

Minutes of the Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday
4th October 1982 at 7.30pm in Milton Primary School.

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson (in the chair), A.D.J. Bull, R. Day, H.W.H. Easy, K.P. Humphries, P. Kiddle, R.T. Summerfield, M. Waggett and the Clerk S.J. Daniels.
Mr. Hellingsworth, Trees Officer of S.C.D.C.

Apologies received from: Mrs. G. Tonks (on holiday) Cllr. J. Brackenbury.

I. COUNCIL BUSINESS.

1. 5317 Trees. The Chairman welcomed to the meeting (5280) Mr. Hellingsworth who explained that he had not made as much progress as he had hoped for. He felt that it would be pointless to consider further the Fen Road site, although it was probably the most important site, since the tenant farmer was unlikely to co-operate with the maintenance of the trees.

Definite sites already earmarked for planting include land north of Enterprise Nurseries, two field corners near the cemetery and part of Mere Way towards the Cambridge end. A.D.J.B. agreed to planting along the side of his access way and also suggested the triangular piece of land next to the access and the further corner of land on the west side of the A10 by-pass. The T.O. felt that there was still a fair variety of species along the ditch just north of North Lodge. As he would be unable to obtain the co-operation of the tenant farmer there would be little point in replanting here. The T.O. was still having difficulty in finding the owners of the rough triangular piece of land north of the A45 by-pass. He commented that with the definite sites and the further sites suggested at this meeting about 120 trees would be planted. Two further sites were suggested which the T.O. would investigate: Fen Drove, parallel to the railway line and the Drove off Waterbeach Road bordering Mr. N. Asplin's and Mr. J. Wagstaff's land.

The T.O. agreed to place Tree Preservation Orders on the remaining copse in Fen Road and the line of trees north of North Lodge. In response to the Chairman's question about the trees in Milton Hall grounds he commented that a Preservation Order had already been placed on those trees in front of the Hall. It was felt that as the Electricity Board were keen to preserve trees, Preservation Orders were not necessary at present on the land behind the Hall.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Hellingsworth for attending the meeting. He commented that he would pursue the sites suggested and keep the Council informed. Planting would be about February and a final map would be sent. He then left the meeting.

- (5288) M.W. confirmed that he had ordered this year's tree allocation from the County Council.

2. 5318 The minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 1982 were confirmed and signed.

3. Matters Arising

- 5319 Grass Cutting. It was agreed that the Clerk ask Mr. Butler (5086) to cut the grass once more and his contract to be terminated for this season. This cut to be in lieu of the second September cut.

- 5320 Notice Board. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Symonds
(5219) suggesting that the notice board be given four coats of paint for which he quoted a price of about £30, including an external ply back. The Council agreed with Mr. Symonds' comments that extensive repairs to the notice board would be an unnecessary expense at this stage of the development of Milton. Proposed H.W.H.E. seconded A.D.J.B. and all agreed that Mr. Symonds be asked to paint the board.
- 5321 By-Pass Footbridge. The Clerk read a letter from the
(5250) Department of Transportation which stated:-
a) Although the height of the railings is the standard height this is being revised and future footbridges are likely to have higher parapet rails.
b) The gap between the timber and parapet rails is sufficient to prevent accidental deviation from the path.
c) The bridge is not designed for the passage of horses. A prohibition order must be put into operation, a weighty procedure, before any sign can be erected.
d) A sign indicating that bicycles should be pushed would have no effect.
- The Council still felt a sign was necessary and the Clerk was instructed to request that the procedure for erecting a prohibition sign for horses and cycling be set in motion.
- 5322 Road Sign. Cllr. J.B. had asked the Clerk to pass on the
(5283) information that a sign indicating "Baitsbite Lock and River Only" would be forthcoming and that the cost would be met by the County Council.
- 5323 Recreation Ground. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. Middleton
(5284) which stated that he had not decided whether he wished to dispose of the land in question. It was felt that he had gone back on an earlier promise. The Clerk would look up earlier correspondence about the matter and pass on the information to K.P.H. who would see if the S.C.D.C. had anything in writing about the land in question.
- 5324 Cemetery. Mr. Still, District Valuer, had contacted the Clerk
(5285) by telephone and suggested a possible takeover date by the Parish Council as 29 September 1983. He was still negotiating with Bidwells about the price. The Clerk was instructed to confirm this date with Mr. Still by letter.
A letter had been received from the Trustees who would be happy to contribute one-third of the cost of a shelter up to a maximum of £700. It was decided to leave the matter of the shelter in abeyance until the purchase of the land is completed.
- 5325 Allotments. The Clerk passed on an allotment tenant's
(5286) complaint about the amount of rubbish being dumped on the waste area and the fact that the trees in the nursery were ready to be moved. These comments were duly noted.
- 5326 Telephone Kiosk. The Clerk reported that this matter was
(5287) receiving the attention of British Telecom.
- 5327 Pond Green. The Clerk would contact Mr. Haird again and
(5291) endeavour to see that the work was completed by 1st November.
- 5328 Christmas Tree. The Clerk reported that he was not able to
(5293) obtain a tree from the usual supplier and that he was making enquiries elsewhere and that also he had been unable so far to get a firm date for the carol singing from the Salvation Army.

- 5329 Village Sign. The Clerk read letters from three neighbouring
(5294) Parish Councils. It was noted that much of the work had been done voluntarily and that therefore it was difficult to detail the costs although the costs for Landbeach for example in 1977 excluding voluntary help amounted to £400. It was decided to wait for S.B.P.'s estimate of the base before making any decision.
- 5330 Boundary Stone. A letter had been received from the City
(5298) Council which stated that the matter was still being investigated with a view to getting the stone renovated before replacing it in the required position.
- 5331 Centenarian. The Chairman read a letter of thanks from
(5299) Mrs. Barton for the gift. Although Mr. Coulson had not been well on his birthday he had since expressed his thanks.
- 5332 Camtrial. The Clerk read a letter from the Community Council
(5300) stating that the times on the leaflet had been given in error. As yet nobody had been found to serve on the Management Committee. P.K. would make further efforts to find a volunteer.
- 5333 Broken Fence. It was noted that this fence had been repaired.
(5302)
- 5334 Chiropody Unit. The Clerk had written to Mr. Milne, Community
(5303) Health, suggesting the Walkling Way site and also the Rectory, as the rector had offered the use of his grounds. K.P.H. commented that Mr. Milne had been due to see the rector some time previously since he was not keen on the Walkling Way site.
4. 5335 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 1982 were confirmed and signed.
- 5336 Milton Plan. The District Councillor's report had been
(5316) previously circulated. P.K. explained that his views had not changed from those of 15 September and that he could not support the Parish Council's change of view, the decision made by the S.C.D.C. or the District Councillor's views which were confirmed by his report. Having given careful consideration to the matter he felt that the village had been hoodwinked and as a matter of principle he must resign from the Parish Council. He asked that the Council postpone appointing a trustee, school governor and Impington governor so that he could inform these bodies himself. The Chairman expressed her regret and asked that he continue his position as governor/trustee until May to which P.K. said he would give consideration. She thanked him for the work that he had done over the years and asked him to stay until the end of the meeting. R.T.S. expressed his respect for P.K. having the courage of his convictions and commented that he was still considering his own position. R.T.S. and P.K. both expressed confidence in the Chairman. The Chairman read a letter from Mrs. M. Jones thanking K.P.H. and the Council for their hard work over the years and expressing her feelings that Milton went down fighting.
- District Councillor's Report. Further to his report K.P.H. commented that an amended Plan would be prepared by the S.C.D.C. in the next few months and this would be certified no doubt around Christmas after which there would be a six weeks objection period. The S.C.D.C. would call a Public Inquiry if sufficient interest were shown. E.J. Wilson

thought an Inquiry inevitable. The S.C.D.C. had not given consideration to returning to the joint plan with the City since there were differences of opinion over green belt. Following the intervention of Mr. Pym the City had not yet been allowed to make a decision as regards the 'tear drop' site. If the County Council certify the plan then the City would have no say at all.

R.D. was concerned that the Council now fight for the recreation areas and green belt. He was especially worried about the Milton Hall grounds. As a result the Clerk was instructed to write to the S.C.D.C. asking that the land north and east of the village (policies 23, 29 and 30) - "area of important local landscape" - be designated green belt, thus protecting this land from development for at least 25 years.

K.P.H. commented that Mr. R. Meek had suggested that the Council advise them on recreation areas. It was felt that to have a recreation ground both south and north of Butt Lane would be ludicrous. R.T.S. proposed, K.P.H. seconded and all agreed that the Council invite a planning officer to the next meeting to inform him that they were in favour of two recreation grounds only (including the present one) and that 12 acres be allocated for the new recreation ground, instead of 9 acres, next to the slip road. The Clerk would also write to the S.C.D.C. with these views.

The question of drainage was discussed. K.P.H. commented that the A.W.A. had got it in hand.

The Chairman thanked the District Councillor for keeping the Council up to date.

5. 5337 Planting of roadside verges. It was proposed P.K. seconded A.D.J.B. and agreed by all that H.W.H.E. be reimbursed to the sum of £40.00 for purchase of 5 bags of mixed daffodil bulbs. Mr. Stubbings had indicated that the cubs would be willing to help plant the bulbs. It was decided to leave the supervision of the planting to H.W.H.E., R.D. and M.W. R.D. would see leaders of the cubs, scouts and venture scouts and request their help. A.D.J.B. had spoken to Mr. Smith of the Farm School about the area next to the slip road. The perennial weeds would have to be destroyed before any planting of ground cover plants. R.D. felt the cost of both spraying and covering the area with the appropriate plants would be too expensive. He added that wild plants e.g. wild rose were beginning to grow naturally. All agreed to leave the matter. It was proposed R.T.S. seconded M.W. and agreed that R.D. purchase 40 trees at £29⁸⁰ to replace those that had died near the allotments.
6. 5338 Public Transport amendment. It was agreed that the Clerk leave the amended bus timetables in the various shops.
7. 5339 Bills for Payment. It was proposed M.W. seconded R.T.S. and agreed by all that the following bills be paid.
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| 1. | W. Heffer and Sons Ltd. stationery | 3.35 | |
| | | V.A.T.0.50 | £9.85 |
| 2. | M. Butler - grass cutting September | | £30.00 |
| 3. | H.W.H. Easy - Reimbursement for purchase of daffodil bulbs (min. 5337) | | £40.00 |
| 4. | <u>Bus Passes</u> | | |
| | Mr. S. Kirkup, 13 Knights Way | | £4.20 |
| | Mr. H.W. Stevens, 38 Butt Lane | | £4.20 |
| | Mrs. G.M. Stevens, 38 Butt Lane | | £4.20 |
| | Mrs. I.M. Martin, 6 Walkling Way | | £4.20 |

Mrs. G. Kilner, 16 Old School Lane		£4.20
Mrs. I.E. Cashmore, 18 Church Lane		£4.20
Mr. P.F. Pettit, 6 Church Lane		£4.20
Mrs. T.L. Pettit, 6 Church Lane		£4.20
5. S.J. Daniels - clerk's salary September		
(inc. sec. exps.)	75.00	
photocopying)	8.01	
)	3.48	
postage and phone	6.34	
Brandy (for centenarian min 5299)	<u>9.29</u>	£102.12

8. Any Other Business

5340 Bulletin 5/82 and Circulars from C.A.L.C. including the results of the Best Kept Village competition were duly received and noted.

At this point P.K. left and wished the Council all the best for the future.

Signed Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs.) Chairman ... 1-11-82 Date

II. PLANNING BUSINESS

1. 5341 The minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 1982 were duly confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

5342 H.C. Moss. The Clerk confirmed that a Tree Preservation (5307) Order had been placed on the two alder and one birch at the end of Old School Lane. The Clerk had also written to the Environmental Services Officer following a parishioner's complaint about the rubble dumped beyond Pearson Close by H.C. Moss. A Public Health Inspector had confirmed that H.C. Moss had cleared the area.

3. New Applications

- (a) 5343 S/1298/82 Grundy Business Systems Ltd., Science Park - 5 year consent for 6m flagpole - no comments.
- (b) 5344 S/1308/82 J. Harradine, 19 Goding Way - single storey extension and garage - no comments.

4. Decisions Received

- (a) 5345 C. Boak, Chesterton Fen Road - erection of stables (5272) approved subject to removal of all scrap materials and landscaping scheme.
- (b) 5346 D. Evans, 16 High Street - bungalow at Wilson Way - (5271) refused - plot too shallow.

There being no other planning business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

Signed Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs.) Chairman ... 1-11-82 Dated