

Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 5 January 1998 at 7pm in the Community Centre.

Present: RLE Waters (chair) JE Coston R Day DJ Lee (to 35/98) IF May (from 19/98) PK Oldham (from 6/98) J Sandford J Shaw (to 35/98) HM Smith SJ Snaith RT Summerfield LC Twinn and the clerk SJ Daniels.

1. Apologies for Absence RJ Farrington EY Wakeling.

1/98

2. Minutes

Minutes of the Council meeting of 1 December and the Maintenance meeting of 15 December were confirmed and signed as a true record. Minutes of the Planning meeting of 15 December were confirmed as a true record.

3. Decisions Received

3/98

(539/97)

Mr and Mrs Hobday 70 Fen Road - amendments to extension - approved.

4/98

(497/97)

Mr and Mrs J Sandford 37 Butt Lane - extensions - refused. Would result in loss of light and would appear overbearing when viewed from the rear of 39 Butt Lane; also loss of privacy to no 39.

5/98

(498/97)

Mr and Mrs Lindsay 80 Butt Lane - extension - approved. Permanent space to be reserved on site for parking. Height of any front boundary enclosure should not exceed 600mm above existing path. Vehicular access to be ungated.

4. New Applications

6/98

(546/97)

S/1860/97 DJ Taylor 4 Coles Road - change of use of ground floor shop to pre-school Day Nursery. RD proposed and JS seconded that Council approve this application. This was carried ten in favour and one abstention (concerns about traffic).

7/98

(547/97)

S/1888/97 Gonville and Caius College - Selling of gravel removed during construction of reservoir at Rectory Farm. Comments:- Concerned that this application had arisen from the construction of a reservoir for which it was understood no planning application was necessary. Council would like an assurance that there would be no further extraction and would agree to no further gravel extraction from this site. If granted there should be a time limit of six months for the selling of the gravel.

8/98

S/1895/97 Mr and Mrs Waters 3 Lyndhurst Close - glazed conservatory at rear garden for leisure purposes.

9/98 S/1896/97 Mr and Mrs Waters 4 Lyndhurst Close - glazed conservatory at rear garden for leisure purposes.

RLEW declared an interest in the two above applications and RTS was elected as chairman for these items.

There were no objections to the applications.

10/98 S/1465/97 Carequest Ltd 44 High Street - revised elevations.
(507/97) Council would abide by the Conservation Officer's judgement.

11/98 S/1938/97 S & JM Wilkinson 54B Fen Road - extensions - renewal of permission S/1551/92. No objections.

12/98 S/1950/97 C Dennison 82 The Sycamores - first floor extension over garage and utility room. No comments.

13/98 S/1965/97 Bard Pharmaceuticals Ltd Science Park - erection of site office (portakabin). No comments.

14/98 S/1968/97 Cambs County Council Former library site Coles Road -
(472/97) new dwelling.

The following comments were sent to SCDC and CCC:-

"We note that this application is for the "former library site". Although this site was proposed for the library there never has been a building situated here.

We object most strongly to this application for the following reasons:

1. Coles Road is already very congested with traffic in this area because of the shops. Another access on to the road where cars regularly park would create a traffic danger.

2. Overdevelopment of the site.

3. The taking away of privacy from the neighbours.

4. Totally inappropriate for the area.

5. Loss of amenity of the land.

6. The proposed building is an eyesore - an ugly building.

7. We do not like the balcony as it will overlook the living quarters of the properties opposite.

We strongly object also to the shared driveway. This area is a focal point of the village."

5. Matters Arising

15/98 By-Election

(456/97) Noted that electricity used amounted to £7.20 - paid through grant adjustment to MCC.

16/98 South Cambs Village Capacity Study

(504/97) RLEW reported that Milton was not destined for any further development.

- 17/98 Police Local Consultation Group
(505/97) Next meeting scheduled for 11 March.
- 18/98 Pedestrian Refuges
(508/97) Noted that the central lights were still not working.
- 19/98 AWA Sewer
(509/97) Noted that David Ward was pursuing the following: reinstatement of ground and replacement of trees, compensation claim and land drains. RD commented that tree planting should take place as soon as possible.
- 20/98 Foot/Cycle Bridge
(510/97) Minutes of the recent meeting were received and noted.
- 21/98 Allotments
(511/97) The clerk to confirm in writing the termination of the tenancy of the allotment holder who had not paid his rent for 1997/8. His allotments to be cleared by Council's contractor at the end of March.
- 22/98 Land Adjacent A14
(512/97) Agreed to ask Ed Thornton to confirm that he was satisfied with the shape of the new bund. If so Council's contractor to be asked to plant the shrubs. Thanks to be sent to East Waste.
- 23/98 Farm College
(515/97) Noted that the two Colleges had now decided to forward a formal application to merge.
- 24/98 Land at War Memorial
(519/97) The solicitor had estimated a top figure of £1000 for pursuing an ownership claim. RD proposed JEC seconded and all agreed to instruct the solicitor to pursue this claim.
- 25/98 Bowls Club Loan
(522/97) The Bowls Club had been able to repay £1000 of the loan in view of their satisfactory financial position. Thanks to Council from the Bowls Club for their kind help.
- 26/98 Appeal by Mrs R Bell et al
(523/97) Noted that Mrs Bell had appealed against SCDC's refusal to grant permission for a 16 pitch caravan park at Chesterton Fen Road. A Public Inquiry was due to take place on 28 January. The clerk had confirmed Council's support for SCDC.
- 27/98 Footpath - Pond Green
(529/97) Work on the new footpath was due to be carried out early in the New Year. Clerk to ask Ed Thornton to replace damaged bollard.

28/98 Landbeach Road
(530/97) Noted that Mr Cliff of the County Council was investigating stopping up the old road.

29/98 Reservoir
(534/97) J Hellingsworth was unable to confirm that there was a danger of any trees being blown down. RTS proposed that the clerk should write to the farmer.

(See also minute 547/97)

A constructive meeting had been held with the Environment Agency. The farmer had been instructed to fill in or line the sump ~~that had been dug~~. District Councillor Wyatt was arranging for the ditch to be cleared out so that water could flow under the road.

before extracting water

30/98 Maintenance
(549/97) Noted that grasscutting/maintenance costs for 1997/8 amounted to £8871.00. Council confirmed approval of this increase from the contract figure of £7095.00 due to additional work.

31/98 **6. Money Received and Bills for Payment**

Money Received

Photocopying	2.00
Community Care Fees	90.00
Total	92.00

Bills for Payment

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

D Collins	Xmas Lights	35.00
A Ellwood	Section 137 Community Care	372.04
RCT Adams	Village Cleaning	78.54
SJ Daniels	Clerk inc expenses	219.18
JA Daniels	Secretarial	158.00
Club 24 Ltd (Staples)	Stationery	19.67
Jarrold	Photocopying October	18.45
Cambridge Newspapers	Public Notice Sheltered Housing	153.16
Filcris	**Signs - Dog/Parking	108.69
Bus Project	Sept - Dec 97	135.00
<u>Section 137 Bus Passes</u>		
Mrs J Bland		8.00
Mrs S Lewis		8.00
C Moule		8.00
Mrs I Spoons		8.00

ESPO	Padlock - gate Butt Lane		57.58
P Whiterod	*Repairs to slide steps	109.00	
	**Erecting signs	<u>58.00</u>	<u>167.00</u>
Total			1554.31

*Noted that further steps had been in need of repair (quotation £93.00)

**Signs for recreation grounds and open spaces.

32/98
(520/97)

7. Sheltered Housing

Noted that the extra piece of recreation ground land was not now needed as CHS had purchased the rear of 51 Cambridge Road adjoining the recreation ground. Rogers Dare & Associates of 51 Cambridge Road had come to an agreement with CHS to allow access for parking in the back garden immediately behind the house. Concerns were expressed that this access could lead to further development.

The Release of Covenant had been published in the Cambridge Evening News.

33/98

8. Bus Project

DJL reported that the committee were looking at ways of funding the project after the three years lottery grant.

The project leaders were working in conjunction with Cottenham VC and IVC with disaffected youngsters.

DJL felt confident about the way the Bus Project was being run.

Noted that the junior club appeared to be 'taking off'.

34/98
(518/97)

9. Joint Meeting MCC

Items for the agenda were needed. A copy of the revised MCC rules were circulated. Noted that new manager was due to start on 10 January and that the MCC would meet the extra payroll costs for 12/18 months. RTS supported RLEW's view that the MCC should employ the staff. Agenda items such as 'Responsibility for Play equipment, Grasscutting, Fertilising and Thinning of Trees' to be discussed at February meeting.

35/98

10. Crime Prevention

a) Crime Figures

Noted that the number of report crimes had dropped.

In 1995 there were 443 reported crimes

In 1996 " " 282 " "

In 1997 " " 217 " "

b) Budget for Crime Prevention

RLEW had circulated a paper suggesting an annual budget to support Crime Prevention Initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch. After much discussion it was felt that as crime figures were dropping there was no need at this stage to spend money on crime prevention.

RTS commented that if Council were to spend say £2000 he would prefer to see it spent on an extra special constable for the village.

36/98

11. County Councillor's Report

As a result of a request for a pelican crossing near Tesco the County Council had conducted a count of all traffic including pedestrian. The survey showed this to be an extremely busy area and would be reported to the South Cambs Environment and Transport Area Joint Committee on 26 January.

JEC reported that Bill Wiltshire retired sub postmaster had died. The clerk to send condolences to Mrs Wiltshire.

37/98

12. District Councillor's Report.

Finance meeting set for 12 January. New projects suggested:- repair of gate and painting of fence at cemetery;
Certificate of Higher Education - Local Policy Course (for clerk) - to be discussed at February meeting.

38/98

13. Correspondence Received

County Council - Dates for Budget Consultation Meetings.


A Resident - Requesting that the Post Office be allowed to sell Road Tax. Council agreed to support.

Impington Parish Council - Requesting the County Council to consider HGV restriction on Butt Lane/Milton Road Impington. Agreed to support.

Library Service - Proposed alterations of times and day of mobile library visit. Would ask that time be extended in the afternoon so that secondary school children could make use of the library.

Village View - Accounts to be circulated.

The meeting ended at 10.50pm.

Signed..........Chairman.....2.2.98.....Date