

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 4th September 1978
at 7.30 p.m. in Milton Primary School

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), M. Waggett, P. Kiddle, S.B. Poulter, Mrs. M.E. Jones, Mrs. B.C. Waterson, H.W.H. Easy, Councillor K.P. Humphries and the Clerk B.K. Connor.

Apologies for absence received from G. Patten and D.J. Cook.

1. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3668 The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 3rd July 1978 had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3669 Middleton's Pit. K.P.H. reported that the rubbish has been cleared (3637) and is now ready for collection.

3670 Complaint Regarding Lemins. K.P.H. had spoken to Mr. & Mrs. Jenkins (3647) who have complained about the nuisance caused by the long working hours in the factory unit a situation which has been further aggravated by the presence of cellulose fumes. This has been reported by K.P.H. to the Planning Department and P.K. suggested that the Council should write to the Planning Department endorsing K.P.H.'s action and to enquire what steps are being taken regarding the complaints.

3. New Applications

3671 S/1322/78 - Lambert Constructions Ltd. - erection of two dwellings adjacent to 31 Butt Lane - the Clerk read a letter from the adjoining neighbour, Mr. B. Flitton, who registered his dissatisfaction with the method of drainage, and the fact that a tree will have to be removed to make way for the driveway. The Clerk would acknowledge Mr. Flitton's letter and forward this to the Planning Officer.

P.K. felt that the Council should object on the basis that the conditions relating to drainage are not being fulfilled. It was also felt that the house which is situated sideways on to Butt Lane should be moved further back along the plot and turned to face the road. It was considered that the drains are not deep enough and there is insufficient provision being made to take other water particularly a drain which comes across from the other side of the road at a lower level.

3672 S/1359/78 - D. Clark, Vine Cottages, Chesterton Fen Road - outline permission for the demolition of existing buildings to be replaced with two semi-detached houses - no comments.

3673 S/1451/78 - D. Woodgate, 22 Fen Road - modifications to existing house - no comments.

4. Decisions Received

(a) 3674 S/0782/78 - Trinity College, Science Park - extension to building (3587) for Coherent Radiation - approved.

(b) 3675 S/0909/78 - N. Asplin, Stanton Farm - erection of agricultural (3596) building - approved subject to surface water being piped direct to a water course, surface water system or shallow soakaway.

(c) 3676 S/0908/78 - R. Lewcock, 60 Coles Road - house extension - approved. (3595)

- (d) 3677 S/0917/78 - C. Hanson, rear of Pryor Close/Old School Lane - erection of 2 bungalows - refused on the grounds that it would be an undesirable piecemeal development on backland and without proper road frontage; would interfere with the privacy of neighbouring properties; would create difficulties for normal services and no satisfactory means of sewage disposal.
(3597)
- (e) 3678 S/1100/78 - D. Stretch, 3 Coles Road - house extension - approved.
(3639)
- (f) 3679 S/0980/78 - Jolly Brewers, Fen Road - extension - approved.
(3635)
- (g) 3680 S/0961/78 - D. Haird, Cambridge Road - erection of bungalow and garage - approved subject to full details of buildings, access, materials to be submitted, parking for two cars to be provided - landscaping scheme to be submitted.
(3634)
- (h) 3681 S/1095/78 - H.C. Moss, Shirley Close Estate - erection of 40 houses - refused on the grounds that it would result in an undesirable increase in traffic - access road has sub-standard visibility splays to Fen Road - additional traffic would cause difficulties to users of Goding Way which also suffers from visibility restrictions. The density is too high.
(3640)
- (i) 3682 S/1078/78 - A. Norman, land between 10 & 14 Cambridge Road - erection of one house - approved subject to landscaping scheme being submitted and the brick to be used shall be Milton buff.
(3638)
- (j) 3683 S/0700/78 - E.J. Nicholas, 10 acres (Milton Pits), OS Field 151 - notice under Section 17 - Land Compensation Act 1961.

Signed.....*R. Sumner*.....Chairman.....*2nd Oct 1978*.....Date

II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3684 The minutes of the Council meeting held on 3rd July had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3685 Milton Pits. Following the recent site meeting the County Secretary (3657) had written to the Council regarding the establishment of a Joint Working Group to consider the proposed Country Park Scheme. One representative of Milton Parish Council was requested and M.W. proposed that R.T.S. should be the Council's representative at the first meeting scheduled to be held at the Shire Hall on 15th September. It was suggested that in view of the importance of the project the Council should have two representatives and the second nomination was P.K. - this proposal was seconded by H.E. and agreed. R.T.S. expressed his great disappointment at the site meeting held on 17th July since the pits were not in fact examined. The Clerk would confirm that two representatives have been nominated.

3686 Verge Grass Cutting. The Clerk had received a reply from the (3652) Divisional Surveyor stating that as much verge cutting is carried out in the village to satisfy visibility and amenity demands as can be bearing in mind the present financial restrictions.

It was reported that Mr. C. Silverman of 37 High Street had cut the grassed area on the corner of the A10 and the High Street outside his property, and the Clerk was asked to write and express grateful thanks.

With regard to the problem associated with overhanging trees along footpaths, on Mr. Martindale's advice the Clerk had written

to the County Surveyor who confirmed that the Divisional Surveyor has in fact approached the owners of the properties involved and asked them to carry out trimming where necessary. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Surveyor acknowledging this information and to ask if action could be taken to rectify a similar problem of overhanging tree(s) at Edmund House in Cambridge Road. The Chairman suggested that this item should be reviewed in two months time.

- 3687 Areas Surrounding Thurlton & Norton Courts, Coles Road. Following
(3653) the Clerk's second letter of complaint on 7th July a letter of reply dated 11th July was received confirming that regular grass cutting and maintenance for these properties has been organised with a contractor. The situation has improved drastically and the Clerk would write and thank Select Managements for their cooperation.
- 3688 Retirement of Dr. Whitmore. Mrs. J. Briggs had written a letter to
(3654) the Council expressing grateful thanks for the contribution to the retirement gift.
- 3689 Road Flooding Goding Way. The Clerk received a letter from the
(3663) County Surveyor confirming that an inspection of the drains has been made but no blockages discovered. A further investigation will be carried out during the next period of heavy rainfall in an effort to trace the cause of the flooding.
- 3690 Pavement Repairs. P.K. commented that the recent work carried out
in the village seems to be incomplete in that no top surfacing has been carried out. The Clerk would raise this matter with the Divisional Surveyor.
- 3691 Tree Planting. The County Planning Officer had provided M.W. with
(3665) a planting proposal involving the recreation ground.
3. 3692 Milton By-pass/Butt Lane Crossing. Following the meeting held with the D. of T. officials on 23rd June the Chairman received copies of the minutes of the meeting with a letter on 12th July. There were several points which required correction as far as the recording of the minutes were concerned and these were duly communicated and acknowledged. The original intention of the D. of T. was to carry out a census at the end of August on the basis that the by-pass would be opening at the end of July, but because of further delays the opening has not been possible. News of the proposed date for the census is still awaited. M.E.J. felt that R.T.S. and K.P.H. should be commended for their efforts in maintaining progress on the situation particularly during the holiday period.
- K.P.H. had received a letter from Mr. D. Spreadbury, the Senior Area Education Officer for the County, who had offered to investigate the possibility of extending the bus service for taking children to Impington until the basic problem is solved, and it was agreed that this suggestion should be explored. Mr. J. Lapham, who attended this stage of the meeting, felt that such action would result in a high cost to parents for the bus service which may involve a third bus on the existing contract. Mr. Lapham also felt that a hazard would be presented by the existence of the T-junction at the crossing point.
4. 3693 Complaint from Co. Land Agent - Allotments. Following a complaint from the Principal of the Farm College, the County Land Agent had written to the Clerk on 5th July asking for steps to be taken to reduce the spread of grass and weeds onto College land, and also to bring into cultivation the two or three allotments which have been untended. Mr. Legge of George Comins had also received the same complaint and brought this to the Clerk's attention, together with

confirmation that there is no alternative land which the County Council could offer for use as allotments in return for the area which the Farm School wish to take over.

Following a site meeting by the Clerk and H.W.H.E., arrangements were put in hand for a cleaning up operation. The Clerk was instructed to confirm that this action has been taken to the County Land Agent and mention that re-letting would be taking place. At the next opportunity the Clerk would bring these points to the notice of tenants and ask for their cooperation in ensuring that the area particularly along the access road is kept clear. P.K. suggested that a notice should be put in the Council's Notice Board to the effect that allotment plots are likely to be available. One resident, Mr. T. Martin of 18 Benet Close, has applied for a plot and the area presented rented by Mr. Haycock would be re-let since Mr. Haycock has left the village.

5. 3694 S.C.D.C. Parish Drainage Status July 1978. The present situation is that no objection will be made to development generally, but consultation is required for any substantial residential or industrial developments.
6. 3695 Butt Lane Prohibition of Driving Order. The Clerk received a copy letter for information dated 8th August from the County Surveyor confirming that the keys to the agricultural gate access will be issued to the five farmers specified on the list in addition to the emergency services.
7. 3696 Bills for Payment. It was proposed by M.E.J., seconded by S.B.P. and agreed that the following bills be paid:-

1. Cambs. C.C. - hire of school for P.C. Meetings April/May/June/July	£7-14
2. D. Haird & Co. Ltd. - repairs to bus shelter & seat near railway crossing	£74-52
3. Eastern Electricity - street lighting for period ended 30/6/78	£4-16
4. Cornhill Insurance Co. Ltd. - additional premium to cover Fidelity Guarantee (3611)	£17-50
5. Mrs. J.R. Connor - secretarial duties 14 hrs @ £1.10	15-40
posts & telephone July/August	3-69
6. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary July	41-25
August	41-25
rental/heating/lighting allowance July/August/Sept.	62-50
7. Cash for R. Buck - cleaning duties 11/6/78 - 9/9/78	£145-00
8. Scitech Publications - photocopying agenda & mins.	£3-51
8. 3697 Christmas Tree. The Clerk was asked to contact the Waterbeach Salvation Army branch to enquire if the band would be available for a carol service around the Christmas tree during the week commencing 18th December. P.K. undertook to investigate the supply of a larger tree and S.B.P. agreed to take care of the lighting arrangements.
9. 3698 Winding up of Silver Jubilee Committee. The Clerk received a letter from the Committee Secretary Mr. F. Burling confirming that the final meeting had taken place and the Committee officially wound up. The two commemorative seats which have been installed have been donated to the P.C. for future maintenance and it was felt that Mr. D. Haird should be asked to complete their installation by providing a concrete apron in front and underneath the seats to link-up with the nearby paths.

10. 3699 Best Kept Village Competition. The village was placed 4th in group F attaining a score of 70 marks out of a total of 100. Additional comments were made that private gardens were generally well kept, the churchyard is nice in semi-rural style, the school is good, but the Village Hall is in need of attention.

12. Any Other Business

3700 Charity Commission Draft Scheme for Milton Parochial Charities. A (3336) copy of the draft scheme was provided for the Council to examine and make any objections or suggestions felt necessary. Unfortunately this arrived after the agenda had been prepared and will therefore have to be referred to the next meeting before a decision can be made regarding approval. The Clerk would acknowledge receipt of the copy deed and request an extension to the one month time limit.

3701 Fence at Entrance Gateway to Recreation Ground - Cambridge Road. K.P.H. had received copies of an anonymous letter sent to Mr. Flint, requesting action concerning the closure of the access gateway. Apparently the original key and padlock provided for access by the neighbour Mr. Matthews have disappeared and the gate in the actual recreation ground fence has also been removed. A temporary fence has been erected alongside the gate, but it was felt that a more permanent arrangement may be necessary which would be the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Chairman asked for the matter to be reviewed at the next meeting to provide Councillors with an opportunity of examining the situation.

3702 Revision of Allotment Rents 1979. The Clerk received a recorded delivery notice dated 1st September giving the Council 12 months notice of a rent revision for the 10.587 acres known as Manor Farm to take effect from Michaelmas 1979. The Clerk would serve a similar notice on tenants, and details of the amount involved may be referred to arbitration if the level is felt to be unacceptable.

3703 Advertisement Policy. The Planning Officer, S.C.D.C., provided a copy of the present policy associated with the control of advertisements.

It was hoped that during the next few years a tidying up campaign could be carried out with particular attention to petrol filling stations.

The information would be filed for reference purposes.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.15 p.m.

Signed... Blunniefield Chairman..... 2nd Oct 1978 Date