

Minutes of the Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday
June 4 1984 at 7.30pm in Milton Primary School.

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson (in the chair), W.D. Booth, A.D.J. Bull, R. Day, H.W.H. Easy, P. Harrold, K.P. Humphries, Mrs. L.M. Lock, G. Patten, Mrs. G. Tonks, Mrs. J. Westwood and the clerk S.J. Daniels.

Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Brackenbury.

I. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 5985 Village Hall Project. Mr. Brown architect, a colleague and a representative from Johnson and Bailey attended to explain their view of the project. It was suggested that the hall be built in three phases, possibly on the present car park. Mr. Brown thought that the existing hall could still be used for a considerable period of time and that it need not be demolished unless Council eventually decided to take up the option of proceeding with a phase 4.

Phase 1 would include a badminton court, phase 2 would extend the building to include kitchen, bar, changing facilities and meeting rooms and phase 3 would extend the hall area to two badminton courts. (Phase 4 would be sited over the present hall). Some savings could be made by building phase 1 and 3 together; the costs of each phase were as follows: Phase 1 £100,000, Phase 2 £75,000 and Phase 3 £60,000.

Copies of the report and drawings were left with Council. The Chairman thanked Mr. Brown and his colleagues for attending the meeting.

Shepherd Design Group had sent drawings which were presented. The clerk was instructed to write for a price of one of the plans.

Other plans had been received from Coulson & Sons and C.M.S. Ltd. All plans would be circulated.

J.W. proposed, P.H. seconded and all agreed that the Village Hall Management Committee and Stan Poulter be invited to a meeting on 25 June to discuss the plans and the quotations.

2. 5986 The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 1984 having been circulated were confirmed and signed.

3. Matters Arising.

5987 Bus Service. The clerk read a letter of thanks from Mrs. Cooper (5884) for Council's recent help towards improving the bus service. The bus service appeared to be working much better. Mrs. Cooper also thanked J.W. for attending the interview at Eastern Counties.

5988 Proposed Recreation Ground. The clerk read a letter from (5932) Mr. K. Moore which explained that nothing concrete had yet been received from the architects or developers. As soon as he received any information he would let Council know.

5989 Country Park. During the Public Inquiry the "Stokes Appeal" (5962) would be held. Mr. Stokes would use as part of his appeal a letter written by the Parish Council on 10 January 1979 which stated that "if it is not necessary for the whole of the site to be used for the Country Park, then they (Parish Council) would not disagree with a very limited extension to the industrial area...."

The clerk had sent a copy of this letter to K. Miles plus a letter confirming Council's full support for the Country Park as proposed in the Milton District Plan.

5990 Village Sign. Mr. Sandford was seeing Mr. Holder.
(5963)

5991 Planning. A reply from E.J. Wilson to Council's complaints
(5963) pointed out that Parish Councils' views carry most weight in S.C.D.C. deliberations. Although the Parish Council's concern over safety was recognised S.C.D.C. always took the advice of the Local Highway Authority in these matters.

Mr. Rose was still concerned over the reduced visibility splay for the proposed development at the rear of 14 - 16 Butt Lane. The clerk would ask the Highway Authority why they changed their mind re the visibility splay. A copy of a letter from the Highway Authority to Mr. Rose would be sent to E.J. Wilson Planning Officer S.C.D.C.

K.P.H. upon reflection was of the opinion that Council should write to a higher authority as suggested at the A.P.M. It was agreed that the clerk write to the Department of the Environment about the recent planning applications in Butt Lane and Willow Crescent.

5992 Grant to V.H.R.G.M.C. A letter of thanks from Mr. D. Jones
(5967) for the grant of £2000 had been received.

5993 Allotment Rents. All allotment rents had now been paid.
(5968)

4. 5994 Fen Road - Level Crossing. W.D.B. who attended a meeting
(5966) with British Rail and other interested parties gave a comprehensive report of that meeting. Having gone to the meeting opposed to the proposals he was convinced by the arguments put forward by British Rail for an open crossing. The clerk explained that a number of villagers had taken the trouble to record their opposition to the proposal by letter namely Mrs. Snaith, Mr. Stubbings as leader of the scout group, Mr. and Mrs. Muirhead, Mr. Norman and Mrs. Harradine. In addition seventeen others had also recorded their objection. G.P. proposed and H.W.H.E. seconded that having heard the report Council was now satisfied with the British Rail proposal for an open crossing. There were 7 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention. R.D. and L.M.L. were still concerned about the safety aspect and felt that Council should press for a half barrier at least. W.D.B. would prepare a report to be sent to those parishioners who made representations. A copy would also be posted on the notice board. Council's thanks were expressed to the members of the public who had written. Thanks were also expressed to W.D.B. for his report.

5. 5995 Notice of Audit of Accounts. Notice of Audit of Accounts
had been received. August 1st was the date set aside for objections and queries by parishioners at Shire Hall. The clerk would be required to attend on 24 August.

6. 5996 Bills for Payment and Money Received.
Money Received - Allotment Rents (due at Lady Day) - £7.50

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It was proposed G.P. seconded AD.J.B. and agreed by all that the following bills be paid:

- 1. S.W.B. Shipp - village cleaning duties Feb - April £18.75
- 2. Bus Passes
 - Mr. S.W.B. Shipp, 47 Cambridge Road £4.20
 - Mrs. M.A. Shipp, 47 Cambridge Road £4.20
 - Miss R. Wilson, 41 High Street £4.20
 - Mrs. L.J. Hobbs, 46 Old School Lane £4.20
- 3. S.J. Daniels - clerk's salary May £91.66
 - photocopying £1.39
 - post and phone £6.32
 £99.37
- 4. Clark & Butcher - grass seed for cemetery £30.00

7. Any Other Business

5997 Footbridge. H.W.H.E. reported that some of the railings were loose and in urgent need of attention. The clerk would contact the Divisional Surveyor.

5998 Ash Tree. R.D. reported that the ash tree overhanging the old A10 next to the allotments site appeared to be in a dangerous condition. The clerk would ask Mr. Hellingsworth for advice.

5999 Cemetery. The new grass was becoming full of weeds. A.D.J.B. would see that the area was sprayed.

6000 Grass Cutting. A parishioner had asked that the verge opposite High Street bus shelter be cut. As a gas main was being laid at present it was agreed to leave this matter in abeyance.

6001 Caravan Parking. It was reported that the conditions for the erection of caravan pitches in Chesterton Fen Road were not being adhered to. K.P.H. would follow this up.

Signed Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs).....Chairman ..2nd July..1984...Date

II. PLANNING BUSINESS

1. 6002 The minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 1984 had been circulated. K.P.H. requested that "in Mr. Meek's view" be inserted in minute 5974 in order to clarify the meaning. All agreed. The minutes were then confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

6003 Orchard Site, Butt Lane. The developers had suggested the (5979) name "The Orchard" for this future development. Council felt that "Coulson Close" would be more appropriate and S.C.D.C. would be informed accordingly.

6004 Stone Crusher. K.P.H. had not yet seen R. Meek. (5975)

3. New Applications

- (a) 6005 S/0752/84 Sinclair Research Ltd - temporary offices while hall is being renovated - no comments.
- (b) 6006 S/0811/84 Sinclair Research Ltd - Restoration and alterations to hall, removal of secondary staircase, extension of main staircase, conversion of basement to bar/social use. New terrace at rear of hall and second half of symmetrical screen wall at front.

- Restoration of exterior to original symmetrical facade.
no comments.
- (c) 6007 S/0812/84 Sinclair Research Ltd - Second half of symmetrical screen terrace at rear of hall - no comments.
- (d) 6008 S/0855/84 R.J. Attle, 42 Butt Lane - Greengrocer shop in building adjoining 34 Butt Lane. Concern was expressed about traffic especially in view of the close proximity of the school.
- (e) 6009 S/0859/84 Cambs County Council - erection of lean-to store at Francis Jeeps Farm College - no comments.
- (f) 6010 Edmund House, changing room. Mr. L. Sandford had presented plans for a swimming pool changing room for comment. Council did not object to the proposal but were concerned that S.C.D.C. had appeared already to have given permission without first consulting M.P.C. The clerk would clarify the position with S.C.D.C.

4. Decisions Received

6011 D. Manning, 60 Fen Road - extensions - approved.
(5948)

5. Any Other Planning Business

6012 Mr. Haird was considering buying the late Mr. Coulson's house in Butt Lane in order to build two bungalows at the front. He would use the outbuildings for his business. He sought Council's views before putting in a firm offer. B.C.W. declared an interest.

Council did not feel happy about the proposal. Concern was expressed about the increase in commercial traffic and the possibility of the place becoming a large builder's yard. B.C.W. would report back these views to Mr. Haird.

The meeting ended at 10.52pm.

Signed *Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs)* Chairman . 2nd July 1984 Date