

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 5th September 1977 in Milton Primary School at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence received from Mrs. M.E. Jones, Mrs. B.C. Waterson and P. Kiddle who would attend later.

I. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3349 The minutes of the Planning Committee of 18th July had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3350 Frontal Extensions. K.P.H. confirmed that applications S/0716 and 0717/77 (3326) relating to nos. 17 and 19 Coles Road had been approved by the Planning Department but on a small majority decision.

S.B.P. felt strongly that the decision was not a fair one in that an architecturally designed estate has been spoiled by such a planning decision. The Clerk should write and express the Council's surprise and regret at the acceptance of this application.

3351 Development by Eastern Electricity in Milton Hall. K.P.H. reported that the (3327) area which was the subject of this application is zoned for development by the Electricity Board and not for residential development.

3. 3352 Circular from Planning S.C.D.C. The Council were requested to send immediate notification to the Planning Officer if any discrepancies on planning applications are discovered.

A copy of the recently formulated 'Recreation Policy' paper was received and circulated to interested members.

4. New Applications

3353 S/1200/77 - Benet Garage, Cambridge Road - erection of pole sign - no comments.

3354 S/1234/77 - Cambridge Consultants, Science Park - erection of offices and laboratories - no comments.

3355 S/1254/77 - Trinity College, Science Park - erection of agricultural building - no comments.

5. Decisions Received

3356 S/0758/77/F - D. Kitching, 16 Cambridge Road - hard standing for car - approved. (3287)

3357 S/0786/77/F - A. Sylvester, 14 Old School Lane - house extension - approved. (3288)

3358 S/0856/77/A - Intervet Labs., Science Park - erection of advertisement - approved for period of 5 years. (3319)

3359 S/0877/77/F - Celentanos As-Felt, 294 Milton Road - erection of office building - approved.

Signed..... R. Summerfield Chairman..... 31 Oct Nov 1977 Date

II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3360 The minutes of the Council meeting of 18th July had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3361 Street Lighting - Goding Way. The Clerk had received a reply from the
(3334) County Surveyor confirming acceptance of the Council's requested amendment in that lamp no.1 in Goding Way will be disconnected and the lantern transferred to lamp no.4 which will be reconnected.

3362 Car Parking on Allotments. S.B.P. has not yet obtained quotations for the
(3336) provision of hard standing to provide car parking facilities.

3363 A10 Milton By-pass - Butt Lane Crossing. The Clerk read to the meeting a
(3337) letter dated 31st August from the County Surveyor following the latest proposals received from the R.C.U. The plan showed only slight modifications to the facilities to be provided for cyclists and pedestrians.

Mr. John Lapham joined in this section of the meeting at the Chairman's invitation and expressed his total dissatisfaction with the situation.

G.P. agreed but felt that before the Council should offer backing a specific objective should be decided upon. Although in effect the junction is being transferred from its existing site to the new location S.B.P. commented that the traffic would be travelling much faster and particularly that the area would not be lit.

The Clerk was instructed to reply to the County Surveyor expressing the Council's dissatisfaction with the proposals and insist that a meeting should be organised with the R.C.U. to involve the P.C. and the petitioners who now numbered approximately 800. Councillor Crossman should also be advised of the situation and the Clerk would forward copies of the relevant letters from the County Surveyor.

3364 Draft Lease for Recreation Grounds. The Clerk had contacted Mr. Martindale
(3342) of the L.C.A. who confirmed that the terms in the lease agreement are satisfactory. As instructed the Clerk advised the Secretary of S.C.D.C. of the Council's acceptance.

3365 Fish in Middleton's Pit. On 8th August the Clerk had contacted
(3348) Mr. L. Mansfield of the A.W.A. as suggested who confirmed that the Head Baliff for the A.W.A River Division, Mr. Fennell, has the matter in hand. Tests have been carried out on the condition of the fish and wherever possible they are being relocated. In certain circumstances however, due to pollution hazards, it is not possible to save all the fish.

3. 3366 The Parish Banks (adjoining fields OSPs 6817 and 4800). Mr. F. Carlton
(2999) of the Trustees joined this stage of the meeting and P.K. arrived. K.P.H. as Clerk to the Trustees reported that the Charity Commission had been informed of the Council's agreement to hand over 1½ acres of the Parish Banks Awarded to the Parish to become an integral part of the Milton Parochial Charities Holdings and for the Charities to collect the rents.

There was however some doubt expressed by the Charity Commission on the true ownership of the parish banks in question, and to clear the situation the Clerk would write to the Clerk of the Charities stating that the Parish Council have a claim to the ownership by virtue of the fact that they have taken the rent for the area within the last 12 years.

P.K. felt that the new Charities scheme should go ahead, i.e. that it should not be delayed because of the slight problem concerning the 1½ acres of bank. It was proposed by S.B.P., seconded by M.W. and agreed that the Clerk should prepare the letter as specified.

4. 3367 Tennis Hard Court on Recreation Ground. The Chairman of the M.V.H.M.C.,
Mr. L. Sandford, attended the meeting and confirmed that he had received verbal quotations from three possible contractors, but only two of these appeared to be keen to provide firm quotations. Although price

approximations had been given it will be necessary for the contractors to inspect the site and dig trial holes before written quotations with the appropriate validity period can be formulated.

It was proposed by P.K. and seconded by G.P. that Mr. Sandford will be given the Council's approval to obtain two firm quotations with a ceiling of approximately £3560.00 from the selected contractors to be presented at the next meeting, and this was agreed.

5. 3368 Christmas Lighting in the Village. In general the Council found this suggestion favourable, but it was decided that since M.E.J. had raised the matter it would be preferable to ask for firm proposals to be considered at the next meeting.
6. 3369 Annual Grant to the Village Hall Management Committee. G.P. proposed that a figure of £800 should be allocated and this was seconded by P.K. and agreed unanimously. Mr. Sandford added that running costs for the Hall have increased over the past year, but that only the rents for bookings from outside the Village have been increased. The Committee's policy of offering subsidised rents for the village organisations had been continued, but it was appreciated that without the P.C. grant the Village Hall would not be a self-sufficient proposition.
7. 3370 Circulars from the Association of Local Councils. The Clerk had received several circulars including details of the Annual Parish Meeting attendance, the Community Council Bulletin, leaflets on tree planting, details of the Associations Annual Meetings and also the results of the Best Kept Village competition for 1977.
- Milton had been allocated higher marks some of which conflicted with the results of last years competition. The final comment was that Milton has the best kept Village Hall. The Clerk would display the results in the Council's notice board.
8. 3371 Bills for Payment. It was proposed by D.J.C. and seconded by G.P. and agreed that the following bills be paid:-
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| 1. Milton Village Hall & Recreation Ground Management Committee | | |
| - Annual Grant (1977) | | £800.00 |
| 2. Cash for R. Buck - cleaning duties from 12/6/77-10/9/77 | | £ 13.00 |
| 3. Mrs. J.R. Connor - secretarial expenses | | |
| 14 hrs @ £1 | £14.00 | |
| postages & telephone August | £ 2.04 | £ 16.04 |
| 4. Scitech Publications - photocopying agenda and minutes for August | | £ 4.21 |
| 5. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerks Salary for August | £37.50 | |
| - rental/heating/lighting allowance July-September | £62.50 | £100.00 |
| 6. Cambs. County Council - Hire of School for P.C. meetings April/May/June/July | | £ 5.08 |

9. 3372 Notice of Proposed Closure of Milton Library. The Clerk read the County Librarian's letter dated 23rd August which followed a meeting of the working group and included a press statement showing the cuts to be recommended to the Leisure and Amenities Committee who will meet on 6th September.

P.K. felt that once again a decision had been made by authorities without any consultation whatsoever leaving virtually no time to prepare complaints. It was agreed by all members that the Council should fight to retain the library facilities which could involve the Council meeting some of the costs involved in running Milton library. In the very limited time from the receipt of this notice and the Council's meeting, a petition had been prepared by villagers concerned about the proposed closure and the number of signatories totalled 130 to date.

Councillor Crossman had contacted the Clerk before the meeting since unfortunately he would not be free to attend in person. Councillor Crossman felt that chances of retaining Milton library are very slight indeed, but he was hopeful that plans could be made for the mobile library to visit Milton; but no details were available as to the times and frequency of the visits.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Librarian complaining bitterly at the proposed closure and suggest that a member of the libraries staff should attend the Council's next meeting to discuss the situation.

10. Any Other Business.

- (a) 3373 The D. of E. have invited a member of the Council to attend a site meeting on the Cambridge Northern By-Pass to examine landscape proposals. G.P. offered to attend and the Clerk would confirm this to the architect involved requesting copies of the draft landscape drawings as they affect Milton Parish.

- (b) 3374 Allotments. The Clerk has received two more applications for allotments and the waiting list now stands as follows.
 1. Mr. B. Cullum, 12 Shirley Close.
 2. Mr. A. Haycock, 57 Cambridge Road.
 3. Mr. D. Coulson, 17 Knights Way.

It was understood that two tenants of the larger holdings Messrs. Housden and Smith would be prepared to release part of their holdings. The Clerk was therefore instructed to ascertain the size of plots required by the applicants and then to approach the existing holders to negotiate the possible release of land.

- (c) 3375 Application by the Scout Group for Land. Mr. R. Farrington the Group Scout Leader forwarded a letter dated 1st September asking if the P.C. would be prepared to offer a piece of land on which a small building could be erected which would be used simply as a project hut. It was proposed by D.J.C. and seconded by P.K. that the Council should agree in principle to offer a site and Mr. Farrington should be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss the possibilities. One of the suggestions was for a site on the Council's land between the end house in Coles Road and the recreation ground, and in view of this K.P.H. was asked to contact the Naturalists Group for their comments.
- (d) 3376 Damage to Bus Shelters. B.C.W. reported that the brickwork at the front of the shelter situated along Cambridge Road is in need of repair, and Mrs. J.R. Connor had also reported a leaking roof in the shelter opposite the Waggon and Horses. The Clerk would ask Mr. D. Haird to action repairs and also check the damaged litter basket which M.W. reported alongside the Cambridge Road shelter.
- (e) 3377 Rubbish Tipping. K.P.H. reported that a lot of rotting rubbish is being dumped in and around the remaining area of Middleton's Pit with access being made via the recreation ground. The Clerk would contact the Environmental Health Department requesting their intervention.
- (f) 3378 Tree Planting Scheme. M.W. reported that the annual tree offer was being continued by the County Council and suggested that replacements should be ordered together with new trees to be planted along the front of Edmund House, the Coles Road verge in the front of the Village Hall and also in the triangular grassed area on the recreation ground between the ditch and the Hall and Changing Rooms. Verge planting may also be undertaken subject to being checked for permission.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.20 p.m.

Signed.....*Blumfield*.....Chairman.....*3rd October 1971*.....Date