

Minutes of the Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday  
6 August 1984 at 7.30pm in Milton Primary School.

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson (in the chair), A.D.J.Bull, Mrs. L.M. Lock, G. Patten, Mrs. J. Westwood, M. Donnelly and R. Mcallen of British Rail and the clerk S.J. Daniels.

Apologies were received from: R. Day, W.D. Booth, H.W.H. Easy, P. Harrold, K.P. Humphries, Mrs. G. Tonks, Cllr. J. Brackenbury.

I. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 6049 M. Donnelly, Area Manager and R. Mcallen of British Rail (6037) attended to explain the working of "open" crossings and to answer any queries.  
B.R. would undertake a heavy publicity campaign putting leaflets in every house and visiting local schools. Automatic open crossings were commissioned in 1962. This particular type of crossing was commissioned in 1983 and the number in operation was increasing quickly. The number of pedestrians using the crossing (taken at a census during June 1983 - about 6 per hour) was within the limits of the proposals as set out in the recently published Oppenheim Report, viz. less than 300 per day. Another census could be taken if the minister so decrees. M. Donnelly's staff would check the timing, lights and phones at the crossing every four weeks. In addition technical staff who install the crossing would carry out a monthly schedule of checks.  
A half barrier crossing was not in fact a physical barrier since it could easily be dodged or broken. Its use was purely as a visual aid. A full barrier crossing is not automatic but operated manually.  
Cost of the type of crossing proposed would be £60,000, a half barrier £120,000.  
There had been no child accidents since 1962.  
M. Donnelly would be happy to take members to look at similar crossings. He would send a copy of the census figures concerning pedestrians and the Oppenheim Report. The chairman thanked both Mr. Donnelly and Mr. Mcallen for attending and also the members of the public. She explained that those who still had objections should write directly to S.C.D.C. with their comments.  
G.P. proposed that the clerk confirm council's views of minute 5994 with S.C.D.C. This was agreed.
2. 6050 The minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 1984 having been circulated were confirmed and signed.
3. Matters Arising
  - 6051 Traffic. The clerk would arrange for a meeting with Mr. (5959) Cornwell of the Department of Transportation to discuss the High Street/Fen Road junction.
  - 6052 Proposed Recreation Ground. A copy of a letter from MWT (5988) Architects to Mr. Moore of Catlings had been received explaining that they were now in a position to seek their clients' instructions.
  - 6053 Ash Tree. Mr. Hellingsworth was of the opinion that the (5998) crown of the ash tree adjacent to the allotments should be reduced by 30 - 40%. A.D.J.B. would take a look at the tree.
  - 6054 Signs. The Department of Transportation would provide "Please (6029) Drive Carefully" signs but the cost would have to be met by

the Parish Council. G.P. proposed J.W. seconded and all agreed that Council request an estimate of the cost. The Department felt that there was no need to provide Waterbeach/Landbeach direction signs opposite the Waggon & Horses public house. G.P. explained that drivers returning from visiting businesses in Fen Road had difficulty in finding their way to Waterbeach. The clerk was instructed to reply to this effect.

- 6055 Planning Comphints. The Department of the Environment had (6033) explained that all planning decisions were local matters and that if parishioners had any complaints they should continue to make representations to S.C.D.C. The County Council had replied clarifying the position regarding the cul-de-sac at the rear of 16-20 Butt Lane. In their opinion the splays as recommended in Bulletin 32 published by the Department of the Environment and Transport could be accommodated within the available site frontage and therefore it was the view of the Highways Authority that no objection to the amendment of the visibility splay condition could be sustained. G.P. proposed L.M.L. seconded and all agreed that the clerk send Mr. Rose copies of these letters with the comment that there appeared to be little else that Council could do.
- 6056 Footbridge The repairs had been carried out. L.M.L. reported (6034) that many of the bolts had been removed from the railings and that there was no barrier at the Milton entrance. A hole had also been caused at the entrance to the footbridge. The clerk would inform the engineer in charge of bridges.
- 6057 Cemetery It was reported that grass between the grave (6035) kerbstones and on some of the very old graves had not been cut. It was felt that the new grass would probably need an extra cut also. The clerk would contact Simon Shipp.
- 6058 New Village Hall B.C.W. reported that S.C.D.C. had granted (6036) £25,000 towards the project. A condition of the Sports Council meant no contract could be signed with a builder till May 1985 in order to qualify for a grant. Planning application would need to be submitted by October 3rd. Willmott and Johnson & Bailey had agreed to submit revised plans. A letter from Mr. Armour, Librarian indicated that he would prefer the library to be part of the shopping complex. He would be pleased however to look at the plans in due course. It was agreed upon the chairman's suggestion to hold a public meeting on Thursday September 13th at 8pm in the Village Hall to allow the village to view the plans and come to a decision.
- 6059 Green Belt Council's representation re: St. John's College (6039) land had been received. The land adjacent to the slip road and A45 east bound carriageway was confirmed as proposed Green Belt.
- 6060 Blocked Drain Following the laying of the gas main a drain (6044) in the High Street had become blocked. The clerk would inform Mr. Kisby.
- 6061 Fishermen The Environmental Services Officer had been in (6048) contact with Mr. and Mrs. Coulson and suggested that possibly double yellow lines could be painted, as a means of alleviating the parking problems.

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4. 6062 Middleton's Pit A report from the District Valuer stated (6028) that Mr. Middleton had agreed to sell the land comprising 2.97 acres for £7500, with the vendor's legal costs to be met by the Parish Council.  
 G.P. proposed J.W. seconded and all agreed that Council proceed with the purchase at this cost.  
 The clerk would ask Few and Kester to act on behalf of Council. The application for grant aid from S.C.D.C. would now be submitted.

5. 6063 Village Cleaner Mr. S.W.B. Shipp had not received any increase in his salary of £18.75 per quarter for at least three years.  
 G.P. proposed J.W. seconded and all agreed therefore that Mr. Shipp be paid £25 per quarter for his duties.

6. 6064 Bills for Payment It was proposed G.P. seconded A.D.J.B. and agreed by all that the following bills be paid:-

1. S.W.B. Shipp - village cleaning duties		
May, June, July		£25.00
2. <u>Bus Passes</u>		
Mrs. A. Gray, 14 Bene't Close		£4.20
Miss A. Coulson, 11 Walkling Way		£4.20
Miss C.J. Coulson, 11 Walkling Way		£4.20
Mrs. B.L. Poulter, 41 Coles Road		£4.20
Mr. L. Coulson, 56 Old School Lane		£4.20
3. W. Heffer & Sons Ltd - stationery		£6.45
4. S.J. Daniels - clerk's salary July	£91.66	
photocopying	£1.59	
post/phone	£6.35	£99.60

7. Any Other Business

6065 Street Lights G.P. reported that four lights in Fen Road were becoming obscured by overgrowing trees. The clerk would inform the appropriate department.

6066 Seat L.M.L. reported that the seat by the level crossing had been demolished apparently by British Rail workmen. The clerk would report this matter to British Rail.

6067 Landscape Survey J. Selby of S.C.D.C. was conducting a survey of local landscape features. It was agreed that the clerk fill in the questionnaire.

6068 Bulletin 4/84 It was noted that bulletin 4/84 of C.A.L.C. had been received.

Signed *Beryl C. Waterson* (M.S.).....Chairman ... *3<sup>rd</sup> September 1984*.....Date

II. Planning Business

1. 6069 The minutes of the meeting held on 2 July 1984 having been circulated were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

6070 Gypsy Site S.C.D.C. had raised no objections to the details (5946) put forward for the Mere Way site, subject to the working area and incinerator being omitted. This the County Council agreed to do.

6071 Orchard Site Mr. Gammon of S.C.D.C. had explained by phone (6015) that the "objection" letter dated 15 June 1984 was a standard letter sent out in order that emergency services and other interested bodies could make comments on the proposed name.

3. New Applications

- (a) 6072 S/1078/84 Edmund House - changing room for swimming pool. Decision also received - approved.  
(6010)
- (b) 6073 S/1144/84 L. Tiphthorpe, 1/2 The Cottages, Fen Road Chesterton - erection of 3 detached garages - no comments.
- (c) 6074 S/1155/84 Cecil Instruments Ltd., Cambridge Road - offices/research for scientific instruments with car park. No site plan was available with the original application. An amended application had since been received. It was agreed following A.D.J.B.'s proposal to object since the building would be on the proposed Country Park, also encroaching on the illegal road once demolished by S.C.D.C.
- (d) 6075 S/0993/84 J. Danielis, 42 High Street - revised plans - access widened and splayed to satisfy Local Highway Authority. Access way to be roofed over. No comments. It was noted that 2 Fen Road had written to S.C.D.C. objecting to the application.  
(6021)
- (e) 6076 S/1192/84 Sinclair Research Ltd - gardener's store at Milton Hall - no comments.
- (f) 6077 S/1203/84 R.K. Strickland - use of White Horse car park for model car track. Residents of Wilson Way had objected to renewal of permission. Having listened to the views of one resident council agreed to object on the following grounds:
  - i) Concern about use of private footpath at rear of Wilson Way.
  - ii) Users of the club park cars in car park from approx. 9am to 7pm on Sundays therefore preventing customers from using park, possibly causing hazard on High Street.
  - iii) Noise all day on Sundays.
  - iv) Apparently little control on use during day.
- (g) 6078 S/1205/84 F. Haslop, Winship Industrial Estate - use of land as scaffold depot - no comments.
- (h) 6079 S/1227/84 Dr. E.W. Draper - change of use of existing rectory to class 14 use, with a view to bring forward an application for extensions to accommodate 8 people in the future - no comments.
- (i) 6080 S/1276/84 Laserscan Labs Ltd - Science Park - High technology building for research development and assembly of lasers for industrial users - no comments.

4. Decisions Received

- (a) 6081 B. Beeton, 1 Wilson Way - extension approved.  
(6019)
- (b) 6082 Mrs. S. Whitmore, 44a Butt Lane - extension approved.  
(6020)
- (c) 6083 R.J. Attle - use of building adjacent to 34 Butt Lane as shop - refused. A shop in a residential area detached from existing commercial centre of village would be detrimental to amenities of surrounding dwellings because of increased traffic and on street parking.  
(6008)
- (d) 6084 Sinclair Research - car park refused because loss of potentially attractive landscaped area would be detrimental to setting of Milton Hall and adjoining church, important elements in conservation area.  
(5943)

There being no further business the meeting ended at 10.34pm.

Signed *Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs)*...Chairman ...*3rd September 1984*...Date