

2719 PARISH TREE PLANTING - A MEETING OF THE PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE HELD ON
(2693) MONDAY, JULY 21st., 1975, at FEN ROAD (EAST), MILTON, at 6.05 pm.

Present: PK & MW; apology from BCW; In attendance: Mr. Megginson, the
County Trees & Woodlands Officer.

The meeting was held at the request of Mr. Megginson, who wished to
discuss the proposed planting of 50 Thorn trees at Fen road (east) and to
view the site.

Mr. Megginson's view was that shorter trees than those ordered were pref-
erable, i.e. about 4 - 6 feet, which should be spaced well apart, say,
18/20 feet. They should not be planted where the verge was narrow and sloped back
to the roadside ditch. He suggested 9/10 feet from the road edge wherever
possible and in any case adequate allowance to be made for the passage of
large farm machinery like combine harvesters. Each tree should be provided
with a stout stake about 2 ins. diam, 6/7 feet long, 2 feet in ground, on the
road side of the tree. At one spot where the verge was very wide he suggest-
ed an Ash tree.

Receiving thus the Officer's approval, and subject to his planting conditions
, the Sub-Committee AGREED to proceed with this part of the Scheme.

The Sub-Committee then paced the road from the river to the railway line,
finding that 50 trees would cover this length on one side at about 18 feet
intervals. AGREED to leave decision as to actual positioning of the trees
until planting time.

Mr. Megginson hoped that the trees would be delivered about the end of
November.

The meeting then closed.

Signed: *P. J. Kelle* Chairman *30. 7. 75* Date

2720 PARISH BANKS AND LANDS - MINUTES OF A JOINT MEETING OF MILTON PARISH
(2710) COUNCIL & MILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITY TRUSTEES, HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 4th., 1975, at 7.30 p.m.

(The date of this meeting had been mutually agreed by all members of both
of the above bodies, & summons notice was delivered to all members on
July, 24th.)

Present: Mr. R. T. Summerfield, Chairman of the Parish Council (and a rep-
resentative Trustee) in the Chair;
Parish Councillor: B. K. Connor
Trustee: F. J. Carlton
Parish Councillors (also representative Trustees): L. M. Forbes
& Mrs. M. E. Jones

Apologies: Parish Councillors: Mrs. B. C. Waterson (previous
engagement) & Mrs. J. G. Chinnick; Trustees: Rector (Rev.
H. C. Franklin (illness) & A. W. Wanham (illness)

Purpose of the Meeting - to discuss the Report on Parish Lands prepared
by the Clerk to the Council and the Trustees, which had previously been
distributed to all members of both bodies.

Land Report - The Clerk explained the research he had done in some detail, re-
ferring to appropriate large scale maps and copies of ancient doc-
uments. The substance of the Report fell broadly into 2 parts: (i) fields in
the name of the Charity Trustees, & (ii) the Parish Banks - precise extent and
ownership of which needed to be established.

(i) Fields: these had been satisfactorily identified and traced through the
170 years from about 1800 (when they were Awarded to the Charities by the
Inglosure Commissioners) to the present day; it did appear however that some
of the original Award acreages were lower than the O.S. assessments of the
last 60 or 70 years, and there was disagreement between the present rent
assessment acreages and the O.S. measurements.

(i Fields, contd.) AGREED to bring consideration of any necessary adjustments of acreages before the TRUSTEES at a future meeting of that body.

(ii) The Parish Banks (2720): the conclusion arrived at in the Report was that, although it could be conclusively shown that, in 1800, some 8ac. 0 32p of the Bank of Bankers or Bank Ditch, were awarded by the Commissioners to the parish, by 1848 (for reasons unknown) certain sections of the Bank were in the ownership of those proprietors who owned fields immediately adjacent to the Bank.

AGREED that as this situation appeared to have been established some 120 or more years ago, it must now be accepted.

It thus appeared that the only length of Bank now belonging to the parish, or which they could claim TITLE to, was that length adjoining the Charity Trustees' fields. nos: OSP (1927) 206 & 218; both these lie to the south of the Fen road (east) and are tenanted by Mrs. I. Pearson.

Calculation of the Banks acreage belonging to the Parish: Conveniently, on OS Map, 1927, the length of Bank adjoining 206 is shown as containing 0.69 acres, from which the acreage of Bank continuing alongside 218 can be assessed. This latter measurement is about 2.16 acres. The average width of the Bank is clearly shown by measurement alongside 206 and is in fact shown as OSP 207. The width is approx. 15 yards.

+++ The sum of these two lengths of Bank is 2.85 acres and it was AGREED that
+++ this appears to represent the present extent of the Parish Banks.

Also AGREED, that neither of the two fields 206 & 218, nor the Parish Banks adjoining these two fields, are included in the 1974 Planning Application for the extraction of gravel by Pearson & Wilson (ref: S/0547/74: July 1974)

Also AGREED, that the length of Bank above, measurement 2.85 acres, appears to be that rented to Mr. D. Pearson (by the Parish Council) and for which he paid rent to the Parish Council until Michaelmas, 1964, at the rate of £1.15.2d per annum.

Related correspondence - The Clerk reported on correspondence he had had in connection with the composing of the Report, as follows:

With S.C.D.C re: Ploughing-up of the Banks

In 1961 the then Chesterton R.D.C. had refused Mr. D. Pearson permission to plough the Banks; nevertheless, the C.R.D.C. Milton representative of that time, later reported the Banks had been ploughed.

With the Bursar of King's re: Filling-in of the ditch between King's College land and Charities land in Milton Fen

The Bursar had seen Mr. Pearson who claimed that the ditch had been filled in 'with the knowledge of the Trustees'. Mr. Pearson had agreed to ~~the~~ Bursar's request to pay the reasonable costs of a survey now made necessary by his actions, to establish the boundaries between King's and Trustees' lands.

Action to be taken on Bank Rents: the Clerk reminded the meeting that the last rent paid by Mr. Pearson to the Parish Council for the Banks was recorded in the Rent Book for 'Michaelmas, 1964', in the sum of £1.15.2d, A ND that he had, inspite of searching, found nothing in the Council Minute Book, between 1963 and 1965 (inclusive) allowing the relaxation of that rent.

The Clerk also reported seeking advice on the position thus created by this lapse of rent since Michaelmas, 1964; he had been advised by the District Auditor, Mr. Martindale and the County Archivist, that no tenant could claim 'squatters rights' before 12 years of 'assuming the rights and actions of an owner' and that within the 12 years, unpaid back rent could be claimed up to a maximum of 6 years rent.

AGREED, that the Clerk now follow up the correspondence commenced with Mr. D. Pearson, in November, 1974, when he had claimed, on behalf of the Council, rent for the Banks; also to remind Mr. Pearson of his reference to his own legal advice and solicitor and of his willingness that the Clerk should negotiate the matter with Mr. Pearson's solicitor.

Past responsibility for Bank rents: the Clerk also drew attention to a resolution made by the Charity Trustees in 1912 and recorded in their Minute Book (Trustees' meeting of August 30, 1912) viz:

'that the Trustees take no responsibility for the letting of the bank or for the payment of rent therefor'

AGREED that this would appear to indicate the Charity Trustees of the time considered the Banks to be rightfully 'parish land' and the Parish Council the rightful recipients of the rents for the Banks in the name of the parish; and further that the Banks were to be considered quite separate from Charity lands and no rent was therefore due from the Trustees (but presumably from the Bank tenants to the Parish Council).

Further information: the Clerk explained he would continue his searches for relevant information as and when time permitted and the meeting AGREED to accept the conclusions of the Report subject to any qualifications necessary by further information which might emerge.

Attendance: the Chairman expressed his great regret at the very poor attendance (5 members out of a possible 12) at this important joint meeting.

The Chairman then closed the joint meeting.

URGENT PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Parish Council members: RTS (Chmn.) BKC, LMF, MEJ , then considered the following:

2721 FIRE DANGER FROM The Chmn. reported a complaint from Mrs. Warren, 83 Coles DRY GRASS, COLES ROAD, adjoining Parish land, where there was an alleged fire danger to the long, dry grass.

AGREED instruct the Clerk to find a contractor to cut it.

2722 BILLS FOR Prop: LMF, sec: MEJ, foll: cheques were signed: PAYMENT

1. Milton V.H. Comm. Changing Rooms Acc.	£1,500.00
2. K.P. Humphries: Sal: for July, 1975 ..	37.50
Posts. etc " " ..	11.14
Tel. calls to 7 Jul... ..	17.10
	<u>65.74</u>
	£1,565.74

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

FOR CONSIDERATION

2723 S/1037/75 H&H Electronics: temp. lab; it was understood this was to cover until H&H permanently established at Bar Hill - approved

2724 S/1093/75 Cave G.R. - Chesterton Fen: renewal of consent for 2 caravans - approved

DECISIONS RECEIVED

2725 S/0679/75 Trinity Coll. Sci. Pk. Caretaker's bung. & garage - granted
2726 S/0953/74/0 " " " " Layout of roads for extension to Sci. Pk. - granted but with condn. of no construction of bldgs. until lifting of sewage embargo

The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Signed: R. Humphries Chairman 11/1/75 Date.