

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Tuesday 6th November at 7.30 p.m. in Milton Primary School.

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), G. Patten, Mrs. G.F. Tonks, R. Day, P. Kiddle, H.W.H. Easy, Mrs. B.C. Waterson, A.D.J. Bull, K.P. Humphries and the Clerk B.K. Connor.

I. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 4117 The minutes of the meeting held on 25th September had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

4118 S/1074/79 - R. Bennison, siting of residential caravan at rear of (4083) 24 Cambridge Road - letter received from Environmental

Services Officer confirmed that a site licence had been granted since the applicant had specified that foul drainage from the caravan would be directed into a septic tank. An inspector would visit the caravan when installed to check that the licence conditions are enforced.

4119 Access to Milton Hall. The County Surveyor confirmed by letter that (4084) he could not recommend that his Council support the request for signs within the Hall grounds since as they are not mandatory he felt that they would not serve any useful purpose. The question of a refuge is also out of the question as funds are just not available.

4120 Gravel Pits. The University had learned of the Parish Council's feelings (4087) following the report in the C.E.N. and it was confirmed to the Planning Officer that activities on site would be confined to daylight hours. K.P.H. advised that the decision on the application would be made by the S.C.D.C. on 7 November and the original suggestion that the permission should be on a temporary period for one year and confined to day time use only would be supported by the Council.

4121 Starter Units, Science Park. The Planning Officer confirmed that at (4090) this stage it is not known if further applications will be submitted for this site. Since each application is treated on its own merits any comments made by the Parish Council are given consideration.

3. New Applications

a) 4122 S/1784/79 - M.R. Prees, 2 Fen Road - house extension - no objections

b) 4123 S/1801/79 - McGlinchey Barry, Milton Pits - 12 acres for industrial development.

c) 4124 S/1802/79 - McGlinchey Barry, Milton Pits - 25 acres for industrial development.

(These two applications b) and c) were reviewed together.) After discussion K.P.H. proposed that the Council should object to these applications since it is contrary to the Structure Plan which states that a Country Park area is planned for Milton and they have nothing to add to the Inspectors findings endorsed by the Secretary of State who dismissed the Appeal by the same applicant last September. This was seconded by R.D. and agreed following a vote with 4 in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention.

d) 4125 S/1855/79 - Lambert Constructions, Butt Lane - 3 x 4 bedroom houses - no objections.

e) 4126 S/1841/79 - J. Farrow, Coles Road - extension to butchers shop - no objections.

f) 4127 S/1842/79 - Cambs. C.C. - new access to waste tip along bypass - following a proposal by H.E. which was seconded by K.P.H. the Council decided there are no objections to the layout of the new access but they object most strongly to the apparent changed conditions of use detailed in a letter from the County Surveyor dated 9-10-79 (ref. MGT/GJH/WD 200/7F). In particular the Council were horrified at the implied extension of filling time in excess of 10 years.

- g) 4128 S/1891/79 - R.L. Waters, 3 Lyndhurst Close - house extension
- no objections.
- h) 4129 S/1925/79 - Milton Nurseries, High Street/Butt Lane - outline planning permission for residential development of former Nurseries - it was proposed by K.P.H., seconded by B.C.W. and agreed unanimously that the application be approved subject to the requirements of the Milton Local Plan.

4. Decisions Received

- a) 4130 S/1594/79 - C. Silverman, Blue Gates, Chesterton Fen Road - renewal (4086) of permissions - approved subject to details of materials to be specified to LPA approval and normal drainage conditions.
- b) 4131 S/1555/79 - C. Silverman, Blue Gates, Chesterton Fen Road - workshop & offices - approved temporary period expiring 31-12-82 and confined to the benefit of applicant C. Silverman personally.

Signed.....*Blunniefield*.....Chairman.....*3rd December 1979*.....Date

II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 4132 The Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25th September had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising.

4133 Double Parking, Butt Lane. The Clerk had received a letter from the (4081) Chief Superintendent, Cambs. Constabulary confirming that the matter is receiving attention and local patrol officers have been asked to pay particular attention to the problem. Sergeant Radford had visited the school with a view to encouraging parents to avoid parking indiscriminately on delivering and collecting children from school.

4134 Traffic Matters, Milton Bypass. Following correspondence from the Clerk (4094) the County Surveyor had replied as follows. A) School Sign Approach to (4078) Butt Lane Junction from Impington. Not normal practice to allocate a (4061) sign in these circumstances. B) Position of Give Way Signs at Butt Lane Junction. Considered to be correct. C) Landbeach Junction with Bypass. Position of signs is governed by the access to Rectory Farm. Signs have had to be moved once because drivers were being directed into the farm entrance. Street lighting cannot be justified. If the site had a record of night time accidents consideration would be given. D) Butt Lane Cycle Path. Obstructing bollard removed and staggered railing erected in order to slow cyclists and to prevent vehicles using the path. E) Repairs to Footpath. In hand with appropriate works department. The R.C.U. have been asked to modify the approach from the Ely direction to the A45 interchange and also the approach from the village to the bypass at the north end since at both locations vehicles have left the road. Following a proposal by G.P. which was seconded by K.P.H. the Council should make a strong request that the old A10 section by Penfold Farm at the northern extremity of the village should be completely closed off since it is a very dangerous arrangement. Mention should also be made that complaints are still being received about the lack of lighting at the Landbeach junction.

4135 Agricultural Access Gate, Butt Lane. The County Surveyor confirmed by (4095) letter of 26th September that a new gate had been ordered, but since it is of non-standard size there would be a delay in manufacture.

It was reported that the new gate has recently been installed.

4136 Tree Planting. M.W. had submitted a report requesting authorization to
(4096) purchase the following: 13 limes, 13 whitebeams, for Cambridge Road
planting (if C.C. trees are too small), approx. £100. Stakes and ties
for above (if not supplied by C.C.), approx. £20. 2 replacement thorns
for Coles Road opposite war memorial, approx. £15. Up to 15 replacement
thorns for Fen Road.

M.W. did not consider that the planting of a Norwegian spruce on the
memorial green would be appropriate either for aesthetic or space reasons.
G.P. suggested the planting of 2 large trees on the Cambridge Road verge
by Levitts entrance and this was agreed.

The Council were in agreement with M.W.'s request and decision
regarding the Christmas tree and the Clerk was asked to confirm this in
writing offering help when planting if required and also to express
thanks to M.W. for his efforts.

4137 Litter Bin on Waggon & Horses Green. The new bin was received on
(4097) 16th October and the Clerk had delivered this to Mr. Haird who had
promised to instal it before 6th November. Since no action had been
taken the Clerk was asked to chase Mr. Haird.

4138 Drainage. a) The E.R.C.U. at Bedford confirmed that the contractor has
(4101) given assurance that the drainage ditches on the bypass will be cleared
this year.

Mr. Flint had written to confirm that the City Council had confirmed
their responsibility for at least part of the 13th Public Drain and it
was hoped that the requested work could be executed without too much
delay. It was reported that the railway ditches have recently been
cleaned. The situation should be reviewed at the next meeting.

4139 Telephone Kiosk, Milton Bypass. The Post Office Sales Superintendent
(4102) once again refused to consider the provision of an additional kiosk on
the grounds that it would not be economically viable. The offer was
made however of requesting the highways authority to place directional
signs indicating the location of existing kiosks, but following a proposal
by G.P. which was seconded by H.E. and agreed unanimously, the Council were
not agreeable to this.

4140 Bypass Landscaping. Revised plans had been received and passed to R.D.
(4103) who had marked up the copies which affected Milton to show the planning
proposals and these were examined by the Council.

4141 Christmas Tree Arrangements. The Clerk had ordered a tree from the
(4106) University Estate Management Service and would liaise with H.E. regarding
arrangements for collection. The Salvation Army Band would hold a Carol
Service around the tree on Thursday 20th December at 7.30 p.m. G.P.
agreed to purchase any new items necessary for the lighting equipment.

4142 Landbeach Road Cemetery. The Clerk read a letter of thanks to the
(4107) Council for the financial support provided to the Parochial Church
Council.

4143 Car Parking, Willow Crescent. The situation has not improved and it
(4109) was suggested that the police should be asked to look at the situation
particularly during Friday evenings. M.W. had suggested chains and
posts should be erected around the Waggon & Horses green perimeter to
prevent the area being damaged during winter, but it was felt that this
would not be a practical solution to the problem.

4144 Milton Landfill Site. The County Surveyor had written to the Council
(4110) following a letter received from Mr. Sillery of S.C.D.C. resulting from
the article on this subject which appeared in C.E.N. Since this
matter was discussed during the planning meeting (ref. minute 4127)
the Council instructed to Clerk to write to the County Surveyor to
ask if the officer concerned with the arrangements, Mr. Tassell,
could attend the next Council meeting to discuss the future intentions.

- 4145 Local Transport Survey. The County Surveyor had contacted the Clerk (4111) with posters announcing a proposed meeting on 6th November which would clash with the Parish Council's own meeting. In view of this the Clerk had advised the County Surveyor of the situation and as a result the meeting was re-scheduled for Friday 16th November at 7.30 p.m. in the School. The Chairman and Clerk would be unable to attend.
- 4146 Milton Sign. The Divisional Surveyor had confirmed that a new sign has (4115) been ordered and will be erected as soon as possible after delivery.
- 4147 District Plan Newsletter. It was confirmed that the next issue is likely (4116) to be published at the beginning of next year and the Clerk will be contacted well in advance to discuss the inclusion of an article to be prepared by the Council.
- 4148 G.F.T. reported that a garden area had been prepared by Mr. Howard of 46 High Street outside his property on C.C. land, and it was queried whether permission had been granted for this action.
3. 4149 Allotments Situation. Mr. Legge of George Comins had confirmed that (4104) the draft tenancy agreement is a standard form and there was no objection to it being signed. The Chairman and Clerk duly signed the form which was witnessed by H.E.
- The specimen tenancy agreement for allotment holders as prepared by the Cambs. Association of Local Councils was adopted with an amendment being made to point 2 so that the rent should be payable in half yearly instalments and following a proposal by H.E. and seconded by G.F.T. payment should be made in advance rather than in arrears as had normally been the practice. The question of rent for the new gardens was then discussed in view of the fact that it may be necessary in the future to provide facilities such as parking, roadways or an additional water supply. The Clerk had raised the matter of finance with Mr. Martindale who confirmed that whilst the allotment account should not make a profit it should be capable of providing finance for all requirements rather than using ratepayers money. It was then agreed that the 10 pole gardens should be let at £5 per year rent and this could be reviewed if and when more gardens were let and the revenue was sufficient.
- The Clerk had raised the question of compensation for the loss of one of the water pumps on the former holding which had now been vacated with Mr. Legge of George Comins, but as yet had received no reply. It was decided to review the pump requirements next year.
4. 4150 Conservation. Letter reference D/072/JRS/DAB dated 27-9-79 received from Planning S.C.D.C. asking if the Parish Council would be willing to provide finance towards the cost of preserving the village environment if further buildings are added to the statutory list. K.P.H. advised the meeting that the letter should not have been sent in the first instance and should be returned. The Clerk was asked to write to Planning querying the apparent misunderstanding.
5. 4151 County Electoral Boundary Review. The County Secretary, Cambs. C.C., submitted details of the draft scheme for the County which would combine the parishes of Milton, Histon and Impington into district wards Milton and Histon.
6. 4152 Bills for Payment. It was proposed by G.F.T., seconded by G.P., and agreed that the following bills be paid.
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| 1. Eastern Electricity - bus shelter lighting - 30/9/79 | £4-16 |
| 2. Milberry Stores - 120 stakes for allotments | £33-12 |
| 3. Cambs. County Council - rent for allotment holdings
due Michaelmas 1979 | £60-00 |
| 4. Norman & Sons (Marketing) Ltd. - litter basket (min.4097) | £66-47 |
| 5. Mrs. J.R. Connor - Secretarial duties 15 hrs @ £1-20-£18-00
posts/telephone for October | 5-90
£23-90 |
| 6. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary for October | £45-37 |
| 7. Tech Science (Publications) Ltd. - photocopying for Oct. | £11-44 |

7. 4153 Extension of Recreation Ground. Following the site meeting it was (4113) proposed by K.P.H. and seconded by R.D. that the area should be left in its present condition to which all the Council were in agreement with the exception of H.E.
8. 4154 Village Sign. The Clerk had contacted the Cambs. Association of Local Councils who had provided details of 3 village sign makers who could be contacted. K.P.H. agreed to look into the design so that the project could be pursued.
9. Any Other Business
- 4155 Road Flooding, Goding Way. G.P. reported that a water main had burst (3809) recently and as a result the road became flooded and the Camb. Water Co. reported that the road drains were blocked. The Clerk was asked to report this to the Divisional Surveyor.
- 4156 Bovis Site. P.K. expressed concern that as soon as the site is vacated by the few remaining caravans then gypsies could move in. Since the land is owned by St. John's College the Clerk was asked to write to Dr. C. Johnson, the Estates Bursar, to enquire if the area will be made secure, and to ask what the long term plans are for usage of the land.
- 4157 On behalf of the V.H.M.C. H.E. requested permission to go onto Tomkins Mead with a ditch cleaning machine to clear out the ditch along the recreation ground boundary. P.K. proposed that the Parish Council should allow this and A.D.J.B. seconded the proposal. But following a vote with 2 in favour and 4 against the permission was not granted. H.E. then felt that the P.C./Torrester Properties border ditch should be cleaned and the Chairman asked for this topic to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 11.22 p.m.

Signed.....*Blunton Field*.....Chairman.....*3rd December 1979*.....Date