

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 3rd January 1977 in Milton Primary School at 7.30 p.m.

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

I. PLANNING COMMITTEE

3120 Mr. D. Rabson, the S.C.D.C. Principal Development Plan Officer was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. Mr. Rabson explained that since the Milton Local Plan details are not yet available all planning applications are being dealt with in accordance with current policies. The County report on Cambridgeshire should be released next month, but it may be mid-year before we can ascertain the proposals for Milton.

Mr. Rabson also confirmed that Milton is on the list to be considered as a conservation area, and it may be a year or so before consideration is finally given. A plan would be prepared and forwarded to the Council showing the proposed conservation area, and also showing listed buildings. The Chairman then thanked Mr. Rabson for taking the time to visit us and providing details of the present situation.

3121 The minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 6th December had been circulated and were approved.

Matters Arising

3122 S/0716/74 - G. Lemin, Industrial Estate, Cambridge Road - M.W. had asked if (3098) this application could be reviewed following the erection of a new building. M.W. carried out a site inspection and confirmed that a lean-to originally shown on the plans has been dismantled and a garage-like building erected in its place. Since the new building had been constructed within the outline of the original site no further action should be taken. It was felt however that the four ventilators which had been installed through the roofing should be painted dark green to match existing exterior paintwork. The Clerk should contact the Planning Department accordingly.

New Applications

3123 S/1643/76 - E.C.A. Bonded Assemblies, Industrial Road - erection of extension to replace existing sub-standard building which will be removed - no comments.

3124 S/1669/76 - L.F. Stokes, Part OS 220 - retention of existing roadway to provide access to allotments. The Council decided to make no statement at the present time since this may prejudice the actions already in hand by the County Council concerning the existing road. It was noted that no allotments are in existence.

3125 C/11/17/72/1 - Mr. J. Adams, 16 Knights Way - felling of chestnut and sycamore trees in front garden. M.W. had visited the applicant and discussed the proposal. After some discussion the Council decided that both trees should remain unless the Trees and Woodlands Officer considered them to be dangerous, otherwise their removal could create a precedent for neighbouring properties.

Decisions Received

3126 S/1251/1252/76/0 and S/1390/1391/76/0, Mrs. E. Wilson, Part OSPs 0774 and (3045 0752 - erection of petrol filling station etc. along the Milton & 3074) by-pass - all refused on the grounds that the existing area is green belt. The proposals would create visual intrusions into the area which is already being affected by the by-passes. The proposal is also premature in advance of sewage works improvements and would create a diverse effect on safety and

traffic flow near to the new roundabout on the by-pass.

Signed... R. Sumner Chairman..... 7/1/77 Date

II. COUNCIL

1. 3127 The minutes of the Council meeting held on December 6th had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.
2. Matters Arising
 - 3128 Old Hand Pump, Cambridge Road. It was decided after examination and discussion (3107) that the expense of boxing-in the pump could not be justified and it was suggested that we ask Mr. H. Peters if he would be prepared to clear the site and clean the pump, treat it with suitable oxidized paint with a top coat of black. Mr. Peters would be paid for his services and the Clerk would advise Mr. Symonds that we did not intend to proceed with the boxing-in.
 - 3129 Reduced Street Lighting. After a second letter to chase for a reply the County (3108) Surveyor advised the Council that the cost of providing suitable reflective plates which would comply with regulations would entail a cost which at the present time cannot be justified.
 - 3130 A10 3 Lane Section - Dangers. The County Surveyor replied to the Council's (3109) letters of 6th October on 2nd December to confirm that he has arranged for road markings to be laid which will remove the three lanes and provide a right turning facility at the Bovis site.
 - 3131 Parking Opposite Waggon & Horses. It was reported by G.P. that vehicles are (3110) now being parked on the corner of Willow Crescent at the Landbeach Road end which involves driving across the footpath. The Clerk should write to the Electricity Board to discover if they have information concerning ownership of this land since they have a sub-station already installed on it.
 - 3132 Drainage Problems in the Parish. The Department of Transport Regional Engineers (3112) Office at the Bovis site had been approached concerning possible problems and the drainage engineer Mr. Nicholls would be prepared to attend a meeting. M.E.J. proposed that we invite Mr. Nicholls to our meeting in February to discuss and establish existing plans, Mr. Easy seconded this and the proposal was carried.
 - 3133 New Village Policeman. P.C. P.N. Williams will attend our meeting on 7 February (3117) at approximately 8.15 p.m. to meet the Council.
 - 3134 Tree Planting. M.W. reported that the programme is nearly complete and M.E.J. (3119) offered the Council's thanks to M.W. for his work.
 - 3135 New Notice Board and Installation of Wooden Seats on the Green. The Chairman ~~be~~ noted that the items have now been erected, but that the wooden seats have not yet been repaired. It was felt that the Clerk should chase Mr. Haired to carry out these repairs before any vandalism occurs.
3. 3136 Rate Precept 1977/78. It was proposed by P.K., seconded by S.P., and agreed that a figure of £3,000 should be precepted.
4. 3137 Butt Lane Closure. The County Secretary provided details of the official (3031) notice of closure which has been advertised in the press. It was noted that the accompanying plan still showed the access gate with a note that the only gate keyholder is Mr. Easy. The Clerk was asked to write to discover the progress on our recommendations regarding the closure on the west side and also to confirm that there will be several keyholders involved, the appropriate names would be provided nearer the date of closure.
5. 3138 S.C.D.C. Circular on Traffic Dangers in Villages. The Council were asked if particular attention could be paid to dangerous driving and illegal use of pavements by motor vehicles within the village, and in particular that we should be vigilant on breaches of any regulations, and if necessary be prepared to follow-up in cases which are observed. If the public become apathetic about contraventions and regulations are abused, village streets

will become dangerous for pedestrians. It was felt that this point could be discussed most usefully with P.C. Williams.

- 6. 3139 Changing Rooms. P.K. reported that there had been basically three problems (3118) outstanding preventing completion of the building as such. (a) Flooding in the shower area which has now been rectified. (b) Small finishing jobs inside and out which the builder has been asked to do and (c) the facing off of the outside step which will be carried out next Spring.

The financial situation however prevents the 'hand-over' since one bill remains outstanding and without an invoice the grant cannot be applied for. The problem has been caused by Grant & Dodson who, in a letter, have asked for more money than they originally submitted on the quotation, and the Working Party has decided not to pay this. P.K. and Mr. M. Gray will have to meet the Managing Director of the company in an attempt to settle the situation, but in the meantime an invoice should be submitted and P.K. undertook to ensure that the finances would be brought up to date. The grants still to come include £659 from the S.C.D.C. and £1052 from the C.C. making a total of £1711.

- 7. 3140 Bills for Payment.

It was proposed by M.E.J., seconded by S.P., and agreed that the following bills be paid.

Cash for R. Buck - cleaning duties 19/9/76-18/12/76	£13.00
Mrs. J.R. Connor - secretarial expenses Dec.	£12.00
postages Dec.	1.24
telephone calls, June-Dec.	1.80
	£15.04
Mr. P. Kiddle - contribution to Mrs. Whitton's leaving gift. (M.P.S. teacher)	£4.00

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 3141 Village Green Lighting at Christmas. M.E.J. felt that in keeping with other local villages we should consider some form of decorative lighting around the memorial on the village green. The Clerk would raise this at an appropriate time in 1977.

- 3142 Joint Meeting with Village Hall Management Committee. M.W. was asked to raise this matter with the M.C. at the next meeting and obtain suggested suitable dates.

- 3143 Details of By-Passes. The Chairman felt that plans of the by-passes should be displayed in the new notice board to help answer queries which villagers may raise. K.P.H. would hand over the details to the Clerk.

- 3144 Wild Cats on the Old Caravan Site, Old School Lane. Mrs. Page of 35 Old School Lane had written to the Clerk to discover if the Council could offer any help in dealing with the cats left by the original caravanners since the RSPCA and Blue Cross had been contacted and apparently are not prepared to carry out any action. It was noted that the cats are in fact being regularly fed by a person from Waterbeach, and the Council could not really help in any way. K.P.H. offered to collect a cage from the Blue Cross, but it was felt that catching the cats would be a difficult task.

- 3145 Circulars for Information.

(i) Eastern Electricity - to advise that charges for street lighting and maintenance will be increased from 31st March 1977. Amount involved not yet known.

(ii) C.C. - notice of area rate meeting, 7.30 p.m. Thursday 10th February at Cottenham V.C. - two representatives may attend. Object is to report on problems/effects on services and to hear opinions.

Signed [Signature]Chairman 7/2/77Date