

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN
THE VILLAGE HALL, COLES ROAD, ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3rd
1968, at 7.30 p.m.

There were present:

Mr. D. Pearson, Chairman, in the Chair; Mrs. M. Jones, Messrs J. S. Doggett, L. M. Forbes, J. W. R. Lewis, R. T. Summerfield and E. J. Walkling, together with the Clerk.

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MINUTES (1332)

The circulated minutes of the Council's meeting held on November 14th. last were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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Traffic conditions in Milton (1333) - The Clerk reported he had replied to Mr. E. L. Barclay, of 1, Milton Court explaining that the Council had, in fact, been pursuing the question of road safety in the village for many years, and, also, that although their request for a round-about or refuge had again been turned down by the Ministry of Transport, the Police were co-operating in checking speeding through the village.

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Sale of Old Village Hall and Site (1314) - The Clerk submitted the legal conveyance of the old village Hall site drawn up by Messrs W. J. & J. G. Taylor, for signature by the Council. The Chairman, Mr. L. M. Forbes and Mr. E. J. Walkling signed the document, witnessed by the Clerk.

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NEW DEVELOPMENT OFF FEN ROAD

The Clerk reported correspondence from a potential resident at this estate, Mr. P. Hammersley, Messrs Mills and Douglas, the builders, and a request from the R. D. C. for suggestion of a name. After discussion the Clerk was instructed to reply to the R. D. C. giving as first choice: HALL END (this being the ancient name of Fen Road) with PEARSON CLOSE as an alternative.

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URINAL ON RECREATION GROUND.

The Clerk read a letter from the Public Health Inspector, Mr. Newman, complaining that the urinal on the recreation ground was crude and unshielded when used extensively during football matches. The Council recalled that over 12 months ago proposed expenditure by the R. D. C. on public toilets there, was deferred as part of national policy. The Council further agreed that the correspondence be referred to the Village Hall Committee.

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ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS

The Clerk read a letter from Mr. M. G. Martindale, Secretary of the County Parish Councils Association, seeking greater effort by Councils to support their Parish Meetings Campaign and offering specially printed posters for Annual Meetings and Council Meetings. The Clerk was instructed to purchase a set of each.

Mr. Martindale also gave notice of the Spring Conference on Saturday, March 2nd, at Cottenham Village College, at which the topics were to be Speed Limits and provision for Recreation

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CORRESPONDENCE

Public Health Amendments Act, 1890 - The Clerk reported on correspondence with the Clerk to the C. R. D. C., Mr. Flint, in which he had requested detailed inform-

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ation on all places of public entertainment in Milton to enable the R.D.C. to consider carefully the adoption of provisions of the above Act for which the Mid-Anglia Constabulary were pressing the R.D.C.

The Clerk had returned the requisite details in respect of Milton Village Hall and the British Legion Hall.

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Eastern Electricity - had informed the Clerk that an increase in light charges of about 10% in respect of the two bus shelters would operate as from April 1st., 1968 terminating the present agreements. The new annual charge would be approximately £6 10s. covering both shelters. The Council agreed to accept this.

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Chesterton Rural District Council, Abstract of Accounts, 1966/67 - The Clerk submitted these accounts received from the Treasurer R.D.C.

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National Water Safety Campaign - The Clerk read a letter from the Public Health Inspector, Mr. Newman, asking for the Council's observations on the dangerous hazards formed by the gravel pits near the Milton Recreation Ground, which is popular with children and that the Police consider warning notices and lifebelts should be provided. The Inspector pointed out, however, that other bodies, like the Cam Conservators, maintain these to be of little use as they are regularly demolished by hooligans.

The Clerk was instructed to reply that the Council agreed with the latter statement and also suggest the responsibility for safety lies with the pit owners.

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Earl Attlee Appeal Fund - The Clerk read a letter from Councillor J. Nepling, Chairman of the R.D.C., in support of the Lord Mayor of London's appeal for the Attlee Memorial Foundation which will finance social experiment particularly amongst youth.

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Badges of Office - The Clerk submitted an illustrated circular letter of Badges for Chairman of Parish Council. No action was taken.

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RATE PRECEPT FOR 1968/69

The Clerk submitted a provisional statement of expenditure for 1968/69 and drew attention to Minute, 1232 of January, 1967, in which the Council hoped to reduce future expenditure.

The Chairman thought that, having drawn our maximum precept last year, this was the opportunity to cut our expenses and it was proposed by Mr. E.J. Walkling, seconded by Mr. L.M. Forbes that no precept be taken up in the year, 1968/69. This was agreed unanimously.

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MONIES RECEIVED.

The Clerk reported receipt of five-shillings (5/-) for Post Office Telephones Wayleave Rent. This had been deposited at Lloyd's Bank.

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BILLS FOR PAYMENT.

The Clerk reported the following due for payment:

Milton Parochial School Managers Swimming Pool Fund (see Minute 1341)	£100	-	-
Eastern Electricity (bus shelter)			
		JUNE 1967 qu.	15 3
Clerk's salary to Dec. 31st. 1967	12	10	-
	<u>£113</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>

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It was proposed by Mr. Forbes and seconded by Mr. Lewis that these be paid.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

After conceding to a request by the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee of Management to change the previously arranged date of the next Council meeting from Thursday, March 14th to Tuesday March 12th, it was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held in the Village Hall on this date at 8.0. p.m., following the Parish Council Meeting.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. M. Jones said she had found that the red warning light on the Milton side of Milton Road Crossing was not clearly visible on misty mornings. Mr. Lewis corroborated this and said that traffic congestion was often caused at the subway entrance during the morning rush-hour by traffic which had overshot the subway because the warning light was not clearly visible and being forced to turn back to enter the subway.

The Clerk was instructed to complain to British Railways.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed *J. Pearson* Chairman.

Date *March 12th 1968*