

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

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

Apologies received from Mrs. B.C. Waterson, P. Kiddle and G. Patten and S.B. Poulter.

1. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3503 The minutes of the Planning Committee of 6th February had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3504 ASDA Superstore Appeal. The County Planning Officer advised all (3484) interested parties that ASDA have applied to the D. of E. for a postponement of the hearing. A new date will be notified when arranged.

3505 H.C. Moss - Shirley Close Development. A letter was received from (3487) Planning S.C.D.C. confirming that amendments to the scheme had been requested involving the provision of two access roads and a reduction in the density of dwellings. K.P.H. reported that the Planning Committee S.C.D.C. did in fact refuse the application on 1st March on the grounds of (a) too high density and (b) the hazardous access route along Fen Road at the Goding Way junction.

3. New Applications

3506 S/0259/78 - Milton Nurseries Ltd. - outline permission for one detached dwelling on land between nos. 10 and 14 Cambridge Road - no comments.

3507 S/0325/78 - G. Cave, Chesterton Fen Road - renewal of temporary permission for the siting of two caravans - no comments.

4. Decisions Received

3508 S/1582/77 - G. Cave, Chesterton Fen Road - skateboard track - refused (3411) on the grounds that the site area is well away from residential environment without adequate public transport and is served by a poor unlit road. The scheme is premature in advance of a local plan for Milton.

3509 S/1670/77 - C. Middleton - rear of Winship Industrial Estate - layout (3437) of land for construction of roads and sewers - approved subject to stringent conditions regarding the types of buildings which will be permitted and the occupancy which would be acceptable. The normal landscaping and drainage of effluent conditions in accordance with LPA approval will also be implemented.

3510 S/1782/77 - P. Harris, 68 Fen Road - addition of car port - approved. (3457)

3511 S/1583/77 - Cambs. C.C. - erection of building for pig breeding - (3412) approved subject to conditions regarding correct storage of manure and prevention of pollution of surface water and that liquid waste should be drained into an underground watertight tank in such a manner that no pollution should be caused.

3512 S/1866/77 - Coherent Radiation Ltd., Science Park - erection of (3466) industrial building with offices - approved.

5. Any Other Business

- 3513 Land owned by E.J. Nicholas at Old School Lane. The Chairman commented that a recent report appeared in the Cambridge Evening News to the effect that the County Council have agreed to purchase the land from Mr. Nicholas in preparation for the Country Park Scheme. K.P.H. commented that it is possible for an owner to request compulsory purchase on land which suffers from planning blight.

Signed.....Brunnerfield.....Chairman.....3rd April 1978.....Date

II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3514 The minutes of the Council Meeting of 6th February had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

- 3515 Parish Council Notice Board. Mr. Symonds confirmed by letter that he (3499) will remove the notice board when the weather improves and carry out the revarnishing as requested.
- 3516 Milton By-pass Butt Lane Crossing. The Chairman reported that a (3490) satisfactory site meeting had taken place on Saturday 4th March at 2.15 p.m. with Mr. Francis Pym who has undertaken to take the matter up again on the Council's behalf. The Clerk would write and thank Mr. Pym for attending.
- 3517 Tennis Court on Recreation Ground. The Chairman reported that the project (3491) is almost complete and Mr. Easy added his comments and concern regarding the damage caused by vandals to date. A circular had been distributed throughout the village requesting anyone interested in joining the Milton Tennis Club to attend a meeting in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th March.
- 3518 Street Lighting. P.K. had reported further complaints to the Clerk (3493) regarding the lack of lighting in Fen Road particularly as it affected the older people. It was suggested that a copy of the Secretary S.C.D.C.'s letter should be displayed on the notice board to advise parishioners of the situation.
- 3519 Structure Plan. The Clerk confirmed that the Council's recommendations (3495) and questionnaire forms containing comments had been delivered to the County Planning Officer and a formal acknowledgement received. It was reported that the timetable for the Structure Plan programme has been delayed for three months.
- 3520 New Tree Planting. M.W. has received the four mature trees (approx. (3500) 8 to 10 feet in height) and will be arranging to plant these on the village greens.
- 3521 Drainage. (a) K.P.H. had been contacted by Mr. Nicholls of the E.R.C.U. (3492) and it was confirmed that a ditch has been dug on the western side of the by-pass which it was hoped would relieve the flooding. The ownership of Johnson's Sluice was also queried and H.E. felt that this was the responsibility of the S.C.D.C. (b) K.P.H. reported that there is flooding in Tomkins Mead and the working party were considering release of some of the water into the adjacent ditch. The water level in the ditch is quite high at the present time but it seems to be flowing quite freely. H.E. felt that the whole water course really needed examination. It was felt that the situation may improve over the next few weeks, and the Clerk was asked to raise the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

3. 3522 John Brackenbury Foundation Trust Fund. This item was requested on the agenda by P.K. who unfortunately was unable to attend. The Chairman therefore felt it preferable to raise at the next meeting when full details should be made available for discussion.

3523 Changing Rooms. The Clerk had received a final claim from the roofing contractors Grant & Dodson who had initially invoiced for a figure which exceeded the original quotation by £375. This excess sum was the subject of a dispute since it was felt that Grant & Dodson should be held responsible for their error in specification. The former Secretary of the Working Party Mr. M. Gray and the Chairman, P.K., agreed that the only amount that may legitimately be claimed by Grant & Dodson (ref. letter February 7 1977) was for six additional ceiling joists and that the newly invoiced figure of £151 is acceptable. This was agreed by the Council and the account added to the Bills for Payment.

4. 3524 Bills for Payment. It was proposed by D.J.C., seconded by M.W. and agreed that the following bills be paid:-

1. The County Treasurer Cambs. C.C. - for hire of school for P.C. meetings Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., 1977		£10-33
2. Cash for R. Buck - cleaning duties from 11/12/77-11/3/78		£13-00
3. Mrs. J.R. Connor - secretarial duties		
12 hrs @ £1.00	£12-00	
posts & telephone for February	2-30	£14-30
4. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary for February	£37-50	
heating/lighting/rental allowance Jan/Feb.Mar.	62-50	£100-00
5. Scitech Publications - photocopying agenda/mins. for February & questionnaires on Structure Plan (total 190)		£10-26
6. W. Heffer & Sons Ltd. - stationery 2 x notepads & packet bond paper		£ 4-73
7. Grant & Dodson Ltd. - work carried out on Recreation Ground Changing Rooms - under dispute (3155)		£151-00

5. Any Other Business

3525 Road and Pavements Conditions. The Clerk was asked to put the following matters in hand. (a) Road repairs at both ends of Coles Road and also the Butt Lane/A10 junction. (b) The pavement area at the Benet Close/A10 junction is coated in mud. (c) The white hatching on the accident blackspot area in the centre of the village needs remarking.

3526 Car Parking - Marshalls Hostel Coles Road. Mr. Lewcock and (2316) Mrs. Sandford of 60 and 64 Coles Road have written to the Council complaining at the nuisance and inconvenience caused by the residents of the Marshalls Hostel parking vehicles along Coles Road as opposed to using the rear car park provided. The Clerk was asked to check the records since this complaint had been raised some years ago and to contact Marshall and request their intervention.

3527 Parish Boundaries. The Council received a request from S.C.D.C. to provide details of any suggestions for possible boundary changes. The Clerk would circularise the notice and place the item on the agenda for the next meeting at which K.P.H. would provide the maps illustrating the present situation.

3528 Footpaths Along By-Passes. M.W. mentioned that approximately 4 years ago he received correspondence from the R.C.U. confirming that footpaths would be provided to enable pedestrians to walk from the A10 level crossing, around the interchange and down the link road opposite the industrial road. M.W. expressed concern that there appears to be no trace of the construction of such footpaths at the present time and the Clerk would therefore contact the Bedford H.Q. of the E.R.C.U. requesting details.

There being no further business the Chairman then closed the meeting at 9.43 p.m.

Signed.....*Blunney*.....Chairman.....*3rd April 1978*.....Date