

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 3rd April 1978 at 7.30 p.m. in Milton Primary School.

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

Apologies were received from M. Waggett.

1. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3530 The minutes of the Planning Committee of 6th March had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. There were no matters arising.

3. New Applications

3531 S/0429/78 - M.V.H.R.G. Management Committee - resiting of old changing hut - no comments.

3532 S/0420/78 - J. Farrow, Coles Road - erection of screen wall to front of yard - no comments.

3533 S/0428/78 - M. Gray, 7 Coles Road - erection of porch & internal alterations - no comments.

4. Decisions Received

3534 S/0073/78/F - M. Gabriel, Benet Garage - raising of height of garage roof - approved.  
(3486)

3535 S/0106/78/0 - Milton Nurseries - erection of 2 dwellings (adjacent to 31 Butt Lane) - approved, but with conditions to the effect that no development should be started until full details of the buildings, access, parking facilities and the type of materials to be used have been specified.  
(3485)

3536 S/1766/77/F - H.C. Moss - 40 houses at Shirley Close - refused on the grounds that the additional houses would result in an undesirable increase in traffic via a cul-de-sac which has substandard visibility splays to Fen Road. Also the additional traffic generated would cause difficulties to users of Goding Way which also has poor visibility at its junction with Fen Road. Notwithstanding these points the density is too high.  
(3505)

5. 3537 Infilling of Middleton's Pit. It was decided that the subject (2960) should be referred to each future meeting to monitor the situation closely. The Clerk would check the original conditions of consent and present these at the next meeting.

6. 3538 Alterations to the Waggon & Horses. It had been noted that the (3243) alterations that have been carried out are not in accordance with plans which received S.C.D.C. approval. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Planning Department to draw their attention to this matter.

There being no further business the Chairman closed this stage of the meeting.

Signed..... *R. Summerfield* ..... Chairman..... *8<sup>th</sup> May 1978* ..... Date

## II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3539 The minutes of the meeting held on 6th March had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

### 2. Matters Arising

- 3540 Tennis Court. The Clerk reported that Milton Tennis Club has now been (3517) formed and its officers have been duly elected with the intention of maintaining and running the court as agreed. The V.H.M.C. has taken out additional insurance cover for the court and it had been agreed by the Secretary and Chairman in conjunction with R.T.S. that a nominal rent of £20.00 should be paid by the Tennis Club to the V.H.M.C.

Concern was expressed by P.K. as to the ultimate responsibility for the court should the Tennis Club cease for any reason and proposed that the Clerk should write to the V.H.M.C. to ask for precise details as to how the court is to be maintained and also how the Tennis Club has been constituted particularly with regard to finance.

- 3541 Street Lighting. G.P. had been asked if, provided the Council agreed (3518) to cover the expense, what the cost of additional lighting would be and proposed therefore that the Clerk should write to the County Surveyor to ascertain the amount per lamp involved. This was seconded by P.K. and agreed thus revoking the earlier minute 3493 where street lighting was scheduled to be reviewed in September.

- 3542 Road and Pavement Conditions. The potholes at road junctions had been (3525) repaired as requested. The mud on the footpaths will be removed as soon as possible and the white lining has already been scheduled for repainting.

- 3543 Car Parking Marshall's Hostel, Coles Road. The Clerk had written to (3526) Marshall of Cambridge and received a reply from the Personnel Controller requesting that residents should provide the registration numbers of the offending cars, so that further action could be taken as appropriate.

The Clerk had already forwarded copies of the letter to the two residents who originated the complaint.

- 3544 Footpaths Along Bypasses. The Clerk had contacted Mr. H. Lawrence (3528) at the E.R.C.U. Headquarters, Bedford, who confirmed that provision has been included in the contract for the footway and this is normally constructed after the carriageways have been completed. The Clerk would thank Mr. Lawrence for his letter.

3. 3545 Drainage. The Clerk reported that Mr. R. Day had made efforts to (3521) clear the pipe running under Old School Lane which has resulted in the water flowing through slowly. M.E.J. however was very unhappy about the ditch situation as such since the water level rose considerably during the recent snowfall. The ditch has been reclaimed by some of the residents and the condition of its present path is disgraceful. K.P.H. offered to bring this to the notice of the Environmental Health Officer who was scheduled to visit Milton on 5th April for a meeting.

4. 3546 Johnsons Sluice - Removal of Slacker Board. K.P.H. reported that (3521) he had been contacted by the Department of the Environment who advised removal of the slacker board to allow free flow into the river. K.P.H. had then arranged a site meeting with the Environmental Health Officer to inspect and discuss the situation at Bankers ditch. The Clerk had received an official request for a decision from the ERCU. Following consultation with K.P.H. and the Chairman, the Clerk had written to Mr. D. Pearson of Fen Farm to ask if he would have any objection to this proposal. Mr. Pearson had replied by telephone giving his approval as had Mr. J. Wagstaff who had also been consulted. It was proposed by H.E., seconded by P.K. and agreed that the Clerk should write to the ERCU confirming approval.

5. 3547 Notice of Audit. The Clerk confirmed that the appropriate accounts paperwork and associated documentation for the years ended 31 March 1977 and 1978 are to be presented for audit on 10th May and should be collected on 1st June.
6. 3548 Lease for Recreation Ground. The Clerk had received two copies of (3428) the newly prepared lease relating to the Recreation Ground from S.C.D.C. It was proposed by P.K., seconded by M.E.J. that the lease be signed as requested by the Chairman and the Clerk.
7. 3549 The John Brackenbury Foundation Trust Fund. P.K. explained that (3522) the Trust has been established and the trustees have already met. The object of the fund is to provide financial support for one pupil each year to assist with extra mural studies. S.B.P. proposed that the Council should donate the sum of £25, this was seconded by H.E. and then put to the vote, with 3 in favour, 3 against. D.J.C. abstained and the Chairman cast his vote in favour of the proposal which was then carried.
8. 3550 Annual Parish Meeting 1978. The general format of the meeting would follow that of 1977 with reports prepared by the various officers or representatives. The Clerk had extended an invitation to Councillor Crossman who forwarded his apologies since he will be unavailable. P.K. will also be unavailable and it was suggested that Mr. David Bosley of 13 Goding Way should provide the report on behalf of Milton Primary School and Mr. R.J. Waters of 3 Lyndhurst Close should provide the report on behalf of Impington Village College. The Clerk would write to confirm this decision. A quantity of 50 brochures had been prepared as had advertising posters and the notice was duly published in the Cambridge Evening News.
9. 3551 Bills for Payment. It was proposed by P.K., seconded by D.J.C. and agreed that the following bills be paid:-
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| 1. Scotsdale Garden Centre - trees, ties & stakes (mature trees for Village Green) (3520) |             | £29-40   |
| 2. South Cambs. District Council - grass cutting in the village for 1976 & 1977           |             | £36-61   |
| 3. Doe Contracts Limited - Balance due for Tennis Court on Recreation Ground (3425)       |             | £3161-00 |
| 4. Mrs. J.R. Connor - Secretarial duties for March  |             |          |
| 24 hours @ £1-00  | 24-00       |          |
| Posts & telephone   | <u>3-47</u> | £27-47   |
| 5. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary for March   |             | £37-50   |
| 6. Scitech Publications - photocopying for March  |             | £5-02    |
| 7. Mr. R. Day - A/C Anells Garden Centre - weedkiller for Tomkins Mead                    |             | £0-97    |
| 8. John Brackenbury Foundation Trust Fund (min. 3549)                                     |             | £25-00   |
10. 3552 Review of Parish Boundaries. G.P. felt it would be preferable to (3527) relinquish Chesterton Fen, but P.K. felt it would be advisable to retain all areas until the bypasses had been completed. G.P. then proposed the Council should not change the existing boundaries, this was seconded by M.E.J. and agreed, and the Clerk would reply to the Secretary S.C.D.C. accordingly.
11. 3553 Land Adjoining Cul-de-sacs in Old School Lane. Mr. C.F. Nunn of 42 Old School Lane who had requested this item attended this stage of the meeting. Mr. Nunn provided a plan of the area which runs along the edge of the properties (42, 44 & 60) in Old School Lane through to the opposite side of the ditch which borders Tomkins Mead. The present agent is not willing to split up the area of land (approx. 1 acre) but is prepared to sell the whole plot for £1500.

Since Mr. Yeates of No.60 and Mr. Nunn of no.42 are interested in purchasing strips alongside their existing property it was suggested that the Council might purchase the land and sell off the two areas. P.K. felt that this would be wasted money since the Council would not be able to recover the amount as and when the County Council purchase the land which is destined for inclusion in the Country Park Scheme.

It was then agreed after discussion that the Clerk should write to Mr. P. While at the County Planning Department, Shire Hall enclosing a copy of Mr. Nunn's letter and plan suggesting that the Department might like to purchase the area with the recommendation that the two residents should be allowed to purchase their adjacent strips, i.e. the Parish Council have no objection in principle to these strips being sold.

12. Any Other Business

3554 Car Parking - Allotments. D.J.C. raised the question of the provision of hard standing for cars on the Council's allotments. S.B.P. felt however that since Bovis are presently concreting the access way there is sufficient space at hand and it was agreed that no further action should be taken at the present time. It was however noted that the gate which has been provided is far too heavy, and large, making it difficult to operate. The Clerk would register this complaint with the ERCU.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15 p.m.

Signed.....Richard Thomas Summerfield.....Chairman.....8<sup>th</sup> May 1978.....Date

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE, 1978

I, RICHARD THOMAS SUMMERFIELD HEREBY DECLARE

THAT I ACCEPT THE OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL

FOR THE YEAR, 1978/1979.

Richard Thomas Summerfield

THE ABOVE DECLARATION WAS SIGNED IN MY PRESENCE ON THIS

.....Eighth day of May.....one thousand

nine hundred and seventy eight.

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