claim arose.

The Clerk said he would again write to the R.D.C. with the foregoing points on behalf of parishioners & tenants.

1820 Public Toilets

The urgent need for these was stressed by several parishioners who

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alleged the present arrangements were unhealthy. Others pointed out that the Village Hall toilets were available & keys available to the two sports clubs.

The Clerk said he had been corresponding since 1966 with the R.D.C. on this matter; toilets had been promised but successive government economic restrictions had prevented them being built; the R.D.C. had in fact, in January, 1967 got as far as publishing the Statutory Notice of intention to build them, on a site near the Village Hall.

It was proposed by Mr. Sanford, sec of Mr. Brooklyn that the R.D.C. be asked for a firm date of commencement of work on Public Toilets.

1821

Provisional Parish Council Accounts for y.e. March 31st 1971
made up to March 2nd 1971. & circulated at Meeting

The Village Hall & Rec. Fr. % showed a deficit of £553.0.11. (£553.05), after paying $1\frac{1}{2}$ ° rate to the V.H. Comm. & a contribution to cost of fencing & piping of ditch.

Smallholders % showed credit of £3.5s (£3.25).

After carrying the balance from these to General % the Parish Council had a balance in hand on March 2nd of £534.13.1 (£534.65).

The sum of £850 had been precepted for 1971/72.

1822

Parish Council Accounts for y.e. March 31st 1970

Mr. Summersfield asked if the final accounts for ^{the} previous year (y.e. to March 31st 1970) could be given at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Clerk said he had not done so as those for last year had been asked for provisionally at the 1970 Meeting. He would do so in future, as of course, (as he agreed) they would not have been formally passed.

Mr. Summersfield proposed, Mrs Jones seconded that the Accounts for 1970 be accepted. This was agreed.

1823

Parochial Charities Accounts for y.e. December 31st 1970 &
circulated at Meeting

Of income of £192, the sum of £180 had been distributed according to the Scheme, including £85 on Coal & groceries in the Village, at Christmas. Total balance in hand £12.11.7.

1824

Report of County Councillor, Dr. H. Hatley.

Dr. Hatley said that Local Government reform was foremost, due to the Maud report, and would shortly be discussed by the County Council.

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Social services were now wide-ranging & active Welfare Services included Children's Depts; Child munders & Mental Health.

Dr Hatley favoured fluoridation of piped water supplies now approved by the County Council. Some local authorities were against it; some people considered it "enforced medication" but he disagreed. Dental Associations approved. Alternatively, tablets taken in milk by young children had been suggested. Fluoride prevented dental decay at an early age, & helped bone formation.

School meal prices & home-help services were increased but still subsidised by the Rates.

Northern By-Pan draft plans, which would affect Milton & a public inquiry into Cambridge By-pan roads were expected soon. Such roads cost some £800,000 a mile.

School safety. The flashing amber discs on either side of school crossings had now been erected in Milton - one of the only 4 in the County. A new form of "Keep Clear" sign on the roadway outside schools had been approved by the Min. of Environment. At Milton the problem was parents' cars causing obstruction outside the school. He suggested that Parents might share cars to take children to & from school. At Impington College pre-driving training courses were being given to seniors.

Mr Jones asked Dr. Hatley about fluoridation costs per head of population & considered fluoridation of water supplies a wasteful method.

1825

Report of Chairman of Village Hall Committee - Mr. J. Jenkins

Mr. Jenkins reported another successful year financially & socially. The adoption of a single "Sub-Committee" was a successful one. Its extension, tenders for which had been accepted in October, was nearing completion and the entire cost will be borne by the Village Hall Committee. So far, social activities had shown a profit of £438.

Mr. Jones thanked the Committee, on behalf of the Parish Council, for all the work in getting the extension realised.

1826

Report of Milton Parochial School Manager - Mr. P. Kiddle

Mr. Kiddle said increase in the Roll continued: it was now 228 - a manageable figure, but expansion problems

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was still close. It had been a very busy year in which the extension had been completed giving first claim to a new library, a Headmaster's Study, and extra toilet facilities. Playground & playing fields areas had been increased. He wished to record appreciation of the way in which the Headmaster & Staff had borne the upheaval of the building programme.

Traffic dangers had increased to children going to & from school. The Managers felt that parents parking immediately outside did not help as it obscured the road for children. They were very concerned about this.

Academically, it had been an extremely good year, for which thanks were due to the Staff - it was not necessarily automatic! Milton School standards were one of the highest in the County. A good relationship with the Warden of Impington was maintained.

Outside activities, coach trips, museums, historic places, etc. had been paid for from the "School Fund" to which sale proceeds had contributed £100. In the Intra-School area sports, of 33 events, Milton got 32 firsts & 1 second.

1827

Report of Rural District Councillor - Mr. K.P. Humphries

Mr Humphries thanked all those who had supported his nomination at the recent by-election as recently as mid January.

The 12 flats for the elderly, in Walkley Way (named in honour of the retired Councillor who had served the village some 42 years.) were nearing completion after delays. The first 4 had all been allocated to Milton residents, hoping to move in by May. He reminded the Meeting that the District Rate Fund & Government Subsidies paid for the building and any deserving person(s) in the Rural District were quite eligible. There were also 18 ^{flats} at Combeston & 12 at Cotton nearing completion.

~~Subsidising bus services where necessary was being considered.~~

A suggestion to close ^{District} Solway Rd to through traffic was to be opposed by the Council on behalf of several villages. This could affect Milton adversely, by bringing more traffic through, especially past the School. He understood the Parish Council would support objection.

The Rate Collection procedure had been revised. Pro-forms were made when a single demand note, early in the year, without

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further reminders ^{were} followed by summonses and the revised procedure will be to issue half-yearly reminders & allow 7 days before any summons is issued.

In local gov. reform the District Council are opposing the suggestion of very large Counties and putting forward smaller alternatives.

The new arrangement of plastic sacks for refuse collection is working satisfactorily but some problems arise in distributing enough sacks for householders whose needs vary. The expensive system of inserting request cards in each sack may be modified.

Mr Humphreys drew attention to the ever-present rises in costs & rates. Total District expenditure for 1971/72 is estimated at £597,000 - to meet which increase of $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ in the £ is necessary to $4\frac{1}{2}\% \equiv 21\text{p}$. This was an increase of 51% in the District Rates since 1967.

Any Other Business

1828

Mr E. C. Day, complained of the state of road & pavement near 23 & 25 Butt Lane, which had been complained of at previous Parish Meetings.

The Clerk agreed the complaints were long-standing & said he had written several times to the Highway Dept. without effect. Mr Day maintained ineffective repairs had been attempted but the nuisance of standing puddles blocking entrances & pathway remained.

1829

Several electors repeated their dissatisfaction with the District & County Councils over the matters of providing Toilets, fencing the Rec. Grd & trees on the Winship Estate & after lively discussion the following Resolution was proposed by Mr E. Duller & seconded by Mr G. Patten:

Milton Parish Meeting wishes to place on record its loss of faith in the empty promises and inaction on the part of Cherwell Rural District Council & the Cambs. & Isle of Ely County Council in relation to serious amenity problems in the Village. The meeting would like to invite the M.P. for Cambridgeshire, Mr Pym M.C. M.P., the Chairman of the County Council, & the Chairman of the District Council to visit the village & personally investigate the complaints of the villagers with the Chairman of Milton Parish Council.

This was carried by 11 votes to 4, with ²⁰~~18~~ abstentions.

1830

Mr B. Waterson asked if a road-sweeper could be provided to supplement the mechanical sweeper.

1831.

Protest about Rate increase: The Clerk read a letter sent to the Chairman of the Parish Council, by Miss C. W. Hudson, of 58, Ten R^d in which she regretted she was unable to be present to protest personally against "the proposed steep rise in R.D.C. rates"

This concluded the business & the Chairman closed the Meeting

Signed _____ Chairman _____ Date _____

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Parochial School on Monday, March 8th, 1971 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr D. Pearson, in the Chair; Mr M. Jones; Messrs
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& the Clerk.

Apology, due to illness, from Mr B.W.H. Easby.

1832

Parish Meeting Resolution of March 2nd (1829).

The main business was to discuss instructions for the Clerk concerning this Resolution.

The Clerk said he would of course, as Clerk to that Meeting, be forwarding the Resolution as instructed (to Mr Pym & the two Chairmen).

After full discussion the Clerk was instructed also to write to those 3 gentlemen from the Parish Council as follows:

That the Parish Council consider the wording of the Resolution unfortunate; that they are basically in agreement with the Parish Meeting but believe all promises to have been in good faith; that they appreciate the concern of parishioners & also that there are appropriate channels through which they have been following up the complaints. Under no circumstances did the Parish Council wish to undermine the good working relationship built up over the years between them and the two Councils.

They noted the Clerk to comment as follows:

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(a) Public Toilets.

Correspondence since 1966. Wished for a definite commitment as soon as possible based on the latest information that toilets are to be considered "next June or July".

(b) Fences & Garages

They only learnt that garages were to be dropped at their Council meeting an hour before the Annual Parish Meeting. Have suggested, separately, they wish for hard-standing or a hard road giving access to rear of Council House gardens and opportunity for tenants to park at the rear of their gardens. They hope this will clear up the indecision to which tenants are now subjected about cultivating the rears of their gardens - still staked out after many years for housing or garages. Suggest fencing of Rec. St. / Council gardens boundary can now be carried out.

(c) Winship Estate Trees (1815)

The Parish Council had written to the Planning Officer suggesting early tree planting as a condition of permission for development. Had this been done the present position on the Estate could not have arisen. The Council understands instructions to plant trees have been given to the Estate during development.

The Clerk was also instructed to make further attempts to obtain more information about the promised tree-planting, from the Winship Estate Agents, Messrs Gray, Swann & Cook.

Any Other Business

1833 The Clerk read a letter asking for the Parish Council's views on Car Parking. Agreed that there were offered in the negotiations proceeding.

1834 Northern By-Pass - Eastern Road Construction Unit.

This Unit applied to place markers for aerial survey on the Council Allotments. Proposed by Mr Forbes, sec. by Mr Summefeld permanent given.

1835 Mr Barnabas Shipp's Centenary

In view of Mr Shipp's long service to the Parish as roadman it was proposed by Mr Jones, seconded by Mr Kiddle that a 100th birthday card signed by all the Council & a present of wines be made by the Chairman. This was agreed unanimously & tribute paid to his excellent work. The Clerk had informed H.M. the Queen & also "Cape Grapes for Centenary" scheme.

1836 White Horse Car Parking

The Clerk said that complaints of obstruction of the footpath here had been passed to the Licensee who willingly agreed to fell his Clients.

1837 Resignation of Mr J.W.R. Lewis

The Council received this with much regret. Mr Lewis was shortly to leave the village.

Signed J. Peabody.

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