

A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1974
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Mr.D.Pearson (Chairman) in the Chair; Mrs.M.E.Jones & Mrs.B.C. Waterson; Messrs H.W.H.Easy, M.J.D.Nurse, R.T.Summerfield & the Clerk.

Apologies from Mr.L.M.Forbes and, due to their own or family illness, from Mrs.J.G.Chinnick and Mr.P.Kiddle.

2307 - THE CIRCULATED MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY, 8, 1974 were confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

2308 - PARISH ALLOTMENTS Following complaints the Clerk had passed them - RABBITS (2102) to the Public Health Dept. who replied, on 11 January, that the Rodent Officer hoped to carry out treatment against Rabbits the following week.

2309 - WASTE LAND, COLES RD. Transfer fees - Messrs Few & Kester wrote (GRAY CONOLEY) (2250) on 31, January, indicating that the Vendors' solicitors felt that in view of the amount of work involved would the Council be prepared to pay extra? - and there would also be a fee payable to the solicitors acting for the Official Receiver. Messrs Few & Kester themselves intended to charge only the scale fee of £15 plus disbursement costs.

As far as could be estimated from the correspondence enclosed by Messrs Few & Kester, the Clerk said the total costs to the Council would, therefore, be, in the order of:

		V.A.T.
Messrs Few & Kester, scale fee	£15.00	
+ est. disbursements	10.00	
Messrs Theodore Goddard & Co.	35.00	£3.50
Official Receiver	20.00	2.00
	£80.00	£5.50

The original estimate by Cooper Bros. (May, 1970) was some 55 guineas. Messrs Theodore Goddard & Co. had suggested V.A.T. payable on the last two items, but Messrs Few & Kester were taking this point up suggesting that it was only applicable to such proportion of the charges as relate to the period after April 1, 1973.

They asked for the Council's instructions, particularly as to the Vendors extra charges.

The Council felt that under the circumstances the charges were not unreasonable, and concern was felt that this matter was still not completed. In view of the length of time this matter had been under negotiation an early settlement was desirable.

It was proposed by Mr. Summerfield, seconded by Mr. Nurse that Messrs Few & Kester be told of the Council's appreciation of their moderate charges and that the matter be resolved fairly quickly - the charges as indicated in their letter of 31 January be accepted. The Council agreed, and also that the V.A.T. charges should be reduced in accordance with Messrs Few & Kesters claim.

2310 - IMPINGTON TRANSPORT (2258) The Clerk reported that as Mr. Flint POSTAL MINIBUSES (2258) (CRDC) had promised he had approached the Post Office about the possibility of using their scheme to transport schoolchildren to Impington.

The Assistant Postmaster had replied that their postal vehicles journeyed between Milton & Impington at 10.15 a.m. and 5.25 p.m. and as these times did not fall in with school attendances regretted they could not offer any help.

2311 - PROPOS. MILTON BY-PASS (2282) The Clerk reported that he had revised the Council's submission (which he had circulated to members) as agreed at the last meeting and despatched copies to the ERCU (Bedford), County Surveyor & Dr. Hartley.

The ERCU had complimented the Clerk and the Council on the practical way in which the problem had been tackled; they agreed to take local feeling into consideration when evaluating various alignments and also the possibility of including its construction in with the Cambridge Northern By-pass for which side road orders are likely to be published in the spring.

The County Surveyor's acknowledgement stated that 'the question of the Milton By-pass is at present a matter entirely for the ERCU and not for the County Council' as this was being treated as a special case.

2312 - PUBLIC TOILETS AND CHANGING ROOMS (2283) The Clerk said he had written to the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee reporting progress by the Architect.

Mr. Easy reported that the Committee had suggested a re-alignment of the changing rooms in relation to the Recreation Ground and the Clerk was asked to discuss this with the Architect.

2313 - SPEED LIMIT REVIEW (2284) Members reported cases of drivers not using the traffic bollard system (being installed) at the Fen road junction quite correctly.

The Clerk said that the Assistant Surveyor in charge of these works had pointed out that lines, arrows etc. were yet to be painted on the road and felt the system should then be adequate and of benefit there.

Mrs. Jones felt that already the traffic islands were of great benefit to pedestrians crossing at that wide junction.

2314 - ELECTRICITY FAILURES FEN ROAD AREA (2285) Mr. Ransley (manager E.E. Board) replied explaining the cause of the long supply failures last November & December. These were largely due to swans flying into the lines, and, unfortunately, abnormal delay in restoring supplies followed because of industrial action by power engineers.

The dispute, said Mr. Ransley, was 'a most regrettable incident in 60 years of a high standard of tradition in the industry' and he added his personal regrets that parishioners had suffered so much inconvenience.

2315 - MILK BOTTLE RECOV. SERVICE (2286) It was reported that no improvements to fencing by the MBRS which had been requested by the Public Health Dept. for this Council, had been yet carried out and that, apparently, in cleaning up, workers at the MBRS Depot had swept broken glass on to the Recreation Ground. The continuing danger to children was emphasised.

The Clerk was instructed to point this out to the Depot and the Public Health Dept. and also to inform them that the fencing had not yet been repaired and improved.

2316 - INDISCRIMINATE CAR PARKING (2287) Near Marshalls' flats, Coles rd. Messrs Marshalls had replied that they were taking steps to make sure their employees parked on the park provided at rear. They asked for registration numbers of offending cars and apologised for any inconvenience caused.

2317 - LITTER - BINS (2289) COLLECTION (2292) The bins ordered from Metalliform Ltd. had not been received. The Clerk reported that the Public Health Inspector of the new South Cambs. District Council would be providing some bins for parishes although original estimates of expenditure on them may have now been cut.

The Clerk had written (Jan. 28) asking that; in the event of such bins being provided, the Parish Council be allowed 3, and awaited reply.

R. Buck. The Clerk reported that Mr. Buck had accepted the offer of £1 per week in payment for his present duties of cleaning the two 'bus

shelters, with, in addition, the task of collecting the litter on the War Memorial Green, the grass verge opposite, and outside the Coles road shops, as well as the Recreation Ground.

2318 - RATE PRECEPT The Clerk reported that he had served Precept 1974/1975 (2291) for £4,000, payable to the Council on April 1 1974, on the new South Cambs. District Council on **January 11**, 1974.

2319 - PAVEMENT FLOODING (BENE'T GGE.-WINSHIP ENT.)(2303) The Clerk
2320 - FLOODING AT SHIRLEY CLOSE/FEN RD. JUNCTION (2304) reported
that the

County Surveyor replied that the above two areas would be inspected for possible routine drainage maintenance but if more extensive drainage were necessary he would see if funds and labour could be available at an early date.

PLANNING CONSULTATIONS.

2321 - C/73/1135 (2295) - Gilbert Rice Ltd. Motor dealers premises involving demolition of Bene't Farm.

Mr. B. Thompson (Managing Director of G.Rice Ltd.) had written to say that in view of the refusal (see 2295) his Company had now received he would like his projected visit to the Council to remain in abeyance.

2322 - C/73/1037/F/Wo (2299) - Winship Gravel Pit (now Middletons') - proposed filling-in.

The Clerk reported having written in reply to the County Planning Officer's letter. The Clerk said that the Parish Council have been worried over the two near-fatalities of recent years in this deep pit but, at the same time, appreciate its amenity value to fishermen and bathers. Also that the Council are firmly against any industrial development if filled in and suggest, if that is done, it becomes an annexe to the parish Recreation Ground providing reserve pitches for cricket and football. The Council welcomed his suggested meeting between them and Planning officers.

The Clerk now understood that two Officers would like to meet the Council during the week beginning 11 February.

The Council instructed the Clerk to suggest Wednesday 13, February for an informal meeting with them.

2323 - C/73/1304/F (2275) - P.&A. Technology - erection of 3 Portakabin Units on Winship Estate (temporary).

Mr. Nurse pointed out that two of the 3 cabins had been erected one above the other and against the Cambridge Road residents boundary fence, the windows of the cabins overlooking the residents' windows and gardens.

This Council had not raised any objections, naturally believing them to be single-storey buildings. The Council now agreed that overlooking was undesirable and should not be permitted. The Clerk was asked to investigate as to whether planning permission had been strictly adhered to.

2324 - C/69/688 - Messrs Kaye Ltd. (Cambridge Rubber Co.) - Car accessories factory, Cambridge Road. Also app. ref: C/72/796/D

The Clerk had checked the conditions accompanying planning permission: he had found that the height of bldg., 25ft. was apparently in order; also that eradication of the hedgerow adjoining the highway was permitted but that (condition 3) live trees and shrubs were to be planted along that boundary during the first planting season after substantial completion of the development.

He had consulted the County Enforcement Officer, who

advised that until building operations had ceased any trees planted would be at considerable risk, but he promised to keep the matter under observation.

DECISION NOTICE RECEIVED.

2325 - C/73/1233/Be - erection of 2 filling stns. restaurant, parking & toilet facilities: pt. K.Hedges fm. (OSP's 6700,7400,0002) on line of proposed Cam.Northern By-pass, N.E. of K.H. fm.MLTN

Refused: proximity of site to slip roads for Milton Inter-change (position of which not yet decided) wd. not permit the safe operation of entry & exit points.

NOTICE OF PLANNING APPEAL

2326 - C/72/556/6 - G.R.Cave - erection of a riverside housing estate OSP 275 Chesterton Fen Road, Milton.

Notice of an appeal to be made by Mr.Cave against refusal received 12 January. The Clerk had written to the Clerk to the County Council with views to be put before the Appeal Inspector on 7 February, 1974 in which he pointed out that the Parish Council felt that residential development in this essentially rural area of natural water meadows would be undesirable. The Clerk said that if this meeting of Council wished to modify or alter this view there was still time before the Inquiry but he had sent it in as time allowed was short.

The Council agreed with this view and endorsed the Clerk's action.

FOR CONSIDERATION.

2327 - C/73/1528/F - H&H.Electronics - extension to existing bldg. for extra toilets and generator room. Winship Est.

It was pointed out by members that the address given by the Planning Office was incorrect and that, in fact, this Company were situated on OSP 220 (Messrs Stokes site) The Clerk agreed to inform the Planning Office. The Council agreed that this application could not be allowed if the sewage embargo were applied correctly as increase in toilets were included and this might well mean increase in staff.

NOT CIRCULATED - COMMENTS RETURNED.

2328 - C/73/1476/F - J.Lapham Esq., - ext. to exist. dwelling for cloakroom, hall and dining area. 23, Coles Road, Milton.

No objection, subject to neighbours' rights and comfort as regards light, proximity etc. Agreed.

2329 - C/73/1517/F - Trinity Coll. - erection of indust. bldg. and offices plus spur road, car-parking facilities. Science Pk.

No objection if in accordance with outline approval granted, otherwise subject to sewage embargo. Agreed.

AWAITING DECISION

2330 - C/73/1429 - Ludwick Esq. - erection of bungalow near 65 13 Knight's Way i.e. immediately adjacent to A.10. No decision had yet been received. (2298).

2331 - C/73/1329/D - Sidget, Ltd. - erection of workshop, offices, showroom, canteen and toilets. Industrial Est. (2296).

Following the concern of the Council in 2296 the Clerk had replied that 'The P.C. were most concerned that the original outline approval, C/71/187, was June, 1971 whereas the sewage embargo had then been in operation 12 months (i.e from mid-1970) and therefore this outline approval represented

unfair implementation of the embargo as subsequently many developers have been prevented from building'. Decision had not yet been received.

DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED (see also same section, above)

2332 - C/73/1069/Be - B.W.Pearson Esq., - erection of Farmhouse at Fen Farm, Milton (2262). Refused on grounds of sewage embargo

2333 - C/73/1241/Be - Edmund Ho. Mentally Handicapped Home - erection (2262) of 2 semi-detached houses in grounds of Ed. Ho. Granted.

~~2334~~ ~~SEWAGE EMBARGO~~ (2184) This matter was again discussed at some length having been brought to the fore by the receipt of the two preceding applications (2332 & 2333). The Council were very concerned that the Planning Committee had seen fit to grant the Edmund Ho. application while refusing the Farmhouse for B.W.Pearson.

The Clerk pointed out that he had been told by the Planning Office that, in granting the latter, the Planning Committee were bearing in mind there was no change in the number of persons living on the site (and hence no increase in pollution load to the sewage farm). But the Clerk also pointed out that no statement to this effect was included in the conditions on the approval notice received by this Council.

The applicant, C/73/1069, having complained to the Council they agreed unanimously that they would back him in protesting to the authorities about the unfair application of the embargo.

The Clerk pointed out that it would appear that a number of legal issues arose from the application particularly when operating against one section of the public - as was the case in being applied against Milton alone.

After discussion the Council agreed that help was desperately needed by the parish (as other inconsistencies had apparently occurred - e.g. Messrs Sidgett Ltd, see 2331) and it was agreed unanimously on the proposition of Mr. Easy, seconded by Mrs. Jones that the new County Councillor, Mr. W.H.Crossman, should be approached for help with this problem.

2335 - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (2224) This had been previously arranged for WEDNESDAY APRIL, 10, 1974. It was agreed to invite the new County Councillor for Milton, Mr. W.H.Crossman, following this Council's custom of inviting the parish representative; this year it was felt Mr. Crossman would be particularly appropriate as it was hoped to consult him about the sewage embargo on the parish (see 2334).

Publicity. - agreed to a generous distribution of large posters, as was done last year, setting out important village topics.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

2336 - DANGEROUS KERB IN PRESENT 'BLACKOUT' Mrs. Jones pointed out the dangers from the kerb at the corner of Coles Rd under the present absence of street lighting and suggested it should be whitened. The Council agreed the County Surveyor should be approached.

2337 - LITTER (2317) Mr. Easy drew attention to the large accumulation of litter in the ditch bounding the highway behind the lay-by opposite the factory site on the Cambridge road (A.10). Agreed that this be brought to the notice of the County Highways Dept.

~~2338~~ ~~MEETING~~. The customary first Tuesday in the month was March 5, and this was agreed.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed *S. Pearson* Chairman *5th March 1974* Date.