

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 6 April 1998 at 7pm in the Community Centre.**

**Present:** RLE Waters (chair) RJ Farrington JE Coston R Day DJ Lee IF May CF Nunn PK Oldham J Sandford HM Smith SJ Snaith RT Summerfield LC Twinn EY Wakeling and the clerk SJ Daniels.

**1. Apologies for Absence J Shaw.**

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**2. Minutes**

Minutes of the Council meeting of 2 March, Planning 23 March and Highways 23 March were confirmed and signed as a true record after an amendment to minute 114/98 as follows:

"HMS reported.....were proposing to *reduce the area of land to be purchased.*"

157/98

(149/98)

**3. Proposal for Pond Green**

Ian Cowley attended to present his "Millennium" proposal for Pond Green. He proposed that the Green be extended to make a focal point of the historic centre of the village. By introducing 'Give Way' signs at the junctions Council could also effectively slow down traffic. Grants were available from the Millennium Commission for Millennium projects such as this.

JEC proposed and RD seconded that MPC ask the Highway Authority if this scheme was feasible. Agreed.

**4. Matters Arising**

158/98

(333/96)

**Appeal - C Crickmore - The Stable, Fen Road, Chesterton**

Noted that C Crickmore had appealed against SCDC's Enforcement Notice in respect of the breach of planning control:- Stationing a caravan, laying of hardcore and siting on the land a fuel tank and storing building materials without planning permission. Although originally making no objection 1996 Council now fully supported SCDC's stance.

159/98

(532/97)

**Graffiti - Tesco**

RLEW to contact the manager of Tesco again.

160/98

(23/98)

**Farm College Merger**

The Further Education Funding Council had put the matter out for formal consultation. The Principal anticipated that the merger would take effect from 1 August 1998.

161/98

(92/98)

**Appeal - DJ Taylor**

Noted that Mr Taylor was appealing against SCDC's refusal of planning permission for change of use of ground floor shop to pre-school day nursery at 4 Coles Road.

- 162/98  
(101/98) New Vehicular Access to Milton Hall  
The Planning Authority were monitoring the situation. It was agreed to write to PI direct.
- 163/98  
(102/98) Parking - Church Lane  
Noted that the County Council did not intend to extend the double yellow lines.
- 164/98  
(107/98) Tomkins Mead  
There were no bat roosts in the trees removed from Tomkins Mead. The Ranger felt that the clearance of the area might be beneficial to the bats.
- 165/98  
(109/98) AWA Sewer  
The drains had been relaid, the work had been overseen by D Ward. Grading and seeding was due to be done anytime. The clerk had asked Herald Contract Services to move turf left by the contractors for the cricket nets to enable the re-seeding work to go ahead. It was agreed the either the cricket club or the cricket contractors should pay the bill.
- 166/98  
(110/98) Land Adjacent A14  
SCDC had put the old A10 on the litter clearing rota. Noted that fly tipping was taking place again.
- 167/98  
(113/98) Maintenance  
The clerk to relay concerns about the speed at which the contractors cut the grass. HMS proposed EYW seconded and all agreed that the contract be £9315 in total. The clerk would ask Mr Newitt to quote for cleaning the two allotments given up on 6 April.  
SJS to arrange a meeting with David Rees of the County Council about the new hedge at the cemetery. RD to attend.  
Concerns were expressed about mud left on the road by Farm College workers. The clerk to contact Farm College.
- 168/98  
(114/98) Rowing Lake  
Noted that planning permission had not been issued for this scheme since the Section 106 Agreement had not been completed. Consultations about the proposed changes would take place. Agreed to ask the Rowing Trust to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 169/98  
(115/98) Public Entertainments Licence  
Noted that CD Morris had applied for the renewal of a Public Entertainments Licence at The Trinity Centre, Science Park.
- 170/98  
(116/98) MCC  
The Charity Commission had confirm that everything was in order and awaited the executed Lease. RLEW had asked the solicitor for a draft of the Lease document. A copy of the revised pricing structure had been received and circulated. There were minor queries only.

171/98 L Gaskin, Lomas Farm, Chesterton Fen Road  
 (136/98) Noted that the planning officers were recommending the issue of an Enforcement Notice to secure the removal of the caravans, the hardcore and any drainage systems installed by the applicant.

Highway Matters (for all highways items below Min 128/98 also refers)  
 172/98 Cycleways  
 (146/98) PKO felt that Council should ask for an on road cycle line in addition to the dual use cycle/footpath. Noted that there would be public consultation at the appropriate time.

173/98 A14/A10 Interchange  
 (147/98) It was expected that upgrades to the traffic lights would be completed by the end of April.  
 The County Council did not believe that lane markings would be of any real benefit.

174/98 Bus Services  
 (151/98) A letter from Stagecoach Cambus explaining the reasons for not offering the new "Megarider" ticket to Milton was received and noted.

175/98 Parking of Vehicles  
 (152/98) It was agreed to arrange a site meeting with Ed Thornton.

176/98 20mph Speed Limit  
 (154/98) A recent Government report suggested that the number of accidents was reduced by up to 60% through the introduction of 20mph speed limit. Agreed to wait for County Council response before pursuing.

177/98 Accident Statistics  
 (155/98) Details of the accident record for Milton for 1995-97 were received. Noted that there had been 24 injury accidents at the A10 junction with Butt Lane between 1986-97 - 11 in the last three years.

#### **5. Planning - Decisions Received**

None.

#### **6. Planning - New Applications**

178/98 S/0501/98 A Macpherson 88 Butt Lane - First Floor extension. No objections.

#### **7. Money Received and Bills for Payment**

The following transactions were omitted from the minutes during the year 1997/98:-

##### Payments

Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges CHAPS payment	25.00
ESPO cheque 1046	Envelopes	23.74
ESPO cheque 1049	Stationery	23.76
Bus Project cheque 1115	April - July	180.00
M Bone cheque 1111	Section 137 Bus Pass	8.00
RJ Farrington ch 1113	Film	5.99
Inland Revenue ch 1196	3rd Quarter	373.91

Receipts

SCDC	Rate Precept 2nd half	27500.00
Community Care Fees	23 July 1997	40.00
Customs & Excise	VAT Reclaim 2nd Quarter	1162.72

Proposed CFN seconded DJL and all agreed that these items be confirmed as correct.

**Bills for Payment - See page 38.**

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**8. Fidelity Insurance**

The Clerk reported that so long as the correct controls were in place including the appropriate level of Fidelity Insurance, Councillors could not be held personally liable if fraud occurred. RTS proposed IFM seconded and all agreed that Council take out cover at a limit of £280,000 for employees only, the premium being £349.44.

181/98

(111/98)

**9. War Memorial**

RTS proposed under the *Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960* to exclude members of the public since publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business. All agreed.

The meeting was closed to the public.

The meeting was opened again to the public at item 10 with the following members present:

RLE Waters (chair) RJ Farrington JE Coston R Day DJ Lee IF May  
CF Nunn PK Oldham J Sandford HM Smith SJ Snaith  
RT Summerfield LC Twinn EY Wakeling and the clerk SJ Daniels.

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**10. Play Report**

Deferred until next meeting.

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**11. Purchase of Daffodil Bulbs**

RD proposed HMS seconded and all agreed to spend up to £70 on daffodil bulbs in 1998.

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(125/98)

**12. Sheltered Housing**

The Sports Council had withdrawn its objection provided that some of the money acquired for the sale of the site go towards formal recreation ground equivalent to the amount of land lost. CHS and SCDC were dealing with the matter.

MPC had not yet been informed as to whether the County Archaeologist had completed his work.

In response to a letter from SCDC PKO proposed JS seconded and all agreed that the scheme be named Barnabas Court.

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**13. Concessionary Bus Pass Scheme**

The County Council had agreed to provide bus passes at £5.50 each for those in special need for example on income support, registered blind etc. SCDC had increased their subsidy so that all other pensioners would pay £16 per pass.

HMS proposed and RJF seconded that MPC refund £5.50 per bus pass for all.

JEC proposed an amendment and RD seconded that MPC refund £10 per £16 pass and refund in full for those with special needs (names not to be published in minutes).

There were two in favour of the amendment, ten against and two abstentions. The substantive motion was then carried thirteen votes in favour with one abstention.

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**14. Review of Salaries**

RTS proposed that all employees be put on the new Local Government scale. All agreed.

Village Cleaning.

RTS proposed IFM seconded and all agreed that R Adams be put on Scale 1 spinal point 6 (equals £4.30 per hour 1997 rate).

Community Care

RTS proposed IFM seconded and all agreed that the warden be put on Scale 2 spinal point 12 (equals £5.26 per hour 1997 rate).

Clerk

RTS proposed IFM seconded and all agreed that the clerk be put on Scale 4 spinal point 21 (equals £7.05 per hour 1997 rate - the maximum spinal point had been increased from 19 to 21 in order to acknowledge and properly remunerate the additional duties and responsibilities falling on clerks).

All these increases to take effect from 1 April 1998 as soon as the new pay scales are published.

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**15. Parish Council on the Internet**

Deferred until next meeting.

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**16. Crime Update**

The crime figures had gone down again - almost 50% down on last year.

Anglia Crimestoppers meeting to be held at Country Park on 8 April.

Safer Villages Seminar - Youth Action to be held on 13 June at SCDC, DJL to attend.

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**17. County Councillor's Report**

The use of the A14 and heavy vehicles was due to be discussed at the South Cambs Joint Committee meeting on 7 April. Comments on Transport Policies and Programmes bid (TPP) for 1999/2000 should be sent to the County Council by 7 May (a report had been circulated to the Highways Committee). JEC was pleased to see the cycle bridge over the A14 at Milton in the TPP. bid

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**18. District Councillor's Report**

J Selby Conservation Officer had moved to East Cambs District Council. Enforcement action was being taken by SCDC because of unauthorised work at 3 High Street.

The Conservation Area Appraisal Consultation Draft had been published, comments to be made to the clerk by end of April for submission to SCDC.

The "Dog Fouling" bye-law was now in force. It was agreed that the Play/Maintenance Committee should meet the Dog Warden and be given the authority to have the appropriate signs erected.

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**19. Correspondence**

CALC Bulletin received. Agreed to discuss the article "Contracts; Tenders and Standing orders" at next meeting.

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**20. Next Meetings**

Finance Tuesday 21 April 7pm

Planning (7pm) and APM 8pm on Monday 27 April Agreed the format should be the same as last year.

Annual Parish Council Meeting Monday 11 May 7pm.

Signed.....*A. Waters*.....Chairman.....*11.5.98*.....Date



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It was proposed RTS seconded JEC and agreed by all that the following bills be authorised:

Current - Cheques 1243 to 1271

Current No 2 - Cheques 28 and 29

BALANCE 08/03/98					277062.97
09/03/98	Current	TXFR	Transfer Money	179/98	500.00
09/03/98	Current	1243	Herald Contract Services	179/98 Cricket Slab The Sycamores	-465.30
09/03/98	Premier		Transfer Money	179/98	-500.00
09/03/98	Premier		Interest	179/98	1.73
10/03/98	Instant Savings		Interest		116.52
10/03/98	Premier		Interest	179/98	431.73
20/03/98	Current	1239	A Ellwood	126/98 C Care March	-368.02
25/03/98	Cambridge BS		Community Care Fees	179/98	45.00
31/03/98	Current No 2		Transfer Money	179/98 (31/98 Signs) Commuted	-18.50
31/03/98	Current	1244	Anglia & Midland	179/98 MCC Bill	-488.79
31/03/98	Current	TXFR	Transfer Money	31/98 Signs - Commuted	18.50
31/03/98	Fixed Interest Deposit		Transfer Money	179/98 Fees Sheltered Housing	-1880.29
31/03/98	Premier	TXFR	Transfer Money	179/98 Fees Sheltered Housing	1880.29
01/04/98	Current No 2	TXFR	Transfer Money	179/98	650.00
01/04/98	Current	TXFR	Transfer Money	179/98	3000.00
01/04/98	Current		Allotments Rents	179/98	236.40
01/04/98	Instant Savings		Transfer Money	179/98	-650.00
01/04/98	Instant Savings		Interest		648.50
01/04/98	Premier		Transfer Money	179/98	-3000.00
02/04/98	Current No 2	28	Herald Contract Services	179/98 Grass cutting March	-377.13
02/04/98	Current	1245	Herald Contract Services	179/98 Grass cutting March	-991.13
04/04/98	Premier	DirDe	PWLB	179/98 Loan repayment	-9042.96
06/04/98	Current No 2	29	Wicksteed Leisure	179/98 Play Repairs	-259.68
06/04/98	Current	1248	Valuation Office Agency	179/98 Valuation Sheltered Housing	-270.25
06/04/98	Current	1257	Mr & Mrs Sharpe	179/98 Bus Passes	-16.00
06/04/98	Current	1258	P Godden	179/98 Bus Pass	-8.00
06/04/98	Current	1259	E Hudson	179/98 Bus Pass	-8.00
06/04/98	Current	1260	VA Smith	179/98 Bus Pass	-8.00
06/04/98	Current	1261	DG Millard	179/98 Bus Pass	-8.00
06/04/98	Current	1262	E Deas	179/98 Bus Pass	-8.00
06/04/98	Current	1263	SB Butcher	179/98 Bus Pass	-8.00
06/04/98	Current	1264	R Coe	179/98 Bus Pass	-8.00
06/04/98	Current	1265	J Dyson	179/98 Bus Pass (old rate)	-4.00
06/04/98	Current	1266	G Smith	179/98 C Care Relief March	-108.70
06/04/98	Current	1267	Comhill	179/98 Premium 1998/99	-688.63
06/04/98	Current	1268	CALC	179/98 Annual Subscription	-255.00
06/04/98	Current	1269	CALC	179/98 Local Council Review	-39.75
06/04/98	Current	1270	Cambridgeshire County Council	179/98 Allotments Rent	-187.00
06/04/98	Current	1247	Taylor Vinters	179/98 Legal Fees	-3955.17
06/04/98	Current	1255	RCT Adams	179/98 Village Cleaning March	-98.29
06/04/98	Current	1254	J Daniels	179/98 Secretarial March	-158.00
06/04/98	Current	1253	SJ Daniels	179/98 Postage March	-16.43
06/04/98	Current	1252	SJ Daniels	179/98 Clerk March	-206.36
06/04/98	Current	1251	GJ Sheldrick	179/98 Electrical - Bus Shelter	-74.99
06/04/98	Current	1250	HR Cleaning	179/98 Bus Shelters	-21.00
06/04/98	Current	1249	Dudley	179/98 Photocopying Jan	-30.66
06/04/98	Current	1246	Club 24 Ltd	179/98 Stationery	-67.81
06/04/98	Current	1256	Inland Revenue	179/98 4th Quarter	-389.56
06/04/98	Fixed Interest Deposit		Interest		848.13
06/04/98	Premier		SCDC	179/98 Rate Precept 1st Half	30500.00

07/04/98	Current	1272	**VOID**		0.00
07/04/98	Current	1273	D Green	War Memorial Declaration	-10.00
14/04/98	Current	TXFR	Transfer Money	179/98	7000.00
14/04/98	Premier		Transfer Money	179/98	-7000.00
14/04/98	Premier		Interest	Bank error	-174.32
20/04/98	Current	1271	A Ellwood	179/98 C Care April	-426.62
20/04/98	Current	TXFR	Transfer Money	179/98	7000.00
20/04/98	Premier		Transfer Money	179/98	-7000.00
TOTAL 09/03/98 - 20/04/98					13580.46
BALANCE 20/04/98					290643.43
TOTAL INFLOWS					52876.80
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					-39296.34
NET TOTAL					13580.46





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**9. Land at War Memorial (confidential and not open to the public - see min 181/98)**

The District Valuer (DV) had been instructed by the Treasury Solicitor to invite all interested parties to submit unconditional sealed bids for the land. The DV had agreed to put back the date for receiving these bids to April 16th. It was agreed that the clerk and chairman sign the Statutory Declarations drawn up by the solicitor detailing the seats, war memorial, footpath and maintenance of the site.

RTS had ascertained from the Planners that the land is designated as "open space".

JS proposed that Council bid £250 for the land - not seconded.

RJF proposed that Council bid £300, seconded RD. Carried by 13 votes in favour one abstention.