

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

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), Mrs. B.C. Waterson, Mrs. G.F. Tonks, Mr. K.P. Humphries, A.D.J. Bull, H.W.H. Easy, with R. Day and P. Kiddle (part time) and the Clerk B.K. Connor.

Apologies received from G. Patten.

I. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 4276 The minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 4th February had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

4277 Napp Pharmaceuticals. The Clerk had contacted the contractors, (4236) John Laing, in London, and was given the names of the contacts and the telephone number at the Cambridge site office. The mock-up is now complete but as yet none of the staff have moved into the area and would not be able to meet the Council after hours or at the weekend. The Council wished to examine the mock-up as soon as possible and the Clerk was asked to suggest a meeting be held at 6 p.m. on March 24th when the evenings will be lighter. A circular will be sent to all members if these arrangements are acceptable.

4278 Milton Area Plan. No reply, the Clerk to chase.
(4246)

3. New Applications

- 4279 (a) S/0323/80 - M. Hall, Unit 1, Industrial Estate, Cambridge Road
- garage/workshops for haulage business.
(b) S/0324/80 - M. Hall, Unit 1, Industrial Estate, Cambridge Road
- application to determine whether planning permission is required under Town & Country Planning Act 1971 Section 53.

The two applications were reviewed together. The Council felt that they would like to see Mr. Hall allocated suitable premises, but they felt that since there was no forecourt on the site in question to house vehicles it could not be considered suitable for a haulage business.

4. Decisions Received

4280 Mr. F. Hancock, 1A Church Lane - kitchen/dining/bedroom extension
(4194) - approved.

5. 4281 Report on Planning Sub-Committee. The minutes had been circulated and there were no queries other than whether the fact that only 2 members in attendance constituted a quorum.

Signed... *R. Summerfield* Chairman..... *31st March 1980* Date

II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 4282 The minutes of the meeting held on 4th February had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

- 4283 Milton Village Sign. The Clerk had contacted the Divisional Surveyor (4115) who confirmed that the matter is in hand, but is of a low priority in view of the excessive work load brought about by the opening of the M11. No delivery date could be estimated.
- 4284 Bypass Butt Lane Lighting. The Council received a copy of the letter (4161) sent by the County Surveyor to Impington Parish Council confirming that it would not be possible to instal lighting since the area is not an accident blackspot.
- 4285 Tree Planting. M.W. submitted a written report on the 1979/80 programme. (4212) (a) Most of the C.C. trees have been planted along the Cambridge Road. (b) Two standard thorns have been ordered for Coles Road as replacements for opposite the War Memorial. (c) Replacement thorns for Fen Road were not available but have been reordered for autumn delivery. (d) The approved figure of £100 for whitebeams and limes for Cambridge Road is not needed as the C.C. trees were adequate and the Fen Road thorns will await delivery November/December. (e) Milton was selected as a Parish for a C.C. tree survey which has been carried out in conjunction with M.W. It was suggested that 2 chestnuts be planted on the green between Willow Crescent and the High Street and M.W. requested permission to carry this out. (f) The lime trees in Coles Road by the Village Hall have again been vandalized and M.W. proposed leaving these and not replanting. (g) M.W. broke his garden fork for the second time tree planting and asked if the Council would be prepared to fund a replacement. (h) M.W. requested permission to trim back some of the stubs left on the chestnut tree by the Waggon & Horses bus shelter.
- The Council decided to approve the planting of 2 horse chestnuts as in (e) and also to replace M.W.'s fork at a total cost of £8-89. It was felt however that horse chestnut in (h) was not the Council's responsibility and suggested that M.W. should liaise with Mr. Hellingsworth. The Council also felt that larger trees should be put in Coles Road as replacements and R.D. would discuss this with M.W.
- 4286 Allotments. The Clerk had visited Mr. Smith who had signed his modified (4255) agreement and was happy with the total rent which took into account his caretaking responsibilities. Mr. Housden agreed to carry out cleaning of the non-cultivated areas and as payment he would like the Council to buy the petrol consumed by his rotavator. H.E. and A.D.J.B. agreed to monitor the cleaning operation.
- 4287 Middleton's Pit. Mr. Middleton had replied to the Clerk's letter stating (4258) that he was not aware of the designation for his land on the latest Structure Plan. Apparently the C.C. had reminded Mr. Middleton of his earlier offer to hand over the land after infilling on a free of charge basis, but Mr. Middleton now requires current market value for the land in question. The matter would be reviewed in the light of the Country Park Proposals.
- 4288 Fire Cover in Milton. The Chairman had received a letter from Mr. Brain (4259) on behalf of the Fire Brigade Union confirming that on the Friday prior to the Council meeting in question the Chief Officer had informed the Union that he intended to rescind his proposals regarding the removal of the 3rd pump from Cambridge Fire Station. Unfortunately, Mr. Evans was unaware of this change at the time of the meeting and no further action was therefore necessary.
- 4289 Milton Youth Club. Mr. Williams had written to the Council to express (4261) his thanks at the most generous offer made by the Council and Mr. Tolliday of Industrial Sub-Assemblies Ltd. Details were provided of the name and address of the Youth Leader to be paid and the Clerk had established with Mrs. Hazel Summerfield of the College that the leader has no other employment and therefore no additional administration would be involved other than preparation of a cheque each month commencing the 1st meeting in May.

- 4290 Ditch Problems. (a) The Department of Transport had acknowledged the Clerk's letter concerning the unsatisfactory condition of the bypass ditches and confirmed that the contractor is aware of the situation and the necessary work would be put in hand as soon as possible. (b) Mr. Coe of Cheffins Grain and Chalk had written again with copies of correspondence with the E.R.C.U., S.C.D.C. and the Anglian Water Authority and the summary indicated that the efforts had not been too successful. Following a site examination Mr. Coe reported a collapsed culvert in the south east corner of field OS3600 and queried who owns the culvert. Since the culvert is located in an awarded drain it would be the responsibility of S.C.D.C. and the Clerk was asked to advise Mr. Coe accordingly and also confirm that during a recent site inspection there seemed to be a free flowing situation at this particular point.
- 4291 Repairs to Parish Council Notice Board. Mr. Symonds had fitted a replacement standard glass pane on 15th February, since the width of the door frames is insufficient to accommodate the heavy gauge reinforced glass.
- 4292 New Footpath, Coles Road. The Divisional Surveyor advised the Council that a new footpath cannot be funded from the maintenance budget and since there is an adequate footway on the opposite side of the road it was doubtful if the project could be incorporated in the future capital programme. The County Surveyor, would however be made aware of the request.
3. 4293 Milton Landfill Site. The conditions for the site had been circulated to all members. It was noted that no reference was made to screening of the area, and although this may not be relevant to the actual conditions it was felt appropriate to mention this in acknowledging the information. P.K. also felt that the site should be reviewed regularly when in use.
4. 4294 Milton Bypass, Butt Lane Crossing. The Clerk read the letters from the Transport Minister and Mr. F. Pym confirming that the decision was made to build a footbridge over the bypass basically on the child pedestrian safety aspect.
- The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Pym to thank him on behalf of the Council for his efforts. John Lapham attended the meeting and the Chairman expressed his thanks for all the work and perseverance which Mr. Lapham had applied. Mr. Lapham then thanked the Council for their support as did K.P.H.
- P.K. felt that it would be advantageous to discover who is going to carry out the work to see if lighting could be incorporated and the Clerk was asked to write to the E.R.C.U. at Bedford accordingly and if possible ascertain the time scale involved.
5. 4295 Country Park Scheme. R.T.S. and K.P.H. had had discussions with Mr. P. While at the Shire Hall. The Countryside Commission had made a firm grant offer. As a first phase of the scheme the area including Middleton's Pit, Tomkins Mead, Nicholas Land and the University Sailing Club area would receive consideration and there were obvious problems concerning car parking and access. Mr. While agreed therefore to attend the next Council meeting on 31st March to discuss proposals fully with the Council and the Clerk was asked to write and confirm this arrangement for 8.00 p.m.
6. 4296 Eastern Counties Bus Service Revisions. Service 104 - Minor retimings during week days; withdrawal of Saturday evenings and Sundays. Service 109 Cambridge to Littleport - journeys strengthened to an hourly frequency, all buses serving Landbeach, Cambridge to Waterbeach journeys no longer serve Landbeach which means fewer buses for this village to and from Cambridge.
- The Council felt that a point should be made that the Waggon & Horses bus shelter should continue to be utilized by the Cambridge to Waterbeach service.

