

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON TUESDAY, 3RD  
FEBRUARY, 1959, AT 7.30 P.M.

There were present:-

Mr. E. J. Walkling, Chairman;  
Messrs. L. M. Forbes, D. Pearson, S. A. Siggs, A. Wayman  
and Mrs. D. Pearson, together with the Clerk.

In attendance:-

Lt. Col. J. C. W. Francis and Mr. M. G. Martindale.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE.

An apology for absence was received from Mr. A. W. Wenham.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 1958, were read, confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

405.

Recreation Ground - Lt. Col. J. C. W. Francis, Chairman, and Mr. M. G. Martindale, Secretary, Cambs. Hunts. and Isle of Ely Playing Fields Association, were in attendance during discussion of this item.

Colonel Francis confirmed that the Chesterton Rural District Council would be willing to purchase a site for a playing field.

Mr. Martindale said that if a playing field scheme were run by the Parish Council, the field being purchased by the Rural District Council, then a grant could be obtained from the County Council under a new scheme which would come into effect on 31st March, 1959, and which would replace the old Ministry of Education Grant Scheme.

An alternative scheme would be for a voluntary committee to be set up to manage the playing field, and such Committee would be eligible for grants from the Ministry of Education and from the National Playing Fields Association. Any grant given would be based on the District Valuer's report.

It was agreed that consideration of this matter be deferred pending the receipt of the District Valuer's valuation.

The Chairman thanked Colonel Francis and Mr. Martindale for their valuable assistance in this matter.

406.

Street Lighting - Fen Road. - The Clerk reported that the County Council had now been able to arrange for the reconstruction of a further length of Fen Road to be included in their 1959/60 programme.

Accordingly, the Clerk was instructed to make application to the Chesterton Rural District Council for further street lighting covering the new development in Fen Road.

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Eastern Counties Omnibus Company - The Clerk reported that the bus company had been able to substitute a double decker bus for a single decker at certain times and as a result the passenger trouble had been overcome.

408.

Litter Bin - The Clerk was instructed to apply to the Chesterton Rural District Council for a litter bin to be erected near the bus stop sign opposite the Cambridge Road bus shelter; the Rural District Council having the statutory powers for providing litter bins in streets.

409.

ADVERTISING SITE ON LAND ADJOINING MILTON LAUNDRY, HIGH STREET, MILTON.

No objection was raised to the retention of a reflex sign "Exide Batteries" on land adjoining Milton Laundry, High Street, Milton.

410.

PRECEPT 1959/60.

The Clerk presented a provisional statement of accounts for the coming financial year, which disclosed a deficiency of £41. 19s. 5d. The present rateable value of the parish being £6,083 and the product of a penny rate £28. 8s. 10d.

On the proposition of Mr. D. Pearson, seconded by Mr. S. A. Siggs, it was resolved that a precept amounting to £56. 17s. 8d., equivalent to a two-penny rate, be issued on Chesterton Rural District Council.

411.

MONIES RECEIVED.

The Clerk reported the receipt of the following monies:-

Post Office Telephones	4.	Od.	Wayleave rent
H. Hall	£2.11.	Od.	Allotment rent for half-year to Michaelmas 1958.

412.

BILLS FOR PAYMENT.

On the Proposition of Mr. A. Wayman, seconded by Mrs. D. Pearson, the following bills were authorised for payment:-

Inspector of Taxes	14.	10d.	Tax on Banks	
Eastern Electricity Board	14.	2d.	Quarterly lighting of bus shelters.	
L. F. Coulson	£6.	0.	Od.	Clerk's salary for quarter to Xmas, 1958.
do.	£1.	10.	Od.	Waterman's salary for quarter to Xmas, 1958.

413.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION.

It was agreed to support the Cambridgeshire Parish Councils' Association in the stand they propose taking against the application by the Cambridge City Council for County Borough Status.

414.

VILLAGE HALL - DECORATIONS.

Mr. Pearson reported that the Village Hall Management Committee were anxious to proceed with internal

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and external decorations to the Village Hall, and sought permission to put this work in hand. He was of the opinion that external decorating could be done by voluntary labour, and proposed that Messrs. Kerridge be asked to give an estimate for the necessary internal decorating. This proposition was agreed and it was hoped to be able to submit the quotation at the next meeting.

415. DEATH OF MR. J. BRADNAM.

The Chairman referred to the death recently of a former Councillor, Mr. J. Bradnam, in whose memory a wreath had been sent on behalf of Members of the Council.

416. RETIREMENT OF COLONEL A. E. KNIGHTS.

The Clerk read a letter of farewell he had sent to Colonel A. E. Knights on the eve of his retirement as Manager of the Eastern Electricity Board Fens Sub-Area. In his reply, Colonel Knights, said how happy his associations with the Council had been over the past ten years and he had derived a sense of satisfaction from having achieved a measure of success, not the least of which was a number of valued friendships.

417. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

It was agreed the next meeting be held on Monday, 23rd March, 1959, at 7.15 p.m., to be followed at 8.0 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

*J. G. Walker*

Chairman.

Date 23 March 1959