

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 2nd July 1979 in Milton Primary School at 7.30 p.m.

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), Mrs. G.F. Tonks, Mrs. B.C. Waterson, H.W.H. Easy, P. Kiddle, G. Patten, K.P. Humphries, R. Day and the Clerk B.K. Connor.

Apologies were received from A.D.J. Bull.

I. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3991 The minutes of the meeting held on 4th June had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3992 Name for Third Phase of Shirley Close. The Planning Officer confirmed (3984) acceptance of the Council's suggestion to use the name Pearson Close. Mr. D. Pearson had been advised on the situation.

3. New Applications

- a) 3993 S/0944/79 - C. Hanson, Old School Lane - erection of bungalow/garage - no objections but query the fact that the drainage is close to neighbouring properties - does this meet by laws.
- b) 3994 S/0974/79 - D. Gates, 18 Cambridge Road - house extension - no objections.
- c) 3995 S/1039/79 - R. Milne, 23 Fen Road - house extension - no objections.
- d) 3996 S/1074/79 - R. Bennison, temporary location of caravan on plot 1 at rear of 24 Cambridge Road during construction of new bungalow - object unless adequate foul drainage is provided.
- e) 3997 S/1085/79 - E. Misson, land at rear of 2-8 High Street o/p for 3 dwellings - query adequacy of access for such a development if this is acceptable no objections.

4. Decisions Received

- a) 3998 S/0305/79/F - A. Barrett, Greengate Piggeries, Chesterton Fen Road (3863) - continue siting caravan - refused, situated on green belt.
 - b) 3999 S/0568/79/F - Goodfellow Metals, Science Park - extension of outbuildings for use as waste chemical store - approved with conditions relevant to the prevention of water pollution and correct drainage. (3918)
 - c) 4000 S/0599/79/F - Mrs. V. Ayres, 49 Cambridge Road - erection of hairdressing salon - approved. (3919)
 - d) 4001 S/0610/79/F - H. Bennison, plot at rear of 24 Cambridge Road - erection of bungalow - approved. (3920)
 - e) 4002 S/0668/79/F - Mr. B. Patel, 26 High Street - two storey house extension - approved. (3922)
 - f) 4003 S/0722/79/F - Mr. I. Benson, 74 Fen Road - two storey house extension - approved. (3923)
 - g) 4004 S/0747/79/F - Scitech, 42 High Street - erection of garage - approved subject to revised capping of existing brick wall. (3924)
 - h) 4005 S/0765/79/F - Mr. P. Warren, Waggon & Horses Public House - front lobby and kitchen extension - approved. (3925)
 - i) 4006 Complaint ref Few Mackay Ltd. - hardcore tipping to prevent flooding (3804) (ref. application S/2147/78 dated 14/12/78) - the clerk to investigate the current situation on this application.
5. 4007 Access Church Lane to E.E.B. The Council decided to accede to the E.E.B. (3982) request on the proviso that the gate is closed to heavy traffic.
6. 4008 Waste Tipping Adjacent to Bypass. K.P.H. reported that the site had been (3989) the subject of 3 different planning applications, but the final version which received deemed permission (S/1348/76) did not incorporate any conditions requiring the area to be screened. The area should be restored to agricultural use 6 years from the commencement of tipping.

7. Any Other Business

- 4009 S.C.D.C. Drainage Status. The report dated June 1979 advised that the drainage situation is satisfactory in that no development would be prohibited within a reasonable size.
- 4010 Milton Area Joint District Plan. The Clerk had received a request from the Joint Planning Team for Milton to meet the Parish Council for discussions. It was agreed that Monday 9th July at 8 p.m. would be convenient.
- 4011 Appeal by Mr. D. Spiers Against Planning Refusal. Notice of Appeal was received and it was decided that the original objections to the application would be repeated.
- 4012 Todd's Pit. The Chairman reported that this had recently been resold to the Cambridge University Cruising Club for sailing and fishing purposes. The fishing rights have been sold to Histon Angling Club for a 12 month period. An access roadway to the area had been cleared and parking provided for approximately 20 cars .

Signed..... B. SumnerChairman..... 3rd September 1979Date

II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 4013 The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of 4th June had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.
2. Matters Arising
- 4014 Street Lighting - Goding Way. The Chairman had checked the situation (3964) which appeared to be satisfactory. The matter would therefore be left in abeyance.
- 4015 Bypass Crossing. Apologies for absence from Mr. John Lapham. The Clerk (3965) read the letter received from Mr. Pym dated 25th June confirming that the Department of Transport had refused permission since the results of the traffic and pedestrian survey did not satisfy the criteria required. It is however possible that an exception may be made for human and environmental reasons, and the matter has been referred to the Minister for a decision. A further reply is awaited.
- It was reported that there had been an accident at the Butt Lane crossing involving a young girl cyclist who was not seriously injured. The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Surveyor referring to this accident and requesting the erection of a school warning sign in Butt Lane for motorists approaching the junction and also the white lines at the junction need to be moved further back along Butt Lane towards Impington.
- 4016 Tree Damage. The Clerk had received a reply from the County Planning (3967) Officer advising that it was decided to approach Mr. Howard personally, and then to follow this by letter. Since there was no evidence that this had been done the Clerk would request a copy of the correspondence.
- 4017 Matters Arising from the A.P.M. P.K. confirmed that the details of the (3969) count of cyclists and report on the student teacher situation were being transmitted by post.
- 4018 Layby Parking - Cambridge Road. The Management Assistant, S.C.D.C., (3972) requested the names of the complainants involved. B.C.W. provided the Clerk with the details which would be communicated.
- 4019 Old A10 Closure and Damaged Agricultural Access Gate. No replies (3974 & 5) from the County Surveyor to date - carry forward to next meeting.
- 4020 Publicity for Parish Council Elections. The Clerk had received replies (3977) from the Returning Officer, S.C.D.C., and Mr. Martindale, C.A.L.C., both of which stated that the principal reason for the lack of publicity and suitable size posters was the lack of funds. P.K. felt that the C.A.L.C.'s own poster could have been a very basic design with blank spaces for insertion of dates and locations. The Clerk should make this observation to Mr. Martindale.

- 4021 Bypass Grass Verges. The Resident Engineer confirmed that these items (3976) appear on the list of work to be completed within the maintenance period.
- 4022 P.C. Trees Officer. M.W. had advised the Clerk that he was prepared to continue his duties. The Council were agreed that some larger trees should be purchased for the more prominent locations in the village, for example along the A10 by the nurseries and Edmund House. R.D. was asked to liaise with M.W. on the question of maturer trees which could be ordered up to £300 in value. The Clerk was asked to check with Mr. Hellingsworth whether the verge of the de-trunked A10 could be planted by the Council.
3. 4023 Allotments Situation. The Clerk had received a reply to the Council's (3966) queries in a letter dated 22nd June and also a formal request from the County Land Agent to sign the tenancy agreement for the 6.052 acres being re-let to the Council. The queries which need to be answered are as follows: 1. The tenancy agreement is for one year only and the Council felt that this should be extended preferably to 5 years but a minimum of 3. 2. The signature and undertaking on the agreement was of a personal capacity for the Clerk or Chairman and it was felt that this should be amended to state on behalf of the Parish Council. 3. Mr. Legge should be asked to prepare a draft agreement as between the Parish Council and the allotment holders. 4. Compensation should be claimed as due for the 4 acres being vacated since it is likely that the allotment holders may claim from the Parish Council. 5. Mr. H. Easy has not been given official notice, what is the proper method? 6. If Mr. Legge has not served notices on the individual tenants should the Parish Council now do so?
- H.W.H.E. left the discussion stage of this part of the meeting. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Legge by telephone to expedite replies to the queries and the Chairman was again delegated powers to action matters as necessary since there would be no meeting for 2 months.
4. 4024 Speed Limit on the Old A10. Since K.P.H. had only had one complaint or request to have the speed limit reduced to 30 it was proposed by G.P. and seconded by P.K. and agreed that the existing speed limit should remain in force.
5. 4025 Bypass Landscaping. The Clerk presented the original plans as (3979) designed by the Senior Landscape Architect for the project. Since it was reported that work is at present in progress on the banking it was decided to review progress at the next meeting.
6. 4026 The Minutes of the Special Structure Plan Meeting held on 12th June (3990) had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

7. Matters Arising

4027 The Clerk read to the Council the letter which had been compiled with the help of the Chairman and sent to the Department of the Environment in London expressing the Council's views.

8. 4028 Bills for Payment and Monies Received

Monies Received - H.M. Customs & Excise - refund of VAT for financial year ended
31.3.79 £34-47

It was proposed by G.P., seconded by B.C.W. and agreed, that the following bills be paid.

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| 1. S.-Print - photocopying agenda/minutes | \ £7-20 |
| 2. Department of Environment - District Audit Fee
(yr ended 31/3/79) | \ £49-45 |
| 3. South Cambs. District Council
- Annual lease of Recreation Ground | \ £1-00 |
| 4. Mrs. J.R. Connor - Secretarial duties 19 hrs @ £1-20 / 22-80
posts & telephone for June | 4-31 \ £27-11 |
| 5. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary for June | \ £45-37 |

9. 4029 Updating of Banks Records. The Council members duly completed the appropriate form amending the list of authorised cheque signatories.
10. 4030 M.V.H.M.C. Request. The Treasurer had written to the Council offering £50 following the sale of the old Land Rover as a token to offset the recent expenditure on new equipment. Following a vote with 3 in favour and 4 against with H.W.H.E. abstaining, it was decided not to accept the offer. The Clerk would advise the Treasurer accordingly.
11. 4031 Comments of the District Auditor. a) Mr. Gwyther felt that the Council hold too much capital and should not have precepted £3,000 this year. As and when capital is required the Parish Council have the right to precept at any time. Mr. Gwyther had discussed this by telephone with the Chairman and the comments were duly noted. b) The insurance records showed that a copying machine existed but bills were presented regularly for photocopying charges. The Clerk had explained that the machine is old and the copies are very poor quality, and the auditor suggested that the old copier should therefore be disposed of by sale if possible.
K.P.H. offered the sum of £5 for the copier after having declared an interest, and following a proposal by G.P., seconded by R.D., the sale was agreed.
The Clerk would review the possibility of purchasing a small copier for Parish Council use.
12. 4032 Police Vandal Patrols. P.C. Cracknell had contacted the Clerk to offer his services by way of special patrols with any members of the Parish Council who so wished with a view to the prevention of vandalism. Although this offer was appreciated it was also understood that Milton at the present time has no problems unlike the neighbouring villages of Impington and Cottenham, where evening attractions are presented by the village colleges.
13. 4033 Village Grass Cutting. The Clerk had contacted Mr. Brierley of the County Surveyor's Department who confirmed that the services had deteriorated because of the lack of labour and finance. It was agreed that in view of the untidy state of some of the village grassed areas that a contractor should be appointed to carry out proper cutting as soon as possible, and in the long term quotations would be obtained and a contractor selected on a more permanent basis. The areas requiring attention are Coles Road, at both ends, Old School Lane, Waggon & Horses green, Landbeach Road up to the cemetery, end of Willow Crescent, Cambridge Road verges, around the seats in Walkling Way, and the closed end of Butt Lane. H.W.H.E. volunteered to contact Colville Brothers of Weston Colville in West Suffolk to arrange the first cut.
14. Any Other Business
- 4034 Litter Bin by Seat on Waggon & Horses Green. The Chairman reported that due to heavy use of the seat considerable litter was being left in the area, and requested that a strong bin be erected. The Clerk was asked to organise this with Mr. D. Haird, and to review the arrangements for emptying as it affects the bin by the shops in Coles Road.
- 4035 Rep. for Village Hall Replacement Scheme. Since no-one was prepared to volunteer to serve on this special committee, the Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Poulter to ask if he is willing to continue and report to the Parish Council. The Clerk would also write to the Secretary, M.V.H.M.C., Mr. Gray, advising him of the situation confirming that no report has been made to the Parish Council, and that it was understood plans were presented at the Village Hall A.G.M.
- 4036 Street Lighting - Coles Road. It was reported that all the lights are switched off at midnight, even those which are on photo-electric cell operation. The Clerk would report this fault.

- 4037 Increase in Parish Council Members. K.P.H. reminded the Council that the total number of members could be 11. The Clerk was therefore asked to enquire as to when and how it was possible to increase the number if agreed.
- 4038 Dates for Next Meetings. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to meet on the first Monday in each month with the exception of August, and the date for the next meeting would be 3rd September.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 11.17 p.m.

Signed R. Summerfield Chairman 3rd September 1979 Date

Minutes of Special Meeting held to discuss the Milton District Plan with the Joint Planning Team in Milton Primary School at 8 p.m. on Monday 9th July.

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), P. Kiddle, K.P. Humphries, H.W.H. Easy, R. Day, Mrs. B.C. Waterson and the Clerk's Assistant Mrs. J.R. Connor
Mr. D. Turner, Mr. R. Meek, Mr. M. Monk of the Joint Planning Team.

Apologies were received from Mrs. G.F. Tonks.

The Chairman outlined the reasons for the meeting and introduced the members of the Planning Team and then asked Mr. Turner to address the Parish Council.

- 4039 Mr. David Turner said that he was grateful for the opportunity to talk to the Parish Council on an informal basis. The M.D.P. would be a lengthy exercise which would take 18 months to 2 years to complete. A Joint Team of 5 members was set up - 2 from the City Council, 2 from S.C.D.C. and 1 from the County Council. First job of the Team was to prepare a working brief. This brief would follow the terms of reference as stated in the Structure Plan but would be very flexible. The Local Plan area cuts across two local council boundaries which does make things more difficult. The Structure Plan says that work should begin in the middle 1980's. Mr. Turner then went on to discuss the Brief which has been prepared and which will be circulated to all members of the Council later.

The Team are also intending to produce a Newsletter to inform people of what is going on, and hope to produce information at all key stages within the preparation of the Plan and distribute this throughout the Plan Area. They hope to produce something interesting giving basic information about the actual population levels, size of households and facts about the area as it stands.

Mr. Monk stressed that the Structure Plan is not approved. The Examination in Public is to be held at the end of September and there was still a long way to go before approval is reached. Approval was not expected until the end of 1980 and the Local Plan would be needed soon afterwards. After the result of the Examination in Public they will have some idea of what will happen and if any problems arise in carrying on with the Local Plan it will be known fairly quickly.

R.T.S. asked if sufficient land could not be found can the Plan be changed. D.T. assured the Council that if the land was unavailable then the Plan would be changed. The Structure Plan proposals are 12-18 months old and obviously things can change. Cost involved may be a major factor which the Structure Plan could not have anticipated.

P.K. asked if the Team could answer any specific questions i.e. could they say what the division between private and council dwellings would be. D.T. felt that they must strive for a mix but could not say what mix. Mr. Meek said that Milton was an important area of growth and there would be a proportion of Council housing. It was impossible to put a percentage figure on it. There was a commitment to provide housing for rent.