

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

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

Apologies for absence received from P. Kiddle.

1. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3636 The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 5th June 1978 had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3637 Middleton's Pit. The Planning Department, S.C.D.C., had replied to the (3594) Clerk's letter regarding the remaining rubbish on the infilled site and confirmed that the owner, Mr. Middleton, has arranged for Lavender & Bateman to remove the rubbish.

3. New Applications

- 3638 (a) S/1078/78 - A. NORMAN, land between 10 & 14 Cambridge Road - erection of house - the Council feel that a lighter coloured brick should be specified to match the neighbouring properties.
- 3639 (b) S/1100/78 - D. STRETCH, 3 Coles Road - living room extension - no comments.
- 3640 (c) S/1095/78 - H.C. MOSS, Shirley Close Estate - erection of 40 dwellings (3624) - the Council decided to repeat the original objections to the application which has not been altered in any way.

4. Decisions Received

- (a) 3641 S/0585/78 - M. MALTBY, 12 Pryor Close - full frontal lounge extension to semi-detached house - application considered by sub-committee outside normal meetings. Refused on the grounds that this would result in an undesirable piecemeal form of development unrelated not only to no. 12 Pryor Close but to the pair of houses.
- (b) 3642 S/0653/78/0 (3582) - Milton Nurseries Ltd. - erection of 3 dwellings at Butt Lane - approved subject to further approval of all buildings and structures, materials to be used and landscaping scheme. A ditch along the frontage to be culverted and adequate space to be provided within the site to enable vehicles to enter and leave in forward gear.
- (c) 3643 S/0668/78/F (3583) - J. Plumb, Industrial Estate - alteration and extension to plant depot - refused on the grounds that it would result in an undesirable intensification of industrial use and the precedent would be created for other extensions.
- (d) 3644 S/0750/78/F (3585) - MR. COLLINS, 28 High Street - kitchen extension - approved.
- (e) 3645 S/0744/78/F (3586) - S.I. PROPERTIES, Industrial Estate - change of use from industrial to warehouse with trade counter - approved subject to sales being restricted to wholesale only.
- (f) 3646 S/0571/78/0 (3588) - F.G. SEAL, The Black House, Chesterton - erection of dwelling to replace existing - refused on the grounds that the site lies on the green belt and development of the type proposed would detract from the open and rural appearance and character of the area.

5. Any Other Planning Business

- 3647 G.P. reported that Mr. Jenkins of Cambridge Road had complained at the hours being worked by Lemins which it was felt were in excess of those granted on the original planning application. K.P.H. would check if an application is being processed for an extension to the permitted hours.

Signed.....*R. Sumner*.....Chairman.....*4 September 1978*.....Date

11. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3648 The minutes of the meeting held on 5th June had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

- 3649 Compensation for Loss of Allotments. Following signature of the  
(3605) agreement with the D. of E., Few & Kester have received the due amount of compensation and the appropriate interest credited. The two allotment holders, Housden and Fromant, had been paid their own compensation allowance and both the land agent's, George Comins, and the solicitor's fees, had been settled by the D. of E. Income tax amounting to £46.59 had been deducted and the Clerk was written to the Inspector of Taxes claiming repayment since the Council do not pay income tax.
- 3650 Milton/Landbeach Parish Boundary. P.K., G.P., D.J.C. and K.P.H. had  
(3612) attended the meeting at Landbeach on 9th June and G.P. reported that the proposal was agreed and the S.C.D.C. have been advised accordingly.
- 3651 Milton Pits. The Clerk had received a reply to the letter regarding  
(3614) possible acquisition of the pit areas and it was confirmed that a site meeting will be held on Monday 17th July to inspect the areas, and K.P.H. indicated that two members of the Council are invited to attend. R.T.S. and M.W. will attend if available and the Clerk was asked to confirm this to Mr. While and discover the time and venue for the meeting.
- 3652 Verge Grass Cutting. The green opposite the bakers shop along the  
A10 has recently been cut, as has part of the verge of the A10, but it was still considered to be a possible danger in view of the poor visibility seen in the Waterbeach direction for traffic coming out of Landbeach turn at the Waggon & Horses. The Clerk was asked to report this to the Divisional Surveyor, and also mention that the verge in Fen Road needs cutting.

It was also suggested that the Clerk should enquire of Mr. Martindale who is responsible for cutting trees which overhang footpaths since Fen Road was again considered to be in need of specific attention.

- 3653 Grass Areas Surrounding Thurlton and Norton Courts, Coles Road. The  
(3620) agents responsible for the site, Grenadier Properties of London N.W., had replied to the Clerk's letter of 20 June and organised gardening contractors to attend to the grass cutting as requested. It was felt, however, that the rough cut which had been carried out was most unsatisfactory and the dead grass had not been removed. The Clerk was asked to write again to Grenadier Properties to request that the cutting be carried out properly and point out that regular cutting and maintenance is necessary.

3654 Retirement of Dr. Whitmore. H.E. confirmed that the presentation to  
(3627) Dr. Whitmore will take place in the Village Hall on 13th July, details of the time would be published by means of posters. Dr. Whitmore would be given a bicycle which he had requested and some gardening tools will be provided for his wife. It was also hoped to arrange for the last child to be delivered by Dr. Whitmore to present a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Whitmore. At the Chairman's discretion the sum of £10 was contributed by the Council to the retirement fund.

3655 Registration of V.H.M.C. as Charity. M.E.J. confirmed that the Charity  
(3625) Commission records revealed that the Management Committee have been registered for a number of years. The appropriate documentation had been mislaid during a change of Hon. Secretaries, but copies of the information have been provided and the Council advised accordingly.

3. 3656 Milton By-Pass/Butt Lane Crossing. Before the Clerk had had an opportunity of chasing Mr. Pym for further progress, Mr. Pym had made arrangements for a meeting with the Department of Transport officials together with R.T.S., S.B.P. and K.P.H. Mr. J. Lapham has not been involved in this particular meeting since he was away on holiday at the proposed date of 23rd June which Mr. Pym had been unable to alter. Three Department of Transport officials from the Regional Controller's Office at Bedford attended, but they were in ignorance of the 'history' behind the request for a bridge.

R.T.S. felt that Mr. Pym conducted an excellent case on our behalf and K.P.H. had carried out a survey of the traffic going into Cambridge along the A10 between 8 and 9 a.m. when 12.6 vehicles per minute used the road. During this same period 77 cycles used the relevant section of Butt Lane. It was appreciated that these figures do not take into account traffic using the A10 coming out of Cambridge towards Ely.

The Department of Transport wished to take their own census and suggested waiting until the by-pass is opened, i.e. August which would be when the children are on holiday. They will advise the Council when the survey will take place. K.P.H. had since carried out a census on the traffic flow from south to north and it was felt that the total figure would be approaching the figure required in the formula which would provide the necessary sanction for a bridge to be constructed.

4. 3657 The minutes of the Joint Meeting between the Parish Council and the V.H.M.C. on 13th June had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

#### 5. Matters Arising

3658 Car Park Extension. Mr. H. Capitain of 81 Coles Road had written to  
(3627) R.T.S. as Chairman complaining about the untidy state of the recreation ground entrance and particularly the car park extension. The Clerk had acknowledged the letter on the Council's behalf and confirmed that the matter has been referred to the Management Sub-Committee for urgent action.

3659 Golf Balls on the Recreation Ground. H.E. confirmed that suitable  
(3630) notices prohibiting the use of golf balls will be erected.

3660 Long Term Replacement of the Village Hall. The Management Committee  
(3632) had nominated 4 persons namely Mr. M. Gray, Mr. H. Easy, Mr. B. Norman, Mr. A. Barker to form the small committee to review the situation. S.B.P. agreed to act as the Council's representative and H.E. would convene the first meeting. The Clerk would confirm this to Mr. Gray as Secretary of the Sub-Committee.

5. 3661 Bills for Payment and Monies Received.Money Received:-

(Deposit a/c) Dept. of Environment - Compensation for loss of allotments etc. (3649) £497-44

Bills for Payment

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

1. The Treasurer, S.C.D.C. - lease of Recreation Ground 1978		£1-00
2. W. Heffer & Sons Ltd. - stationery		£3-84
3. Mrs. J.R. Connor - secretarial duties 15 hrs @ £1.10	16-50	
backpay 28 hrs @ 10p (min. 3615)	2-80	
posts & telephone for June	2-20	£21-50
4. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary for June	<u>41-25</u>	
- backpay 10% increase APR/MAY	7-50	£48-75
5. Scitech Publications - photocopying agenda/mins for June		£5-24
6. Mrs. J. Briggs - P.C. contribution to Dr. Whitmore's retirement present (3622)		£10-00

6. Any Other Business

3662 Display of Minutes of Meetings. It was agreed that the Clerk should display copies of the minutes when published on the Parish Council Notice Board for an experimental period.

3663 Road Flooding - Goding Way. M.E.J. reported that Goding Way has flooded twice in the last year and on the most recent occasion which was last Thursday several inches of water covered the road outside nos. 3 and 4 only two days after the drains had been cleaned. The Clerk would report this to the County Surveyor.

3664 New Doctor's Surgery Hours. The Clerk had received a complaint from Mr. H. Bird of 32 Coles Road who felt that the new evening surgery hours i.e. 5-6 are too early. Since there have been no other complaints the Clerk would suggest to Mr. Bird that he raise this matter personally with the Cambridgeshire A.H.A.

3665 County Council Tree Planting Scheme. The Clerk had received the annual order form which was handed to M.W. for action. The C.C. Trees and Woodlands Officer would be carrying out inspections in areas since the general impression was that some of the trees were not being maintained properly. M.W. commented that some of the willows along the edge of the tow path appear to be dying, and it may be necessary to write to the Cambs. Conservancy Board regarding possible replacements.

3666 Cambs. Association of Local Councils. Circulars were received regarding the Best Kept Village Competition - Milton have not been successful. Copy papers regarding the Boundary Commission Report were also received.

3667 Road Surface - Butt Lane/A10 Junction. M.W. reported that the surface is disintegrating and repair work is required. The Clerk would report this.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 p.m.

Signed... B. Bunn ..... Chairman... 4<sup>th</sup> September 1978 ..... Date