

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 4 March 1996 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.**

**Present:** RLE Waters (chair) RJ Farrington JE Coston R Day IL Davis (part)  
IF May CF Nunn J Sandford J Shaw HM Smith SJ Snaith  
RT Summerfield and the clerk SJ Daniels.

**Apologies for absence:** DJ Lee EY Wakeling DT Wildman

- 109/96           **1. Minutes**  
The minutes of the meeting of 5 February 1996 having been circulated were confirmed and signed as a true record.
- 2. Matters Arising**
- 110/96           **Impact**  
(16/95)           The AGM for Impact was set for 22 April. RLEW had given notice that he intended to stand down as chairman. Council would need to appoint a representative to replace HMS who wished to stand down.
- 111/96           **Country Park**  
(325/95)           RTS pointed out that SCDC intended tidying and opening up the path through Tomkins Mead. Necessary maintenance work was being carried out to manage the site.  
Improvements to the wet area in the Country Park were being made.
- 112/96           **Land at Milton School**  
(410/95)           A draft licence had been received from the County Council. MPC's solicitor wished to discuss with the clerk and chairman to clarify the situation.
- 113/96           **Traffic Calming**  
(26/96)           The clerk to find out the up to date position from Mr Menzies.  
A copy letter from a resident objecting to traffic calming was received. (In his view access to the village should be restricted).
- 114/96           **Rugby Cement, Barrington**  
(60/96)           According to HMIP the impact of the plume on Milton was unlikely to cause harm.  
It was agreed to ask SCDC to monitor air pollution as advised by HMIP.
- 115/96           **Folk Museum**  
(62/96)           Thanks to the Folk Museum for the recent "Village Project" exhibition. The evening of 19 February was very successful - over 60 residents attending. Thanks to all concerned for organising, especially M Spooner and H Easy for their contributions (and the tea ladies!).

- 116/96  
(63/96) Northern Fringe  
Copy of the minutes of the Villages Action Group was received. The article in the Cambridge News concerning use of Chesterton Sidings for a retail area was mentioned. More information was needed before making any comment.
- 117/96  
(64/96) Garage  
A further quotation from D Haird for £987 + VAT for laying the base was received.  
The MCC meeting of 6 March would discuss.
- 118/96  
(67/96) Land Adjacent A14  
The County Council had agreed that a bund could be built alongside the hedge - Ed Thornton to supervise and work to start during that week. MPC would provide some material but not equipment. RLEW had discussed with SGB ways of stopping off the old A10 that would allow their lorries through. It was agreed to pursue this idea with a letter to the County Council asking for their views. Funding to be met by SGB and MPC.
- 119/96  
(68/96) Waterbeach Barracks  
Notice of noisy training throughout March was received.
- 120/96  
(74/96) Rowing Lake  
M Busby Warden Country Park was happy with the set of Country Park byelaws the only question to be addressed being "Who would enforce them?"
- 121/96  
(78/96) Traffic Signs  
Ed Thornton had reported to the clerk that 30mph repeater signs were illegal and that 30mph painted on the road surface was experimental and had not been adopted in Cambridgeshire.
- 122/96  
(79/96) Village Walk  
The following points were noted on the walk:  
1. Concrete/spoil left by side of road at industrial estate and 51 Cambridge Road.  
2. Waiting area by bus stop opposite Tesco muddy. Extra paving and bollards needed.  
3. Winship Road - Kernow - new temporary building. Had planning permission been sought?  
4. Bene't Close - hornbeam tree overhanging path and road.  
5. Pump - top of pump missing.  
6. Ditch Cambridge Road adjacent to Rowans junction in need of cleaning.  
7. Sycamore trees at Cambridge Road/Rowans junction need to be trimmed. The question of whether Council should try to secure ownership of this land was again raised.

8. Paths were being made by natural use on the green close to the village sign. It was agreed that the clerk ask the highways department to surface those paths.

9. Spoil in cemetery was being dumped by new hedge.

The clerk would take the necessary action for all the above.

123/96  
(82/96)

Youth Provision

Noted that Tesco had agreed to pledge £1000 towards the "drop-in" centre project.

The clerk would write to Dillons asking for their support also.

As the cricket club were not in favour of the Sycamores pavilion being used Andy Allen was already negotiating for the bus to attend weekly at the car park at the Sycamores recreation ground. (Previous correspondence from the football club had indicated their lack of support also though no reply had been received to the clerk's latest letter).

It was agreed to ask A Allen to provide the bus as soon as possible till the end of April and again throughout the winter of 1996/97 within the budgets available.

RLEW suggested that the youth committee meet again.

A letter from a resident pointed out that a similar "drop-in centre" scheme was suggested some years ago but was rejected.

124/96  
(83/96)

Litter and Street Cleansing

The clerk and chairman had met with Mr Middlewood of SCDC. As a result a letter from Mr Middlewood with further details was received.

RJF proposed RD seconded and all agreed that Council express interest in the project at this stage. The clerk would ask for answers to specific questions.

SJS felt that a litter sign in the layby north of Eastern Electricity would be helpful.

125/96  
(84/96)

Allotment Rents

The clerk had received letters of complaint about the proposed rent increase.

It was noted that unless a rent rise could be agreed Council would need to give twelve months notice to impose an increase.

RD proposed JSh seconded and all agreed to rescind minute 84/96 (41/96).

It was agreed to leave the rents at the same level and give twelve months notice of an increase in April 1997.

The level of increase to be discussed at April meeting after a review of the allotment accounts.

JEC pointed out that the County Council increase (50%) was the first since 1979.

- 126/96  
(85/96) **Crime Update/Safer Villages**  
Crime statistics for 1995 were received and noted the main problems being theft of and from cars, criminal damage and burglaries. RLEW intended to call a meeting of all Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and businesses in order to discuss the way forward.
- 127/96  
(86/96) **3. Security Systems at the Community Centre**  
RLEW was attending the MCC meeting of 6 March to ask for support. A black and white scheme would cost approx. £21,000 and a colour £30,000.  
RJF proposed HMS seconded and all agreed that MPC support the scheme of CCTV in principle.
- 128/96  
(81/96) **4. Grass Cutting at Recreation Grounds**  
A quotation from City Services of £67.50 + VAT for cutting both recreation grounds was received (using their own machinery).  
A quotation of £45 using the Community Centre's gang mowers and tractor was received from Paul Ferguson.  
Bearing in mind that the MCC's own gang mowers and tractor were nearing the end of their lives RJF proposed RD seconded and all agreed to accept P Ferguson's quotation to cut the recreation grounds for 1996. It was suggested that P Ferguson be asked if he was prepared to buy his own machinery.  
It was agreed also to accept P Ferguson's quote to cut the bund adjacent to the Cambridge News printing press at £8 per cut.  
The maintenance committee would discuss the future of grass cutting and report back by October.
- 129/96  
(101/95) **5. Community Car Scheme**  
It was noted that Tesco had offered to co-ordinate the scheme. JEC and IFM would follow this up.
- 130/96  
(77/96) **6. Seats**  
Following discussion by the maintenance committee HMS proposed the purchase of two metal seats through the City Services at £222 each. All agreed.  
The clerk to find out cost of installation.
- 131/96 **7. Request for Donation**  
A request for a donation to the Cambridgeshire Alcohol Advisory Service (Drinksense) was received.  
RJF proposed RTS seconded and all agreed not to make a donation.
- 132/96 **8. Cemetery**  
A report of the cemetery committee with a revised scale of fees was received (page 77 - 14 February 1996).  
CFN proposed RJF seconded and all agreed to accept the new rates.  
It was agreed not to put in marker posts for the roadway.

Noted that the part linking the old with the new would need consolidating.

The clerk to ask undertakers to remove spoil from the site.

Thanks to RD for planting cowslips.

CFN reported that the Cambridge Water Company were sending an estimate for providing water on site (min 187/95 refers). He believed it not a viable proposition however because of the problems of frost in winter and the possibility of huge expense arising from the tap inadvertently being left on.

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### 9. District Councillor's Report

Money for the sheltered housing scheme had been allocated. The Cambridge Housing Association was being asked to draw up a scheme.

The retrospective application (min 56/96) for a car park at Milton Hall was being recommended for refusal. The planning officers however were hoping to negotiate a package deal for car parking throughout the whole site.

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### 10. County Councillor's Report

The A14 to Fen Ditton had not been resurfaced because of lack of money.

Council's views on the proposal to turn off street lighting were sought.

It was agreed to object most strongly to the proposal which contravened County Council policy namely to improve lighting to prevent crime. Council was most concerned about the dangers to elderly people and possible increase in crime.

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### 11. Money Received and Bills for Payment

<u>Money Received</u>	£
Community Care fees	46.00
Photocopying	3.05

#### Bills for Payment

It was proposed JEC seconded JS and agreed by all that the following bills be paid:

1. T Ching Community Care	60 hours	300.00	
	phone	10.70	
	mileage	<u>10.00</u>	320.70
2. RCT Adams village cleaning	4 weeks		80.00
3. J Daniels clerk		218.79	
	P & P	<u>24.12</u>	242.91
4. J Daniels secretarial			145.86
5. Jarrold photocopying		38.40	
	VAT	<u>6.72</u>	45.12

6. <u>Bus Passes</u>		
Mrs Brooklyn 33 Fen Road		3.50
Mrs IE Bone 26 Shirley Close		3.50
Mr C Hart 68 Coles Road		3.50
Mrs J Woollard 24 Old School Lane		3.50
Mr K Atkins 1 Knights Way		3.50
7. Cornhill Insurance additional premium		14.15
8. RLE Waters - film and processing (CCTV)		7.98
9. Staples - stationery	29.30	
	VAT	<u>5.12</u>
		34.42
10. ESPO - cleaning materials MCC and stationery		146.57
	VAT	<u>25.65</u>
		172.22
11. P Ferguson - various works as per quotes:		
Grasscutting by A10 (min 139/95 refers)	110.00	
Rotovating by village sign (min 276/95)	70.00	
New paths Coles Road rec.	<u>160.00</u>	340.00
<u>Note:</u> The MCC Executive Committee had agreed a path either side of the car park bund at £80 each (see also min373/95)		
12. Calum Cleaning - Bus Shelters		18.00

## 12. Clerk's Correspondence

- 136/96 Fen Road. Resident of Fen Road concerned about traffic, volume, speeding and parking in Fen Road towards river. RD proposed RTS seconded and all agreed not to encourage more cars by providing parking areas. Speeding was caused by a minority of drivers. It was felt that the best way to discourage motorists was to leave the road as it was - a rural lane. Concern was expressed by a resident about the "vandalism" caused to trees by a tractor and flail. The clerk to investigate.
- 137/96 Street Lighting. County Council - including clerk's request for street lighting between 130 and 156 The Rowans in the 1996/97 budget.
- 138/96 CE News - responding to the chairman's welcome to the village. Offices to be occupied by staff by 11 March.

The meeting ended at 10.45pm

Signed A. H. Waters Chairman 1. 4. 96 Date