

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 3 November 1997 at 7pm in the Community Centre

Present: RLE Waters (chair) RJ Farrington (from 458/97) JE Coston (from 457/97) R Day DJ Lee (till 476/97) IF May (from 457/97) CF Nunn J Sandford HM Smith SJ Snaith RT Summerfield EY Wakeling (till 482/97) and the clerk SJ Daniels.

1. Apologies for Absence J Shaw

456/97
(412/97) **2. Election of Parish Councillors**
Noted that an Election for the two vacancies was set for 27 November 1997.

457/97 **3. Minutes**
Minute 432/97 was amended to read **"..revised"**. Minutes of the meeting of 6 October 1997 and the Finance Committee meeting of 13 October 1997 were confirmed and signed as a true record. The Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 20 October 1997 were approved but not signed.

458/97
(355/97) **3. Matters Arising**
Community Police Officer
A letter from Inspector Howell confirmed that PC Shulver's duties included Horningsea and Fen Ditton. Council were unhappy about this decision and would monitor the situation.

459/97
(356/97) Pedestrian Refuges
Recent research suggested that although road narrowing could increase a cyclist's sense of anxiety no evidence was found of an increase in accidents as a result of the road narrowing. Mrs Banks County Council intended to monitor the situation at the islands and outside the shops during the next few months. Concerns were expressed about lack of lighting. Clerk to action.

460/97
(358/97) AWA Sewer
RD RJF and RLEW had met with David Ward on site. There were concerns about land drainage, top soil and tree planting. D Ward would ask AWA to excavate some of the land drains.
The skip by the entrance to the land adjacent the A14 had not been replaced and approximately 20 yards of bund within the boundary of the land had been levelled. Clerk to pursue with N Harris.

It was agreed as Mr Newitt was in attendance to adjourn the Matters Arising to take the next item.

461/97 **5. Grass Maintenance**
Mr Newitt explained that both recreation grounds were in need of an autumn fertiliser. He quoted £500 for using a sports ground fertiliser.

RJF proposed DJL seconded and all agreed to accept this quotation. There was an exchange of views about the quality of work carried out, weed spraying and the cemetery. It was agreed to ask Mr Newitt to remove grave spoil and the old grass cuttings - to be spread on the allotment site. Fee to be negotiated.

Additional Maintenance

Mr Newitt explained that he wished to do a thorough pruning of all shrub areas in the village in order to reduce future maintenance. RJF proposed and SJS seconded that Council spend up to £2000 to enable the contractor to tidy up all the shrub areas in the village as a 'one off' and that the work would be supervised by the clerk and maintenance committee. There were nine votes in favour, one against and two abstentions. Mr Newitt left the meeting.

Concern was expressed about the contract in general. It was agreed to ask for monthly reports in order to review the work and expenditure. It was agreed to continue cutting verges on behalf of the County Council.

Matters Arising (continued)

462/97
(411/97)

Cycleway

A useful site meeting had been held. John Richards intended to cost a scheme which would exclude that part of the High Street near the shops. It was noted that £36,000 was available for the scheme. JEC hoped to arrange another meeting between John Richards and interested parties.

463/97
(415/97)

A10/A14 Interchange

Noted that the ~~Highways Agency~~ ^{COUNTY COUNCIL} would not accept another slip road from the Science Park to the A14. JEC was still working towards the provision of a cycle/foot bridge over the A14.

464/97
(416/97)

Allotments

Agreed to form an allotments committee of RD, CFN and to invite E Spong. The clerk to arrange a site visit.

465/97
(419/97)

Land Adjacent A14

The clerk to contact East Waste again.

466/97
(420/97)

Northern Fringe Public Inquiry

RTS thanked RLEW for making an excellent presentation.

467/97
(422/97)

MCC Constitution

RLEW was waiting to hear from the solicitor.

468/97
(423/97)

Community Care

The MCC committee were unable to provide a room free of charge. IFM had arranged a meeting with the Doctors for 17 November to discuss the use of a room at the surgery.

- 469/97 Youth
(424/97) The Junior Club was due to start on Thursday 6 November.
- 470/97 SCDC Local Plan
(427/97) A letter from Mr Whittington Principal of the "Farm College" was received. Council was very concerned about the proposals set out in paragraph 4 that the village framework boundary be moved to coincide with the Green Belt boundary. The buildings at present situated between the village framework and the Green Belt boundary were 'agriculture' related. The moving of the boundary would provide the opportunity for development to take place on this land - development which would not necessarily be in the best interests of the village. Council therefore was opposed to this proposal.
- If the College ever decided to move to another site this land at the rural edge of the village could become a prime development area.
- 471/97 MCC Lighting
(432/97) Work was ongoing and expected to be finished shortly. A leaflet had been produced by the police authority about CCTV and lighting. JEC had asked for a copy.
Noted that DJ Grindley had expressed disappointment that Council had not accepted his revised quotation. As a result he had submitted an invoice for preparing the amended quotation. Agreed to point out to him that as he had withdrawn his first quotation Council had asked one of his competitors to submit a revised quotation also and following its policy had accepted the lowest quote.
- 472/97 Land to the rear of 12 Fen Road
(435/97) A proposal to put a building on this piece of land was received from the County Council. MPC intended to object.
- 473/97 Cambridge Building Society Account
(441/97) HMS proposed and DJL seconded that £1800 be transferred from the CBS to Lloyds Premier Account. All agreed.
- 474/97 Finance Committee
(445/97) RTS proposed and RD seconded that HMS and JS be elected to the Finance Committee. All agreed.
- 475/97 **6. Parish Council Telephone**
(443/97) JEC proposed and EYW seconded that the clerk's telephone number 861447 be taken over by MPC and that Council pay the installation costs of a new private line for the clerk. All agreed.

476/97

7. Money Received and Bills for PaymentMoney Received

Photocopying	20.09
Community Care Fees	115.00
Cemetery Fees	<u>200.00</u>
Total	335.09

Bills for Payment

It was proposed RTS seconded HMS and agreed by all that the following bills be paid:

A Ellwood	Section 137 Community Care	433.90
G Smith	Section 137 C Care Relief	92.80
RCT Adams	Village Cleaning	65.45
SJ Daniels	Clerk inc expenses	228.90
JA Daniels	Secretarial	158.00
Jarrold	Photocopying	20.20
British Legion	Section 137 Wreath	15.00
HR Cleaning	Cleaning Bus Shelters	21.00
Inland Revenue	2nd Quarter	347.56
Robson Rhodes	Audit Fee 1996/97	339.03

Section 137 Bus Passes:

ET Marsh	8.00
L Gray	8.00
B Atkin	8.00
L Wilkin	8.00
NE Chapman	8.00
AV Lamb	8.00
J Scott	8.00
J Fordham	8.00

*Willmott Dixon	MCC Bill	<u>318.43</u>
Total Bills		2104.27

* A credit note of £318.42 was received from Willmott Dixon thus reducing the invoice agreed by Council minute 366/97. The cheque signed on 1 September therefore for £636.85 has been cancelled and a new cheque for £318.43 (above) drawn up.

8. PlanningDecisions Received

477/97

(406/97)

G Saunders, 8 Lander Close

Extensions - refused. An unacceptably large building mass when viewed from no 6. The outlook from no 6 would suffer a significant loss of amenity due to the bulk causing loss of light and outlook. If a fourth bedroom were created there would be insufficient on site car parking spaces to meet SCDC standards.

New Applications

478/97 S/1568/97 Bio Science Innovation Centre at St Johns Innovation Park.
DB Hussell's letter of early 1988 confirmed that a Section 52 agreement restricted the scale of development to 12 and a half per cent of the total area. Council was concerned that this figure was being exceeded by the proposed development.

Traffic congestion in the area was already very bad. Further development would only make the situation worse. For this reason Council was anxious to see a foot/cycle bridge constructed over the A14 which would help commuters to and from work on both the Science Park and St Johns Innovation Park. It was hoped for some support for this project should the development go ahead.

479/97 B/1/58/2/19 Orange PCS Ltd Equipment for mobile telecommunications at Eastern Electricity Mast. No comments.

480/97 S/1600/97 F Smith Chesterton Fen Road - Erection of mobile home and five caravans. Strong objections to this application. The following planning Policies refer: Policy SP12/1; SP12/2; SP18/3 of the Cambs Structure Plan (1995); C1 of South Cambs Local Plan (1993); GB3/1 and GB3/2 of the Cambridge Green Belt Plan (1992).
JEC felt that Council should ask for protection of the whole area.

481/97 9. Sheltered Housing

(430/97) A copy newsletter produced by the Cambridge Housing Society was circulated. This would be delivered with the December Village View. CJ Evans solicitor felt that there were enough safeguards for Council to enter directly into a lease with the Housing Society and that there would be no need to enter into an "Agreement to Lease". The solicitor would prepare the necessary document.

482/97 10. MCC - Maintenance and Staffing

Noted that urgent maintenance work was needed at the Community Centre. Agreed to advise MCC that they should have the work done as soon as possible and pay from reserves; also that CALC might be a possible source of funding.

Noted that J Daniels had resigned as manager/administrator. An advert had been placed in the Cambridge News for a supervisor/caretaker. It was agreed that the grant to cover salaries should stay the same for the next twelve to eighteen months and that MCC should meet the extra salary costs out of increased revenue.

Council expressed its support to MCC and suggested that a joint meeting be held.

483/97 11. Land at War Memorial

(351/97) To be discussed at December meeting.

484/97 **12. Crime Update**
Crime figures were circulated. A drop in crime rate continued.

485/97 **13. County Councillor's Report**
Nothing to report.

486/97 **14. District Councillor's Report**
A river Cam Conservancy consultative document on a mooring policy for the river Cam had been received. RTS was monitoring the situation.

487/97 **15. Correspondence**
SCDC - Green Belt
SCDC was concerned about a report in the Cambridge News and stressed that it "...will continue to give a very high priority to the protection of our countryside and the Green Belt, as you will see from our draft Local Plan Review."

The meeting ended at 11.05pm

Signed R.G. Waters Chairman 1-12-97 Date