

MEETINGS OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER, 3, 1975
IN MILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: RTS (Chmn.); JGC, BKC, HWHE, MEJ, PK, GEP, MW, BCW, and the Clerk.

I PLANNING COMMITTEE

2776 The Chairman welcomed Mr. G.E. Patten to his first meeting after (2764) recent co-option to the Council.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES of OCTOBER 6

2777 TREE-PLANTING Corresp. with Co. Surveyor who agrees to the planting (2753) of 50 Thorn trees (Fen rd. east) subject to the (CR2A) trees being not less than 6ft. from the edge of carriageway and not less than 8 ft. where width of verge permits. Ties & stakes received.

2778 The above Minutes, having been previously circulated, were then confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

DECISIONS RECEIVED

2779 S/1355/75/F - M. Eason: alterations & extension to provide kitchen - granted. (2750A)

2780 S/1093/75/F GRCave: siting of 2 caravans - renewal of C/73/1393- granted until 31 December, 1977; personal to GRCave. (2724&2746)

2781 S/1208/75/F Bene't Garage: erection of canopy to petrol pumps - granted, including condition that source of illumination of canopy not to be visible to drivers of vehicles on A10 (2743)

APPLICATION.

2782 S/1575/75 DALHaird, Cambridge rd: "To change part private residence (2743) to builder's business" Discussion ensued; BCW declared an interest (as a neighbour of applicant) and after acquainting the Council of the restriction to private residential development on the land, retired. After considerable discussion, Prop:GEP, sec: PK there be no objection but also AGREED that Council's comments to include reference to the planning history and restricting width of roadway.

This concluded the Planning business.

Signed *B. Sumner* Chairman *5/1/76* Date.

II COUNCIL.

Present as above, for Planning Committee.

The circulated Minutes of Council meeting of October 6, were confirmed by the meeting and then signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

2783 REPLACEMENT Prop:JGC, sec:HWHE that a quotation for a new NOTICE-BOARD (2687) board be obtained.

2784 DUTCH ELM HWHE replied, on behalf of Mr.D.Pearson, to the DISEASE (2758) recent circular letter to believed owners of diseased Elms, that the trees identified by the T&Woff. were not the responsibility of Mr. Pearson. AGREED, Clerk attempt to find true owners (? G.Russell &/or others).

2785 BY-PASSES Allotments: AGREED on Prop:HWHE, sec:BCW, that recommendation in CR3 be implemented using the 2 acres reserve. (CR3/2759)

2786 CHANGING ROOMS(2760) PK rptd: shell now complete & sealed & locked; undercoat painting done; interior being finished and quotations being sought for electrics & plumbing. Finances: favourable: cost to date: £3600, and estimated to completion, up to £6,500 (cf. original estimate about £8,500)

2787 STRUCTURE PLAN (CR1/2765) In accordance with the choice presented in the Advisory Notes for PC's sent by the CC, AGREED, to distribute the 175 leaflets received by asking shopkeepers etc. to hold a quantity for those interested to take.

Discussion on the paper 'Intro. to Structure Plan' deferred until after further circulation amongst members.

2788 ALLOTMENT RENT REVISION(CR8/2766) Reply awaited (as CR8)

2789 CAMBRIDGE ROAD DITCH(CR4/2771) No reply recd.(CR4) but ditch being cleaned of growth.

2790 TREE-PRESERVATION (CR6/2773) Reply recd. from Co.Planning Off (T&WOff.) that:

(i) Milton is on schedule of those parishes requesting TFO's & marked "very important", (ii): a planting programme "in and around the village" is of great importance due to continuing losses from DED, (iii): in conjunction with DoE, they are to concern themselves "in detail with the preservation & planting of trees along NB-pass route on adjacent farmland across the parish".

2791 MVRS--BROKEN GLASS (CR2/2775) AGREED as recommendation in CR2.

2792 VILLAGE HALL INSURANCES (CR5/2772) (i) MUSIC & DANCING LICENCES AGREED, to await further information being sought by the Sec. of V.H.Comm. (CR5), also, Clerk to seek information from the City Entertainments Dept.

(ii) Also AGREED, that VHComm. be advised to increase their insurance cover to include the Changing Rooms nearing completion: £10,000.

(iii) Also AGREED, that Sec.VHComm. provide the Council with a copy of their Insurance Policy for reference.

2793 'GREY, CONOLEY' DITCH (CR10) Following a long discussion, AGREED: on Prop:HWHE, sec:JGC, that the "District Council be urged to take the responsibility of this ditch as they have done in the past". HWHE claimed that this watercourse had always been cleaned out by the District Council and was therefore a public ditch.

The Clerk said he thought the DC's claim that it was not a public ditch was based on sound documentary evidence as it was not stated as such in the Inclosure Award; he thought, however, that the DC's action in cleaning it out for what appeared to be 150 years, cast considerable doubt on the validity of their claim. He also stated that, as the District Council representative, he had already told the Env. Health Comm. that he felt their decision to 'abandon' the ditch would mean no one would now be responsible, and ownership would be virtually impossible to prove.

2794 'BUS SHELTER SEAT (WAGGON & HORSES) The Clerk rptd. this badly damaged; Mr.Buck had made several temporary repairs; AGREED seek a quotation for repair from Mr.Haird who repaired the other shelter some years ago.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2795 109 'BUS SHELTER, DRUMMER STREET MEU asked that representations be made to City Council to replace this shelter damaged in a traffic accident during the summer. She, and other passengers very concerned at the lack of protection during the coming winter. Members fully agreed; & AGREED: that Clerk write to City Surveyor; and also seek support of Landbeach and Waterbeach Parish Councils.

This concluded the business & the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed: *[Signature]*Chairman 5/1/76Date.

CLERK'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1, 1975. (R2)

(Numbering of Items is continued from preceding Report: R1, NOV. 3, 1975)

- CR12 (R1/CR1/2787) STRUCTURE PLAN Action taken: Leaflets distributed to shops and public houses. Circulation of CC's leaflet: PC to discuss the 'Intro. to Structure Plan' which shd. now have completed circulation to all members.
- CR13 (R1/CR2/2791) MVRS-BROKEN GLASS: Fresh information to hand, i.e., that MVRS employees appear to be responsible for causing broken-glass on the Gd. Action taken: (i) fresh inspection of fences; this indicates that a short extension of the back wall of the cullett might prevent glass spillage leaking through gap in hedge; (ii) both the foregoing points submitted to Env. Health Dept. who have agreed to take them up with MVRS, and further report awaited.
- CR14 (R1/CR2A/2777) TREE-PLANTING Confirmation of our order & Planting Guide recd. from CC. Action taken: Delivery confirmed with suppliers (Wisbech) as 'last week in November', and, accordingly, planting arranged for w/e 29/30 November; all members informed Nov. 11, & arrangements made for supply of tractor, trailer & FYM (HWHE). On Sat. Nov. 22, MW & KPH, marked and partly dug 50 tree sites.
- CR15 (R1/CR8/2788) ALLOTMENT RENT REVISION Legal advice recd. (Nov. 10) from Loc. Councils Asscn. that our letter of Oct. 8⁺ (also sent on advice of Loc. C.Ass.) covers the situation and Co.Land Agent's Notice not effective until a figure is produced. Arbitration might be necessary. Action taken: Reply made to Co.L.Ag. confirming no change from our letter of Oct. 8.
- +Note: this letter said that, in view of no figure being available in time for us to pass any necessary increase on to our own tenants we could not guarantee to pay any increase from Michaelmas, 1976.
- CR16 (2734) BANK RENTS Action taken: Clerk had recently placed PC's claim before Mr. Pearson's solicitors in an interview. Subsequently they write (5 Nov.) denying the claim. At the interview I asked for acknowledgement of the Parish ownership either (i) by payment of back rents claimed, OR, (ii) by inclusion in present acreage - as shown on the 1970/71 Edns. of OS maps. I hoped that I had made it clear that the 2 acres of former bank could only be parish land - either Trustees or Council. Also: further documentary evidence from public records being sought (Dist. Valuer & PR Office)
FOR CONSIDERATION: Reply to solicitors' letter of 5 Nov.
- CR17 (2733) OLD HAND PUMP Draft of Deed of Gift between SCDC & PC recd. from SCDC Action taken: submitted to Chairman who approves & returned to SCDC.
- CR18 (2795) 109 'BUS SHELTER, DRUMNER ST. Action taken: City Surveyor asked to replace at an early date; his reply (18 Nov.) that this not possible owing to 'straitened financial circumstances' and no 'firm promise or even an indication when the shelter will be replaced' can be given; 'remedial attention' to be given. Clerk not satisfied and reply made asking for re-consideration on two reasonable grounds: (i) that accidental destruction in traffic accident shd. be covered by either the vehicle's third party insurance, or City's own cover on public property, OR, (ii) that expenditure would be of such small amount as wd. be justified in a matter of public inconvenience; Landbeach PC also agree this reply unsatisfactory, and that they have also been approached during the last week by regular Landbeach travellers; ~~there~~ Clerk has written to City Surv.
- CR19 (R1/CR5/2792) VILLAGE HALL INSURANCES (i) MUSIC & DANCING LIC. Action taken: Advice from City Entertainments Manager: in City the Licence is vested in the Chief Exec. &, in practice (although prob. not strictly legal) responsibility for inspection at each function, obtaining liquor licences etc. is delegated to the Guildhall (or other) custodian, or bar manager etc. He suggests this be done by the VHComm. delegating to VHall manager or caretaker.

(CR19 contd.) I would like to comment here that the situation is very different in the City where the Entertainments Committee is directly responsible to the City Council. Here, as members know, the V.H.Comm. is a separate voluntary body, and the Clerk, through the Parish Council, would have no executive jurisdiction over such persons to whom any necessary delegation may be made; the Secretary of the V.H.Comm., however, has such jurisdiction. Subject to the legal inquiries being made by the Secretary I cannot see how any change can be made, and would recommend this.

(ii) VH Ins. Policy Copy of this recd. from the Secretary; it does not appear there is any unnecessary overlap of cover.

FOR CONSIDERATION

BY-PASSES

CR20 (R1/CR3/2785) Residents showing concern at Press report (Fri. Nov 14) that Milton B-p likely to be cut from the NB-p programme.

Action taken: Inquiries made of ERCU Engineers and of the author of the Press article (Peter Hoskisson) from which it appears that the latter's article not too well informed (and could be unduly pessimistic) as the Engineers know of no setbacks and are proceeding with CPOs, and working contracts with a view to starting the programme about March, 1976. Re-confirmed their recent advice on which we gave affected allotment tenants Notices to Quit by January, 31.

CR21 (R1/CR10/2793) 'GREY, CONOLEY DITCH Action taken: PC Resolution (2793) passed to SCDC; reply awaited. Inquiries of older inhabitants confirm cleaning of this ditch in living memory, since about 1900 (at least) by Chesterton RDC workmen until recent years. Verification of Deeds (as proceeding in CR10) I have made inquiries of the Land Registry for evidence of ownership with 'negative' reply; SCDC have also been asked to produce any admission of liability made by Grey, Conoley in the past and reply to this is awaited also.

FOR CONSIDERATION

CR 22 (2713) GRAVEL PIT nr. REC. GD. Action taken: Inquiries made of Dist. Planning Off. Original suggestion was to leave an area of the pit at 3ft. depth; this was in the County Plan. Officers' Report but was, for an unexplained reason, deleted before it came to (County) Committee, when the app. to fill-in was refused. However (after re-organisation) it was allowed by the District Planning Comm. but without any '3ft.' condition attached. I have asked that informal approach now be made to Middleton's to try and achieve a paddling pool and this is being done. It is, of course, possible that some practical reason against the suggestion may emerge.

K.P. Humphries
25 November, 1975.