

the proposed housing development adjoining the Recreation Ground would allow for toilets and the Committee agreed that if necessary they could be sited partly on the Ground.

CONSERVATION The general need for some natural conservation in Milton was agreed, and the Clerk explained the Parish Council's recent reply to the Planning Dept.'s request designating certain areas of the village as conservation areas. (1928)

The meeting was closed after a useful discussion on a number of topics of mutual interest.

+ + + +

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN MILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, MARCH 7th., 1972, at 6.45 p.m.

Present: Mr. D. Pearson (in the Chair); Mrs. M. Jones & Mrs. B. Waterson; Messrs H. Easy, L. M. Forbes, P. Kiddle, M. J. D. Nurse, R. T. Summerfield, A. W. Wenham & the Clerk.

MINUTES OF JANUARY 4th. These had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1929 - REC. GRD. The R.D.C. had now filled in the hedge gaps with FENCE (GRAVEL PIT) thorn and the Clerk had written to the Secretary BOUNDARY (1907) of the Village Hall Committee asking them to exercise vigilance over the care of the fence and hedge; The R.D.C. Deputy Engineer had also asked the Clerk to keep this point before the public.

1930 - NORTHERN The Clerk reported on the early stages of the Public BY-PASS (1910) Inquiry which he had been attending since February 15th. It promised to be a long Inquiry and it was difficult to estimate exactly when the Milton objection would be reached.

It appeared, from traffic figures produced at the Inquiry, that there would be a very large increase in traffic through Milton, contrary to what the E.R.C.U. Engineer told the Public Meeting in July, 1971, particularly if an interchange were constructed near Bene't Fm.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Clerk continue to attend, it being necessary to obtain all the relevant facts, about which the Council were in the dark, particularly the interchange; and also with a view to putting the Milton case at the appropriate time. The Council's objection included an alternative Northern By-Pass route nearer King's Hedges. It was agreed to press for a Milton By-Pass and to object to any link-up near Bene't Farm as being too close to the traffic hazards of the Milton built-up area; to suggest an interchange on the old camp area which, possibly may serve Histon also.

PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL ROWING COURSE - Mr. Humphries submitted provisional proposals he had received as R.D.C. representative, for a rowing course and 'waterpark' in Chesterton Fen put forward by the Cambs. Rowing Association. The E.R.C.U. had however suggested an alternative route reaching well into Milton Fen and cutting through the Fen road near Baitsbite to avoid clashing with their proposed route of the Northern By-Pass. After discussion it was proposed by Mr. Easy and seconded by Mr. Wenham that of the two schemes this Council favour the Association's and not the E.R.C.U.'s.

1931 ~~ESTABLISHED~~ & The Clerk had had a telephone call just before CHANGING ROOMS leaving for this meeting from the R.D.C. Deputy ROOMS [1928(b)] Engineer who regretted that the embargo on accepting sewage from new developments, by the City Sewage Farm would affect Milton proposals for changing rooms.

Mr. Kiddle submitted provisional plans kindly drawn up by Mr. Poulter for the Parish Council. It was agreed to go ahead and discuss them with the R.D.C. in spite of the embargo.

1932 - SCHOOL CROSSING PETITION (1916) The Clerk had forwarded copies of this as instructed, to the Chief Constable, Clerk to the County Council, and Councillor Dr. Hartley (who is Chairman of the C.C. Road Safety Committee).

The Chief Constable had replied that a footbridge or pelican crossing would not be justified but he would look into the position of the warning lights. He was also sending a road safety Officer to the school to instruct children in the use of the crossing under direction of the patrol. His traffic patrol officers would continue to supervise the speed limit as man-power permitted.

1933 - PROPOSED INCREASE IN SPEED LIMIT (1915) The Clerk had replied to the County Council with this Council's views as instructed. They agreed to pass on to the Dept. of the Environment the request to re-site the limit signs and to also restrict the whole length of road between King's Hedges and Milton. They considered the request for traffic bollards at the Fen road/Land-beach road junction a separate issue and not related to the speed limit; it would be considered separately.

1934 - REVISION OF ELECTRICITY CHARGES (1920) Notification of increased annual charges of 8 pence from 1st. April, 1972, had been received today (March 7th.). The Clerk was authorised to accept and sign the new agreement on behalf of the Council.

1935 - COMPLAINT BY RESIDENTS ADJOINING SHIRLEY LODGE ESTATE (1927) Mr. Summerfield reported that a fence had been erected by the developers (as agreed) between the Estate private path and gardens of Shirley Estate residents. Filling-in of gaps in the hedgerow had also been agreed.

\* \* \* \*

#### PROVISIONAL SUMMARIES OF PARISH ACCOUNTS

1936 - PARISH COUNCIL This account was to March 7th., 1972. A balance of \$522.63 would show as from March 8th. Main expenditure this year had been, \$476.55 - Village Hall, Recreation Ground, Grass Cutting and Wayside seats; \$71.28 - repairs to 'bus shelter seats and roof and lighting; administration, \$314.16.

1937 - PAROCHIAL CHARITIES For y.e. Dec. 31st., 1971. Provisional and unaudited figures had been received by courtesy of the Charity Trustees. Distribution was according to the scheme as usual; ~~the amount~~ £974.97 in the form of coal or grocery vouchers to 56 deserving persons; balance at bank, £14.64.

1938 - COMPULSORY EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE Mr. Martindale had written to say that Parish Council Employees (contrary to his previous advice) are liable under the above scheme and the Clerk was instructed to inquire rates from the present Public Liability Insurers, the Royal Insurance Co.

1939 - PARISH PLANNING CONSULTATIONS The Clerk announced new arrangements offered by the County Planning Dept. The Council received with approbation the news that these now included provision for notification of the Planning Committee's decisions.

1940 - PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY COUNTRYSIDE ACTS, 1949 & 1968. Schedules of Rights of Way in Milton had been received from the County Council which, under the above Acts, had to be put before a Parish Meeting. This would be complied with at the Parish Meeting immediately following. It was noted that no. 3 on the Schedule, the Mare Way (a byway) should be left as a 'green lane' and not metalled; this was in agreement with the Conservation Areas already notified to the County Council recently.

1941 - FOOTPATH Letters had been received from Mr. R. Booth, 30 Fen road, OLD SCHOOL LANE and on behalf of Mr. Morley, 43, Old School Lane (late TO FEN ROAD ( ) Stovin) from Messrs Crossman & Co. asking if they could now extinguish the path running near their properties. The Clerk had replied to both that the only made-up path across Shirley Lodge Estate from Old School Lane to Fen road appeared to be the developers' private one and a public path was yet to be completed.

1942 - PARISH COUNCILS ASSOC. SPRING CONFENCE This was on March, 18th., at Ely when the important topic of the Local Government Re-organisation Bill would be discussed. The main criticism of the Bill was that Councillors would have to represent much larger districts and many more electors which is regarded as far from satisfactory; smaller villages would suffer when grouped with larger ones.

1943 - PLANNING APPLICATIONS The following applications (only recently received) were put before the meeting:

- C372/186 D.S. Clark Esq. - Renewal of caravan siting, Fen rd. Chesterton O.S.P. 264 - No objection
- C372/229/F M.P. Maltby Esq. - Extension, 12 Pryor Clo. - No objection
- C/72/230/F - R. Day Esq. - Extension, 11 Pryor Close - No objection
- C/72/190 - L.E. Burrows Esq. - Erection of bungalow rear of 24, Cambridge rd. Milton. - Objection on grounds of limited development previously given for rear of no. 22.

1944 - BILLS FOR PAYMENT It was proposed by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mr. Nurse that the following be paid:

		£
C.R.D.C.	Grass cutting	17.90
Heffers	1 ream dupl. paper	1.82
D. Haird	Repair 'bus shelter seats	42.22
K.P. Humphries	Cash for R. Buck - Apr., May, June	6.50
do.	Clerk's salary to March 31st. 1972	<u>43.75</u>
	Total	<u>112.19</u>

A NY OTHER BUSINESS

1945 - TIMING OF A MEETING The Clerk asked that, in view of the limited time available for this Council meeting immediately before the Annual Parish Meeting, if in future the corresponding meeting could be held on a different day from the Annual Parish Meeting.

This was agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed at 8. p.m. preparatory to the Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall.

Signed ..... *L. M. Fabian* ..... Vice Chairman  
 Date ..... 5-9-72 .....