

arrangement and also occasional copies of letters etc. required to be circulated.

Mr. Kiddle suggested the Clerk first consult the Secretary of the Management Committee as to possibility of joint purchase and use if the need were present.

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STATE OF VERGES AND PATH, CAMBRIDGE ROAD.

The Clerk had received complaint about the state of grass verges and pavement between Bene't Garage and Factory site. Mr. Nurse also said these were in very muddy condition due to heavy lorries.

The Clerk said he had written to the County Surveyor who had agreed to give attention to them.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed *J. Pearson* ..... Chairman, ..... Date. *July 17<sup>th</sup> 1970*

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, JULY 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1970, IN MILTON FARM SCHOOL (by kind co-operation of the Principal)

Present: Mr. D. Pearson, Chairman, in the Chair; Mrs. M. Jones; Messrs J. S. Deggett, H. W. H. Easy, L. M. Forbes, P. Kiddle, J. W. R. Lewis, M. J. D. Nurse & R. T. Summerfield, of the Parish Council; Mr. H. C. Moss (of H. C. Moss & Co, builders) & Mr. I. C. Wright-Watson (of Messrs Grain & Chalk) & the Clerk to the Council.

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PLANNING CONSULTATION, C/70/329 - ERECTION OF 60 HOUSES & GARAGES, adj. FEN ROAD, MILTON - H. C. MOSS & CO. LTD.

This meeting had been called at the request of the developer to explain the proposed provision of play areas on the estate and also to consider further this Council's comments on the above application made to the County Planning Officer on June 20th.

A. PLAY AREAS (& GENERAL)

- (i) The architect, Mr. Wright-Watson, displayed a plan of the proposed estate, to be completed in 3 phases over about three yrs. He showed three suggested play areas for young children all to come in Phase I. Vehicles would be excluded and they could be either hard-paved or grassed. The suggestion, originating from the Planning Office, is that these areas be taken over and maintained by the Parish Council

The Council discussed this at some length. Mrs Jones wondered if residents close to such areas would find children troublesome.

- (ii) Mr. Moss and Mr. Wright-Watson answered some general queries. Mr. Summerfield questioned whether terrace houses were desirable: Mr. Moss considered they were needed, as did the Planning Authority. He also assured the Council that existing

(iii) roads should not be made muddy during building as estate roads would be built first.

Before they left the meeting the Chairman thanked them for their attendance and contribution to the discussion.

In ensuing debate Mr. Deggett wondered what guarantee this Council had that the plans would not be changed during the two later phases, perhaps to include more play areas, which, if the Council had already accepted responsibility for such in Phase I, it would be difficult to decline although the Council might feel them an undue financial burden. This possibility was agreed.

(iv) Sewage facilities - Mr. Deggett also said he understood the Chesterton R.D.C. were concerned that the existing sewage mains and pumping facilities for Milton would be inadequate to receive the extra load from a large estate. The R.D.C. had asked the County Council to place an embargo on any further building at Milton. The meeting thought the suggested phasing (Phase I to be of 20 houses) may be an attempt by the Planning Office to overcome the problem.

The Council agreed to defer further discussion on the play areas until their next meeting on July 17th.

#### B. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMENTS.

The Clerk reported that, from various replies he had received from Council members in response to the circulated Planning Consultation notice, he had attempted a summary which he had sent to the Planning Officer on June 20th. He reminded members he had asked for any disagreement with this summary to be notified to him and none had been received. At Mr. Deggett's request he read this summary to the meeting, as follows:

'The Parish Council object to several features of this application in its present form.

They believe the density to be higher than surrounding development and suggest that terrace houses do not conform to the area. They wish to seek assurance of adequate community facilities: shops, school accommodation, water-pressure, telephone, bus services etc.

They are concerned about the resulting increase in road traffic; the proposed access road from the estate on to Fen rd. is narrow and rather blind, and on to Old School Lane will overburden this road. The Fen rd/A10 junction, which is without a roundabout, will bear increased load.

The Clerk also told the meeting that Mr. Hardy of the Planning Office had told him by telephone at 4 p.m. on June 30th. that the original plan had been withdrawn to be replaced by fresh proposals. The two main ones were:

- (a) phasing of the development into three phases
  - (b) elimination of the Old School Lane access road.
- the latter, Mr. Hardy said, because of a petition received from Old School Lane residents.

On the other hand, the Clerk, quoting from a letter to the Parish Council from Mr. Wright-Watson for the developer, said the Planning Office had suggested revision 'on representations made by the Parish Council to the Planning Office with regard to the proposed junction road from the new estate to existing Old School Lane'.

The Clerk observed that there appeared to have been some misunderstanding of the Parish Council's views.

The meeting agreed that these comments did not intend to imply elimination of the Old School Lane junction, neither at all, or at the expense of overburdening Fen road.

Mr. Kiddle observed that the Planning Office appeared to have acted irregularly in changing the original plan before submitting to the Planning Committee, and that, in fact, that Committee would now have before them, on Wednesday, July 8th., the revised plan but the Parish Council comments on the original plan.

The Clerk confirmed that the Planning Office had not (to date) asked for revised comments from this Council to accompany the revised plan which was to be submitted to Committee in 4 days time.

On the proposition of Mr. Kiddle, seconded by Mr. L. M. Forbes and agreed, the Clerk was instructed to ask the Planning Office for their re-assurance that their Council's comments would be read in conjunction with the original plan, and also to object to the plan being changed without further opportunity of comment or consultation being given to this Council before the plan went to Committee.

Mr. Duggett observed that many of the Council's objections could, perhaps, be removed by decreasing the density, particularly of the first phase. This would ease sewage disposal and traffic increase problems. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should incorporate this in his letter to the Planning Office. C.

The revised plan, left by the developers, was carefully scrutinised and discussed.

Mr. Easy said he would have thought it unfair to place an extra burden of traffic on Fen road by allowing all traffic from the estate on to it. A majority of members agreed.

On the proposal of Mr. Easy, seconded by Mr. Lewis and agreed, the Clerk was instructed to include in his letter the suggestion that attempts should be made to share estate traffic among Old School Lane and Fen road by making two respective access roads and the prevention of through traffic if thought desirable. An amended plan incorporating this resolution to be submitted with the Clerk's letter for the further consideration of the Planning Committee.

The revised plan was amended by the meeting.

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was agreed the letter be sent to the Chairman of the County Planning Committee.

The Council also agreed with the Chairman's further suggestion that, before despatch of their amendments, they should consult, as a matter of courtesy, Mr. Wright-Watson for his views on the practical nature of their suggestions.

The meeting deputed Mr. Kiddle and the Clerk to make this consultation as soon as possible, the Clerk to then despatch the letter and plan to the Committee Chairman immediately.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CAMBRIDGE STUDY AREA -ESTIMATED CIVILIAN POPULATION.

Mr. Deggett, Milton representative to Chesterton R.D.C. took the opportunity of asking this Council's opinion, for which he had been asked by the R.D.C., on the suggested 1981 population of Milton.

The 1969 population was 1680, committed population 1920, and the suggested 1981 population 2,000.

The R.D.C. required views of the parish particularly as to whether there was any feeling that the 1981 figure should be higher.

After a short consideration the Council thought not.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed ..... *J. Pearson* ..... Chairman ..... *July 17<sup>th</sup>* ..... Date.  
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