

MEETINGS OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1975 IN MILTON  
PRIMARY SCHOOL, at 7.30 p.m.

Present: RTS (Chmn); BKC, MEJ, PK, MW, BCW; HWHE, who declared an interest, was absent for item 2754. Apology from JGC.

I PLANNING COMMITTEE

2752 MINUTES OF MTGS: 21 July, 1 Sept. & 26 Sept., were confirmed; then signed by the Chmn.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

2753 TREE PLANT- Clerk rptd: Co.T&W Off. recommended 5ft 6in. stakes; quot. ING (2751) from Berrycroft Stores for peeled, pointed & treated (at '500' price) - 29p each. With replacement trees for previous failures total trees ordered by Clerk for delivery November = 71. The Co. Surveyor had been informed of our intentions in Fen road east.

AGREED: appropriate number of stakes and ties to be ordered; also AGREED Co.T&W Off. to be asked if farmers' frontings on Fen rd. east need to be approached about the proposed planting.

APPLICATIONS.

2754 S/1450/75 Easy HWH, Bene't Farm: parking of lorries in connection with (2742) applicant's agric. haulage business in continuance of use of the land for the last 18 years.

AGREED: to support this app. & refer Planning Off. to comments returned for S/1196&7/75 (which see under MIN: 2742)

2755 S/1429/75 Kidman AL, 47 Fen rd.: replacement of timber garage by car-port - no obj.

2756 S/1436/75 John Plumb Ltd. Milton Indust. Est: enlargement of garage and workshop. AGREED: Approve cover for cars as desirable contribution to tidiness of estate & discouragement of vandals; BUT doubts about planning legality of foul sewer to which app. proposes to connect. Advice on latter to be sought.

*Resubmitted 31/1/75*

II COUNCIL

2757 MINUTES OF MTG: 1 Sept., confirmed; then signed by Chmn.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

2758 DUTCH ELM Discussion: and identification of some of the owners of diseased trees, according to survey by District T&W Off. for (2727) notification.

2759 By-PASSES Allotments: Clerk rptd. some difficulty in identification of (2736) sub-tenants' holdings owing to lack of information from ERCU; He intended continuing efforts to obtain the essential information and his own survey; AGREED: if necessary ask ERCU to stake out.

2760 CHANGING PK, as Chmn. of WP rptd: adverse criticism of slow progress from ROOMS Mgt. Comm. & village, which he accepted. Progress now better: (2729) roofing proceeding and contract date for sealing of building now 24 October. Discussion; and agreement that while sub-contracting methods produce delay, there should be ultimate saving in costs.

2761 RESIGNATION OF The Chmn. referred to Mr. Forbes' long service to the MR.FORBES(2739) village; Clerk rptd: that Mr. Forbes joined the PC, 17 years ago, in 1958, & became vice-chairman of the Council in 1963, a post he held until a few months before his retirement. He became a Charity Trustee in 1970 and was Chairman of the School Managers for several years. Mrs. Jones paid tribute to the work of Mrs. Forbes in inaugurating the Red Cross movement in Milton and to her work in this cause for many years. Mr. Forbes has been LEA representative on Impington Governors since before 1963.

Arising from Mr. Forbes leaving the village: his resignation leaving several vacancies, the following were dealt with:

- 2762 PAROCHIAL CHARITIES Prop: BCW, sec: MW, & AGREED: Mr.HWH Easy nominated.  
REPRESENTATIVE
- 2763 CHANGING ROOMS WORKING AGREED: that the Chmn. of WP (PK) be given  
PARTY REPRESENTATIVE power to co-opt a member.
- 2764 CO-OPTION OF A MEMBER OF COUNCIL

On the question of when this co-option was to be decided and the Chmn. asking for a vote, it was AGREED: by 4 votes to 2 to co-opt at this mtg.

Clerk rptd: Notice of the Casual Vacancy had been posted by him on the Public Notice Board (as required by the Loc. Gov. Act, 1972, s.87) on September 6 last, and names of interested persons asked to be given in to any member of the Council, or Clerk.

The Chmn. announced 3 names received:

Mr. J. Harvey verbally  
Mr.R.Rose "  
Mr.G.H.Patten written request

Vote was taken and resulted as follows:

Patten: 3; Harvey: 2; Rose: 2

The Clerk advised that the procedure laid down prescribed that an absolute majority must be obtained; the Chmn. then ruled the vote be taken again; on this being done it resulted as follows:

Patten: 4; Harvey: 1; Rose: 1; with 1 abstention.

The Chairman then declared Mr.G.H.Patten, of 4 Goding Way, duly elected as a member of the Parish Council, and to be so informed.

- 2765 THE COUNTY A letter 'for the personal attention of the Chairman/Clerk'  
STRUCTURE had been received from the Chairman of the County Planning  
PLAN Committee, explaining the Structure Plan and emphasising  
his Committee's wish for as much public participation as possible.

AGREED: the Chmn. & Clk. having read the letter it be now circulated among members for discussion at the next meeting.

- 2766 ALLOTMENT RENT Notice recd. from Co Land Agent of a rent increase to  
REVISION 'take effect from Michaelmas 1976' but amount of increase  
not stated, and this to be notified later; the letter  
hoped for the Parish Council's agreement without arbitration.

Members noted that we should thus be unable to give our own tenants a full year's notice of any increase (as required by the Acts) and that we, also have been given less than the full year's notice to which we are entitled.

AGREED: to dispute the notice following confirmation or advice from Mr, Martindale.

- 2767 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUN- The Commission recommended no change in  
DARY COMMISSION REPORT the size of Milton Ward representation or  
boundaries; Parish & District Council  
Elections would take place in 1976 & 1979. The Report was released for circulation amongst members.

- 2768 TRANSFER OF JUSTICES LICENCE: ~~from~~ Waggon & Horses, from EAR Mole to Philip Warren (Dated 2 October) - for information.

CLERK'S REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 3, 1975 (RI)

Note: This written report is submitted in order to try and streamline the business of the Parish Council meetings and takes the form of an account of the Clerk's inquiries into matters before the Council since the last meeting and his recommendations, as a discussion basis for members. It is offered experimentally and itself could be a topic for discussion as to whether it should be continued as a regular practice.

I MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 6

CR1 STRUCTURE PLAN (MIN:ref: 2765) Action taken: 175 leaflets recd. from CC for distribution; 15 'local community leaders' posted with leaflets, as the CC's advisory note requests; Decision reqd. of the PC on method of distributing the quota by: EITHER: 1 leaflet per 4/5 houses by hand delivery, OR, by leaving leaflets in shops, pubs, etc for public to pick up.

PC to discuss the White Paper 'Intro. to Structure Plan' which has been circulated between mtgs., and the leaflet 'This concerns you'.

CR2 MVRS (MIN:2775) Action taken: Further discussion with Health Dept. who confirm that, in their opinion no public health hazard exists; they also tell me that a Mr. Carter of the London HQ of MVRS assured them some months ago the fence will eventually be repaired and local quotes for job have been obtained.

Recommendation: Wait & see ! If no action, and, as it is clearly a management problem of the Rec. Gd. ask the VHComm. to mend the 2 or 3 feet of fencing which is all that appears necessary to prevent access at this spot i.e near the broken glass cullett.

CR2A TREE PLANTING (MIN: 2753) Action taken: 75 stakes & ties ordered & advice on planting and staking taken: ties to be loose to allow for whip; FYM or peat in a 'sandwich' of soil around roots; also, potash ?; Co. Surveyor replies he will inspect Fen rd. east before giving the necessary consent which the Highways Acts prescribes.

CR3 BY-PASSES -ALLOTMENTS (MIN:2759) Action taken: further survey; and more information from ERCU - who will not accept the responsibility of marking out holdings of sub-tenants. As a result the Clerk's assessments of holdings affected must be only approximate. ERCU further advise (when pressed !) that construction of the whole scheme is now to begin in FEBRUARY and have confirmed their advice to give sub-tenants Notice to Quit by end of January.

*Given tenants such NOTICE &*  
I have, therefore, provided each of our tenants with an approximate plan of the holdings affected and to what extent; each tenant should thus know approximately how much land he will lose under the CPO procedure.

Recommendation: that PC now discuss re-distribution as far as present information allows. In general those tenants with larger holdings will lose a small percentage of their land; smaller tenants will lose most or all of their holdings. We have about 2 acres (ex-Clark) held 'in reserve' to bring into re-distribution. Also recommended the Council do not forget the 'waiting list' - at present 2 persons.

CR4 CAMBRIDGE ROAD DITCH (MIN: 2771) Action taken: SCDC asked to clean; no reply at date of writing and verbal report will be given.

CR5 VILLAGE HALL INSURANCES (MUSIC & DANCING LIC.) <sup>MIN 2772</sup> Action taken: further inquiries of Mr. Forbes (as Dep. Sec. Comm. Council): he advises the Village Hall Comm. to pursue their suggestion through him for a legal opinion on it; this advice passed to Sec. VHComm.

CR6 TREE PRESERVATION (MIN: 2773) Action taken: CoT&WOff. reminded of his predecessor's promise (1971) to do a parish survey; reply awaited.

CR7 MANHOLE COVER, BUTT LANE JUNCTION (MIN: 2774) Action taken: Co Surveyor asked, who replies 'remedial action' to be taken but it may be job of 'statutory undertakers', implying there may be some delay (!)

CR8 ALLOTMENT RENT REVISION (MIN: 2766) Action taken: advice from Mr. Forbes (Dep. Sec. Loc. Councils Asscn); he inclines to PC's view that we are not only without a definite figure of increase but cannot give our own tenants due Notice; my protest to Co Land Agent of no avail and after further discussion with Mr. Forbes he agrees to seek advice for us from the legal dept. of Loc. C. Asscn. I have prepared the appropriate papers for them (and dispatched to Mr. F.) pointing out that the effect of the Co L.A.'s action could be that the consequent deficit on our Allotment revenue would fall upon the rates. Reply awaited.

II NEW MATTERS

CR9 SIZE OF THE COUNCIL (Briefly referred to in recent mtgs.: not minuted)

Application for increase to be made to District Council. Recently the Loc. Council's Asscn. considered revision of the 'scale' which has been adopted by the District Council. The first part of this scale is as follows:

<u>Population</u>	<u>Maximum size of C.</u>
Up to 300	5 members
301 - 700	7 "
701 - 1200	9 "
1201 - 2000	11 " etc. etc.
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Milton: estimated pop. (mid-1973) .. 1760

Advice taken from Electoral Reg. Officer: fears that in a situation where there are fewer seats than candidates, and hence no election is held, the representation can be called 'undemocratic' BUT emphasises that any Council should carefully consider their position NOW, as any application made after April 1976 would not be implemented in mid-term, i.e. not until April, 1979.

Recommendation: early application; as wide a representation as possible in the parish is obviously desirable, and, although the population of about 1800 is likely to remain fairly static for a bit, growth may resume after January, 1978 when the sewerage embargo is forecast to be lifted.

CR10 "GRAY, CONOLEY" DITCH (For information: this note is submitted in my capacity as District representative). Recently referred to in Press as before the SCDC Environmental Health Comm; SCDC claim that an agreement reached several years ago with occupiers - that they pay the SCDC for maintaining the ditch - has now broken down, mainly on failure to obtain payment from the bankrupt occupier of a major length (Gray, Conoley Recivers), and, therefore, now agreed to rescind this agreement and occupiers will in future be responsible.

I observe: considerable dispute may arise as to ownership (e.g. 27/29 Old School La.) SCDC allude to 'common-law' precept (hedge & ditch) as accepted proof of ownership when Deeds fail.

Survey of ditch: bearing the latter point in mind I walked along most of the length of the ditch (in places brambles make it almost impenetrable !) (A separate Report gives details) There is some evidence of hedgerow (rear gardens of 28-42 OSLane - cul-de-sac); none along the "G-C" length, or between 27/29 OSLa.

It does not appear to be marked on the PC Deeds of the "G-C" land, but this point needs careful verification.

CR11 DoE ALLOTMENT ANNUAL RETURNS: Return of details of ALL allotments in the Parish required. These rend. with no. on waiting list, 10 October.

K. P. Humphries

25 October, 1975.

2769 BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Note: Farm School - Teas for By-pass Staff (ref: June 2, MIN: 2688)  
 The Clk. rptd. that the cheque in payment of above account,  
 signed on June 2, had apparently been lost in the post; he had  
 confirmed with the Bank (Sept. 23) that it had NOT been cashed  
 and they agreed to issue immediate STOP orders on this cheque  
 (no: 000059).

AGREED: that fresh cheque for the same amount be issued for  
 payment.

On prop: PK, sec. BKC the following were then approved for payment:

Spaldings: 25" OS maps of psh. (1970 Edn.)	£ 3.46
Re-issue: Francis Jeeps Farm Coll: Teas for By-pass Staff	2.50
K.P. Humphries	
Sal: Sept. 1975	37.50
Posts. & o/p exp.	4.76
6 mo. exp. in adv. (MIN: 2632)	12.50
Cash for R. Buck (Jly. Aug. Sp)	13.00
	467.76
	<u>£ 173.72</u>

2770 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: AGREED: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1975.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2771 CAMBRIDGE ROAD DITCH (NEAR MILTON NURSERIES) BCW raised the question of cleaning this ditch.  
 AGREED: that this Council understands this ditch to be an Awarded ditch and that the SCDC be asked to give it attention.

2772 VILLAGE HALL INSURANCES PK raised the question of the legal responsibility for the observance of terms of Music & Dancing Licences  
 AGREED: place on Agenda for Nov. 3.

2773 TREE PRESERVATION MW rptd: cutting-down of Ash trees along Fen rd. drove.  
 This was regretted & also that no action can be taken on 'unpreserved' trees. AGREED: CoT&W Off. be reminded of our request in 1971; to his predecessor for a tree survey of the parish with a view to making preservation orders where desirable.

2774 HIGHWAYS - SUNKEN MANHOLE COVER AT BUTT LANE JUNCTION HWHE rptd. dangerous manhole cover at corner of Butt Lane in middle of junction. AGREED: ask Co. Highways to put in order.

2775 MVRS (BROKEN GLASS) ON REC. (2709) Clerk rptd. letter from SCDC Environmental Health Off: The Off. rptd. that, after repeated requests, MVRS have not repaired their boundary fences with the Rec. Gd. and that no public health nuisance is involved; no action can be taken against the company; he suggests the PC seek legal advice as to whether they can take common law action, or accept responsibility of maintaining the fences.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the Meeting.

Signed ..... *R. Humphries* ..... Chairman ..... *3/4/75* ..... Date.