

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 2nd October 1978
at 7.30 p.m. in Milton Primary School.

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), M. Waggett, G. Patten, H.W.H. Easy,
Mrs. B.C. Waterson, Mrs. M.E. Jones, S.B. Poulter, D.J. Cook,
Councillor K.P. Humphries and the Clerk B.K. Connor.

Apologies for absence received from Mr. P. Kiddle.

I. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3704 The minutes of the Planning Committee of 4th September had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3705 Complaint Regarding Lemins. No further news to report, situation (3670) to be reviewed at the next meeting.

3706 Lambert Constructions Ltd., Butt Lane. H.E. reported that the (3671) drainage pipes were removed and reinstated at a lower level. H.E. wished to offer thanks to everyone who had helped to achieve a satisfactory solution to the problem, and the Chairman added his thanks to H.E. and K.P.H. for their efforts.

3. New Applications

- 3707 S/1492/78 - Mrs. K. Mitchell, 35 Willow Crescent - erection of front porch - no comments.
3708 S/1493/78 - Mr. K. Smith, 37 Willow Crescent - erection of front porch - no comments.
3709 S/1500/78 - Mr. P. Maltby, 13 Pryor Close - house extension - no comments.
3710 S/1561-5/78 - Mr. L. Burrows, outline permission for 1-5 bungalows at rear of 24 Cambridge Road - K.P.H. advised that these applications have been withdrawn and will be revised.
3711 S/1620/78 - A. Scrivener, 34 Shirley Close - house extension - no comments.

4. Decisions Received

- 3712 S/1359/78 - D. Clark, Vine Cottages, Chesterton Fen Road - pair of (3672) semi-detached houses - refused on the grounds that the site is outside the development area in the approved town map. The proposal would constitute the undesirable consolidation of this sporadic and isolated pocket of development and also the site is within the proposed Cambridge green belt.
3713 S/1235/78/F - M.V.H.M.C. - extension of period of consent for a further temporary period of 10 years expiring on 30 June 1988 - approved.

Signed.....*R. Summerfield*.....Chairman.....*6/11/78*.....Date

II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3714 The minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4th September had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

- 3715 Road Flooding - Goding Way. M.E.J. and G.P. reported that in the
(3689) recent period of heavy rain there is still excessive flooding. It was felt that in view of reports that Willow Crescent and also Coles Road showed similar signs of drain blockages that the matter should be reported again to the County Surveyor for further action.
- 3716 Pavement Repairs. Following the query regarding the completion of
(3690) the surface repairs, the Divisional Surveyor had replied to the effect that the fine top surface of macadam is normally only applied where sufficient depth is not available for the larger grade of surface coating.
- 3717 Milton By-pass, Butt Lane Crossing. It was reported that the Milton
(3692) By-pass was opened today at 2 p.m., and already it could be seen that the traffic flow was causing considerable problems for the schoolchildren who attempt to cross the junction at Butt Lane. K.P.H. advised that Mr. J. Lapham wished to attend this stage of the meeting but unfortunately was ill. K.P.H. had received a reply from Mr. Spreadbury concerning the possibility of extending the bus service taking Milton children to Impington V.C.: a further 20 to 30 extra children could be accommodated on the existing two buses which carry 96 children at the moment. If the total number of children exceeded 130 and a third bus was required, this could cost as much as £17 per term per head reducing towards £13 if the number increased to 170. The information would be circulated to parents by Mr. Spreadbury.

3. 3718 Allotments - NOTICE TO QUIT from County Land Agent. The Clerk had
(3605) received an official NOTICE TO QUIT the entire allotment holdings known as Milton Manor under the Agricultural Holdings Act 1977 - the notice to take effect on 11th October 1979. The land is required for education and experimental purposes for the Francis Jeeps College, and since the Council was not willing to release any part of its holding as originally requested the notice to quit the entire area has been served. Without prejudice it may be possible to relet to the Council an area of land which is properly required for allotments.

H.E. declared an interest and offered to leave the meeting, but the Council unanimously agreed that H.E. should remain present for the discussions.

The Clerk had referred the matter to the Council's Land Agent, Mr. Legge of George Comins, who felt that two courses of action are open. (a) The notice to quit could be resisted in its entirety, in which case the Land's Tribunal would make the final decision if a counter notice were served on the Council's behalf by Mr. Legge. (b) Mr. Legge suggested that it would be helpful to make an offer to the County Land Agent to give up the holdings on the east side of the by-pass, i.e. those presently in the tenancy of Mr. H. Easy and Mr. C. Smith, in the hope that the remaining plots would be left in the hands of the Council and possibly augmented by a further area presently cultivated by the Farm College.

After discussion M.W. suggested that the Council should resist the notice to quit and this was seconded by G.P. and agreed. The Clerk would advise Mr. Legge accordingly and in preparing a reply mention should be made of the fact that the Council have to consider the future expansion of the village and thereby the necessity to provide more allotments, there is no other land available for the purpose, and that hardship would be caused to the people with the larger plots who have been caretaking the Council's land over a great number of years. K.P.H. further suggested that Mr. Martindale should be contacted regarding the Council's statutory duty to provide allotments for villagers.

4. 3719 Joint Working Group - Milton Pits. R.T.S. and P.K. attended the
(3685) first meeting on behalf of the Parish Council. K.P.H. also attended as representative of S.C.D.C. R.T.S. reported that Mr. M. Harford was duly elected as Chairman and it was suggested that the scheme should be looked at in possibly three stages, and the first stage involves the pit areas owned by Nicholas and Dickerson. The Countryside Commission are prepared to offer a 50% grant for the parts of the project which will provide no income. There should be a permanent warden and the facilities to be provided would cover fishing, swimming, rowing, canoeing, play area, picnic area, and camping and caravanning facilities the latter two items being of particular interest to the City Council.

R.T.S. reported that the Council would prefer development to commence on the site linked with the recreation ground and parish owned land. After discussion it was considered to be far more desirable to attempt acquisition of the whole area of land rather than a phased approach.

The next meeting is planned for 12-1-79.

5. 3720 Draft Scheme for Milton Parochial Charities. Copies of the
(3700) deed had been circulated to members. K.P.H. outlined part of the deed headed 'application of income' and mentioned that the original highways clause has been released since this is now out of date. Considerable discussion then ensued concerned with the distribution of the charity income and it was generally felt that a change to the existing scheme is very necessary. M.W. proposed that the new deed be accepted and this was seconded by D.J.C. and agreed by all members with the exception of S.B.P. The deed was therefore approved.

6. 3721 Fencing Gateway at Cambridge Road Entrance to Recreation Ground.
(3701) After having inspected the fencing arrangements Council felt that the temporary fencing which has been erected is satisfactory and no further action is required.

7. 3722 Monies Received and Bills for Payment.

Receipt 1 - Inland Revenue - refund of income tax on
payment of compensation for loss of allotments £46-59

Bills for Payment. It was proposed by G.P., seconded by M.E.J.
and agreed that the following bills be paid:-

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| 1. Mrs. J.R. Connor - secretarial duties for Sept. | |
| 13 hrs @ £1.10 | £14-30 |
| posts & telephone | 2.63 |
| | £16-93 |
| 2. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary for September | £41-25 |
| 3. Scitech Publications - photocopying agenda/mins/
corresp. September | £5-40 |

8. 3723 Camb. Association of Local Councils. Notice of autumn conference
to be held 4th November at 10.30 a.m. at Meldreth Village Hall.

10. Any Other Business

- 3724 M.V.H.M.C. Bonfire Party. Since November 5th falls on a Sunday this year Mr. M. Gray as secretary of the sub-committee, had written to the Council asking if there were any objections to the celebrations being held on the Sunday. The Council felt that there may be some complaints from residents, but the final decision should be left with the Management Committee. G.P. felt that the matter should not have been referred to the Parish Council for a decision. The Clerk had contacted Mr. Forbes of the Community Council who confirmed that there is no reason why the bonfire should not take place on a Sunday providing that there is no music or dancing.

- 3725 Ditches in the Parish. H.E. felt that the Council should ensure that all ditches are cleared before the Road Construction Unit leave the site. It was decided to refer the matter to the next Council meeting to fix a date for an examination of ditches.

The meeting was then closed by the Chairman at 9.50 p.m.

Signed.....R. Summerfield.....Chairman.....Date

Minutes of the Planning Sub-Committee meeting held on Monday 16th October 1978 at 8.00 p.m. at No.43 Fen Road.

Present: M. Waggett (in the Chair), R.T. Summerfield, Mrs. B.C. Waterson, S.B. Poulter (part-time), Councillor K.P. Humphries and the Clerk, B.K. Connor.

Apologies for absence were received from D.J. Cook.

1. 3726 The minutes of the last two Planning Sub-Committee meetings of 21st December 1977 and 13 June 1978 had already been circulated and were confirmed and signed.
2. There were no matters arising from these minutes.
3. 3727 Appeal Against Planning Refusal - H.C. Moss/Shirley Close (3681) Development. This stage of the meeting was joined by Mr. Turrall-Clarke, Senior Legal Officer of S.C.D.C. M.W. declared his interest in this issue as a resident of Fen Road and with the agreement of the meeting R.T.S. took the Chair. Mr. Turrall-Clarke kindly agreed to attend the meeting following agreement with R.T.S. in order to coordinate the objections lodged by the Parish Council and S.C.D.C.

The site plan was examined and an analysis of the traffic flow was carried out. Considerable discussion then ensued concerning the basic problem of access to this 3rd phase of the Shirley Close Estate. K.P.H. on behalf of the S.C.D.C. was working on the basis that two access routes should be provided namely Fen Road and Old School Lane. R.T.S. however stated that at the last Planning Sub-Committee Meeting the Old School Lane access was considered to be unacceptable.

Mr. Turrall-Clarke expressed concern that the two Councils were not in agreement and suggested that he should arrange to employ an independent traffic expert to analyse and report on the situation. S.B.P. felt horrified at the thought of using Old School Lane because of the high density of housing and the number of children involved. M.W. felt that access should be split between the two roads. R.T.S. then confirmed that a complete meeting of the Parish Council would have to be arranged in order to prepare final comments for submission as required before November 2nd 1978. It was further suggested that the number of houses should be reduced to 30, as per the original plan, and these should be larger, detached dwellings.