

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 6th February 1978 in Milton Primary School at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence received from D.J. Cook and P. Kiddle.

1. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3482 The minutes of the Planning Committee of 9th January had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3483 Conservation Area. The County Planning Officer had replied to the (3464) Clerk's letter of 12th December 1977 explaining that after very careful consideration no justification for altering the previously stated conclusions could be made. The principal objection is the wish not to dilute the concept of a conservation area by the inclusion of areas which over the years have tended to lose their historic character.

The Council were not happy to accept this decision and the Clerk would write again to the Planning Officer stating that the decision is not accepted and the position would be reserved for further discussion at the local plan stage for the village when this is published.

3484 ASDA Superstore. The Council received official notice of appeal (3330) against the refusal for planning permission by the County Council. The Secretary of State has appointed an inspector and a meeting will be held at the Shire Hall on 14th March at 10 o'clock for any interested parties to attend. It was decided that no written comments would be submitted since the Council declined to offer comment on the initial application in view of the fact that the Village Plan has not been formulated.

3. New Applications

3485 S/0106/78 - Milton Nurseries, outline permission for 2 dwellings on land adjacent to 31 Butt Lane - no comment.

3486 S/0073/78 - M. Gabriel, Bene't Garage, modifications to roof height to comply with MOT regulations - no comment.

4. Any Other Business

3487 Shirley Close Estate Development H.C. Moss. The Chairman asked K.P.H. to (3478) advise the Council on the latest situation. Following the site meeting and the comments submitted the District Council agreed that the original plan formulated in 1971 should be adhered to in that there should be a lower density of housing and two access routes must be provided.

The Chairman then closed this section of the meeting.

Signed.....*Summerfield*.....Chairman.....*6th March 1978*.....Date

II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3488 The minutes of the meeting of 9th January had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

- 3489 Cambridge Northern By-pass - Landscaping at A10 Crossing. The Senior
(3422) Landscaping Architect from the Department of Transport asked if the Council would be prepared to maintain one or two trees which could be planted at the stopped-up section of the A10 on the Milton side of the northern by-pass. This was agreed.
- 3490 Milton By-pass, Butt Lane Crossing. The Clerk read to the meeting a
(3473) Letter from Mr. Pym dated 26th January which accompanied a copy letter from Mr. William Rogers MP who is the Secretary of State for Transport. Officials had looked into the situation and since only about 40 children and a small number of other people would be likely to use the by-pass at this point each day the cost of £40-£45,000 to build a footbridge or £10,000 to provide a pelican crossing could not be justified. Arrangements would be put in hand to install schoolchildren crossing signs some 150 metres from the crossing point. Mr. H. Lawrence from the E.R.C.U. HQ at Bedford also wrote to confirm this decision.

The Council felt that the matter should be pursued further and Mr. J. Lapham was invited by the Chairman to express his feelings at this decision. J.L. felt that the E.R.C.U. facts were biased as presented to Mr. Rogers since the letter quotes a figure of 40 children using the crossing whereas the latest information provided by the County Surveyor in his letter of 23rd June indicates that 53 cyclists used the crossing between 8 and 9 a.m.

It was suggested therefore that the Clerk should write to Mr. Pym to express the feeling that the facts had not been presented accurately, and commenting that no heed had been paid to the recommendations at the joint meeting made by the Road Safety Officer and the Group Engineer from the C.C. Traffic Department. It should also be mentioned that whilst there is the option of sending children to Impington by bus the service is an expensive one for parents to maintain.

Finally, it should be suggested that the Council should invite Mr. Pym to visit the site and view the situation for himself.

- 3491 Tennis Court. The V.H.M.C. had decided to site the court at the far end
(3474) of the car park and to facilitate this the old changing hut had been relocated. Doe Contracts are able to commence work within a few days notice and Mr. Sandford would give the order to proceed when it is felt that ground conditions are suitable.
- 3492 Drainage. H.E. reported that the situation is getting worse and he
(3475) asked the Council's permission to drain some of the water which was flooding his land at Bene't Farm into a ditch which would be cut adjacent to the 13th public drain. There were no objections to this request.
- 3493 Street Lighting. The Secretary, S.C.D.C. replied to the Council's
(3480) Letter of 12th January indicating that no increase in expenditure on street lighting should be made at the present time. It was suggested that if the Council wish to have additional lighting and are prepared to pay for this themselves then the County Surveyor should be contacted accordingly. It was decided to defer this matter until the September meeting for further consideration.
- 3494 M.W. with the help of a colleague from Fen Road is carrying out the
(3481) replanting scheme. Help would be required for two sessions to be held during the forthcoming weekend.

3. 3495 Draft Written Statement - County Structure Plan. From just over
(3476) 600 questionnaires which had been distributed 343 replies had been received and after analysing these the Chairman confirmed that 12% of residents agreed with the development proposals but 88% were against. Over 200 people had attended the public meeting organised by the County Planning Officer on 30 January and this was a very pleasing number, and was considered to have resulted from the house to house visits carried out by Council members when collecting the forms.

Councillor K.P. Humphries mentioned that the S.C.D.C. Committee would be meeting on Wednesday 8th February to prepare their final comments to be passed to the C.C., and it would be helpful therefore to learn of the Council's feelings. The following points were agreed. (a) The Council's original population ceiling of 3,000 should be adhered to i.e. an extra 1200 people to be accommodated over the 10 years 1981-91. (b) On the question of industrial development basing opinion on the feelings of the village no new industrial development should be allowed but the existing designated sites should be completed. (c) Any new industrial sites should be situated south of the Cambridge northern by-pass.

The Chairman was given approval to have copies made of the 110 questionnaire forms where residents had put specific comments and these would be forwarded to the County Planning Officer with a full analysis of the results of the referendum.

The Clerk had been requested by Mr. Martindale on behalf of the Cambs. Association of Local Councils to advise him of the Council's comments.

4. 3496 Milton Parish Boundaries. Mr. R. Day had written to the Council on 3rd February requesting that the strongest possible objections should be made to any implication in the Structure Plan that there should be any change in the boundary between Milton and Cambridge. Mr. Day who attended the meeting explained that his fears had been aroused by some of Mr. Colin Smith's replies during the public meeting particularly in view of the lack of definition of the "Milton Area". It was agreed that the Clerk should mention this point in the comments to be submitted on the Structure Plan.
5. 3497 Tomkins Mead. Mr. Day and his colleagues had prepared a report on the
(3338) progress to date which was read to the Council. There were several points requiring attention as follows: (a) Diseased Elms - these number approximately 10 of varying sizes which should be felled although they are not endangering any property. Further action would be left until the Spring. (b) Possible Footpath - Coles Road to Old School Lane - this involves access over the section of land owned by Mr. C. Hanson. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Hanson stating the objectives of the project as envisaged in the Country Park Scheme and to mention that the Parish Council are interested in acquiring the land. (c) It was agreed that a preservation order on the walnut trees should be applied for. (d) Notices - it was agreed that Mr. Day be authorised to organise the preparation of 3 suitable notices

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(e) It was also agreed that we should proceed with getting the area designated as a conservation area as a protection for future developments.

6. 3498 Bills for Payment It was proposed by M.E.J., seconded by H.E. and agreed that the following bills be paid:-

- 1. Greenacre Electrical - lighting set & cable for Christmas tree on Village Green £22-68
- 2. Mrs. J.R. Connor - secretarial duties for January 12 hrs @ £1-00 12-00
posts & telephone 1-62 £13-62
- 3. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary for January £37-50
- 4. Berrycroft Stores - tree stakes and ties £17-42
- 5. S-Print - photocopying agenda and minutes for January £ 1-78
- 6. Mr. R. Day - in respect of a/c with Simperts Ropeworks for bow saw blade (Tomkins Mead) £ 1-46

7. Any Other Business

3499 Notice Board. M.E.J. commented that the Board and framework is in need of revarnishing. The Clerk would contact Mr. Symonds of 3 Willow Crescent to ask if he would carry out the work when conditions permitted.

3500 New Trees. M.W. had investigated the price for mature trees which would be approximately £10-£15 for a 16' tree from Scotsdale Nurseries. After discussion M.W. suggested the following. One 8-10' chestnut to be sited on the village green near the memorial to replace the small one which has been damaged and 3 similar size red hawthorns for planting on the green on the opposite side of Coles Road. It was proposed by M.E.J., seconded by B.C.W. and agreed that M.W. be authorised to make the necessary purchases.

3501 Silver Jubilee Appeal. The Council received formal acknowledgement for (3443) the gift of £14-41 donated to the appeal as being the balance in hand after the purchase of the commemorative seats.

3502 Department of Environment Compensation Following Loss of Allotments. (3336) The Clerk confirmed that negotiations are now in hand with Few & Kester for an agreement to be signed covering the transfer of the figure of £617 to cover the loss of allotment land taken over by the Milton By-Pass. A copy of the agreement has been sent to George Comins before final signature.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.50 p.m.

Signed..... B. SumnerChairman..... 6th March 1978Date