

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 5th February 1979  
at 7.30 p.m. in Milton Primary School.

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

1. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3823 Minutes of the Planning Committee of 8th January had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. There were no matters arising.

3. 3824 Complaint Against Lemin. K.P.H. reported that efforts had been made by Lemin to rectify the situation which <sup>by Planning Office in 1978</sup> now seemed satisfactory and possibly some of the exhaust from Murlux may also be responsible for the nuisance. M.W. complained about the smell coming from the Lemin premises and also about the fact that the hours being worked were in excess of those specified on the planning consent. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Jenkins as the source of the original complaint to discover if the situation is now satisfactory.

4. New Applications

a) 3825 S/0004/79 - Trinity College, Science Park - compound for water cooling tower and storage of cylinders/chemicals - no objections.

b) 3826 S/0041/79 - Cambridge Consultants, Science Park - erection of name panel - no objections.

c) 3827 S/0061/79 - D. Haird, Half Acre, Cambridge Road - extension of approved period for building business - no objections but permission to be confined to applicant.

d) 3828 S/0101/79 - Eastern Electricity, Milton Hall - modification to access - fully endorse the new access proposal and also the closure of the Church Lane access.

e) 3829 S/0103/79 - C. Hanson, Old School Lane/Pryor Close - o/p - erection of one bungalow - the Clerk read the relevant section from the Inspector's report following the recent appeal on which it was suggested that with certain conditions a single bungalow would give scope for overcoming the objections against two. On this new application however the Council decided to reiterate their original objections (min.3597) and noted that the Inspector's findings did not take into account the Council's specific point regarding the Country Park Scheme for which this area was designated.

f) 3830 S/0133/79 - D. Haird, Half Acre, Cambridge Road - construction of bungalow opposite Half Acre, Cambridge Road - approved.

5. Decisions Received

a) 3831 - S/1620/78/F - A. Scrivener, 34 Shirley Close - house extension - refused since design considered to be unacceptable in this location.  
(3711)

b) 3832 - S/1848/78/F - Trinity College, Science Park - 6 starter units - approved subject to standard conditions relating to storage of materials, landscaping scheme and storage of oil and other chemicals should be confined within a bunded area.  
(3744)

c) 3833 - S/1891/78/F - J. Ostler, 17 Landbeach Road - erection of car port - approved.  
(3768)

d) 3834 - S/1966/78/F - Mr. Kiddle, Vine Cottage, Chesterton Fen Road - change of use - approved.  
(3769)

- e) 3835 - S/0917/78/0 - C. Hanson, Old School Lane/Pryor Close - erection of 2 bungalows - appeal refused on the grounds that there would be insufficient privacy for occupants, vehicular activity too concentrated and insufficient parking and turning space for cars.
- f) 3836 - S/1870/78/F - W. Scrafield, Lynfield, Milton Road, Landbeach - bungalow extension - approved.
- g) 3837 - S/1978/78/F - Coherent UK, Science Park - advertisement display sign - approved.

Signed..... Brunnerfield ..... Chairman..... 5<sup>th</sup> March 1979 ..... Date

## II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3838 The minutes of the Council meeting held on 8th January had been circulated and following the correction on page 151 min.3815 Chesterton R.D.C. to read Cambridge C.C. and page 152 min.3821 last word first line to read cyclists, the minutes were then confirmed and signed.
2. Matters Arising
- 3839 Milton By-pass/Butt Lane Crossing. The Clerk had still not received a (3810) reply to the Council's letter of 6th December to the E.R.C.U. at Bedford. K.P.H. had spoken to the Chief Engineer Mr. H. Lawrence who promised to investigate, but no action was forthcoming, and on 2nd February K.P.H. therefore telephoned Mr. F. Pym to ask if the matter could be chased. The Chairman thanked K.P.H. for these actions and asked if the matter could be progressed.
- 3840 Allotments - Notice to Quit. The Clerk had received a letter from Mr. Legge (3812) who had nothing further to add to his earlier advice other than that a hearing is likely to be held within the next two months. It was suggested that Mr. Legge should be invited to the Council's nearest meeting before the tribunal hearing.
- 3841 Parish Ditches. The Clerk had received a reply from Mr. Flint, S.C.D.C., (3815) confirming that information is being sought from the Environmental Services Officer and as soon as further details are received these will be communicated. Mr. Higgins, E.R.C.U., provided copies of the drainage scheme for Milton and confirmed that the work is being carried out by Bovis.  
H.E. reported that the ditches by the northern by-pass are blocked and require attention from either the E.R.C.U. or the County Surveyor depending on whoever has responsibility. The Clerk was asked to liaise with H.E. outside the meeting to prepare a sketch to accompany the letter which should be sent to the E.R.C.U. with a copy to the County Surveyor requesting action as appropriate.
- 3842 Northern By-pass Crossing with A10. It was reported that a temporary (3821) barrier had been erected very promptly.
3. 3843 Cambridgeshire Structure Plan - Written Statement. Councillor W.H. Crossman explained that there had been an important modification to the wording in section 19 (page 165) as it affected Milton in that "implementation will be staged to ensure that growth does not exceed proven need and available facilities".  
There is a serious problem in that over the next 3 years there will be a drop in the overall number of schoolchildren of approximately 5,000, which does mean that a secondary school could close because of insufficient numbers. If the proposed population growth of 3,000 in the Milton area takes place it could mean that a third secondary school in this area would be needed since Cottenham and Impington Village Colleges are full. The increase in Waterbeach of 1,000 would obviously aggravate this still further.

Thus with such a distribution of the population it could involve the closing of one school in the City because of insufficient numbers and the need to build a further comprehensive school in this area at the approximate cost of a million pounds. This should provide a good platform for argument.

Councillor Crossman felt that it is imperative that the Parish Council should be involved in the initial discussions on the local plan to assist the recognised efforts already being implemented by Councillor K.P.H., and the Clerk should therefore write to the District Planning Officer, Mr. E.J. Wilson, making this suggestion. The Chairman thanked Councillor Crossman for his attendance at the meeting and for his advice.

4. 3844 C.C. Local Facilities Record. The County Surveyor had issued a record sheet for completion by the Clerk to detail the facilities available within the village. It was also requested that a resident should be nominated to hold details of public transport timetables and amendments as it affects the village. M.E.J. undertook to consider this request.
5. 3845 Request from M.V.H.M.C. for the Provision of Finance for Equipment to Maintain the Recreation Ground. It was explained by M.W. that the old Land Rover needs to be replaced by a suitable towing vehicle, and it is also possible that the gang mowers may need replacing in the fairly near future. The Clerk was asked to reply to the secretary stating that the Council require details of estimates for equipment with the M.C.'s own contribution before the situation can be resolved. The Council's support to the M.V.H.M.C. should be reaffirmed and an invitation extended for representatives to attend the next meeting for further discussions.
6. 3846 Request to Purchase Part of Tomkins Mead. The Clerk read a letter from Mr. J. Tomlin on behalf of the occupiers of numbers 61, 63, 65 and 67 Coles Road who expressed interest in purchasing an area in order to extend their rear gardens.  
This request had already been received informally (min. 3609) when it was considered to be unacceptable in view of the work which has been put in to preserve the area in its natural state.
7. 3847 Allotment Request. A request for a holding had been received from (3760) Mrs. C. Butler, 24 Benet Close. The Clerk had acknowledged this and confirmed that there are no plots available and this name will be added to the waiting list making the total number two.
8. 3848 Milton Parochial Charities Scheme. The official scheme from the Charity (3720) Commission as sealed on 21st November 1978 was received.
9. 3849 Bills for Payment. It was proposed by G.P., seconded by P.K., and agreed that the following bills be paid.
 

1. University of Cambridge - supply of Christmas Tree	£12-50
2. Scitech Publications - photocopying agenda/mins for January/February	£5-51
3. Mrs. J.R. Connor - secretarial duties 12 hrs @ £1-10	13-20
posts & telephone for January	<u>2-32</u> £15-52
4. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary for January	41-25
Reimbursement of expenses for Mr. H. Easy	
- collection of Xmas Tree (3822)	<u>10-00</u> £51-25
10. 3850 Date for Annual Parish Meeting. The Clerk reported that the Village Hall is only available on either Tuesday 3rd April or 10th April and since the Chairman would not be available on the 10th, April 3rd would be the first preference.

11. 3851 Country Park Working Party Report. The Chairman provided a summary of the most recent meeting held on 12th January. The members had discussed the appeal by Stokes and felt that the Stokes land was vital to the Country Park Scheme otherwise there was doubt that the Countryside Commission would consider the site suitable as far as grant aid is concerned.

It was pointed out that there would be opposition to car parking at the Fen Road access and consultation would be needed regarding the necessity to extend the existing recreation ground to cater for the proposed increase in population as per the Structure Plan. The next meeting was provisionally arranged for 25th May. K.P.H. reported further on the Stokes land situation having attended the MacGlinchy enquiry at which a very strong case had been put up to retain the industrial development. The QC appointed by MacGlinchy produced a site plan at the enquiry which had never been seen before and it is possible that the enquiry may be invalidated as a result of this.

12. Any Other Business.

- 3852 Slip Road By Benet Farm to Milton Interchange. M.E.J. felt very strongly that roadside grit should be available for motorists in icy conditions to prevent a recurrence of the recent situation where traffic was brought to a standstill in the absence of gritting lorries along this section of the road. The Council felt this suggestion should be referred to the Divisional Surveyor for action.
- 3853 Complaints from Mr. D. Bull, Rectory Farm. P.K. reported that Mr. Bull had reported considerable litter being deposited in the layby on the Milton By-Pass close to Rectory Farm and it was suggested that a dustbin should be installed. The Clerk would bring this problem to the notice of the Divisional Surveyor.  
Mr. Bull was also suffering inconvenience as a result of motorists requesting the use of his private telephone since there are no kiosks along the A10 from Fraser Road junction to Chittering. The two telephone kiosks in the village are effectively lost to motorists on the By-Pass and G.P. added that the kiosks located on the northern by-pass itself seem to be in constant use. The Clerk should bring this to the attention of the Telephone Manager.
- 3854 Land Rover Parking on Village Green - Adjacent to No.1 Willow Crescent. H.E. reported that he had received complaints from residents about the fact that a land rover was being parked on the grass verge thus causing considerable damage to the surface. The Chairman pointed out that several cars park on the green and it would therefore be a difficult task to stop this practice. Following a vote with 6 in favour the Clerk would write to the driver of the vehicle requesting that this practice should cease.
- 3855 Parish Council Elections 1979. The Clerk had received a circular from S.C.D.C. confirming that the elections will be held on 3rd May and Nomination Papers will be distributed by the Clerk when available and should be returned to Great Eastern House before 5th April.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10 p.m.

Signed.....Burton Field.....Chairman.....5<sup>th</sup> March 1979.....Date