

Minutes of Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 7th November 1977 in Milton Primary School at 7.30 p.m.

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), D.J. Cook, Mrs. M.E. Jones, M. Waggett, Mrs. B.C. Waterson, Mr. H.W.H. Easy, G. Patten, P. Kiddle, Councillor K.P. Humphries and the Clerk B.K. Connor.

Apologies for absence had been received from S.B. Poulter.

1. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3405 The minutes of the Planning Committee of 3rd October had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.
2. There were no matters arising.
3. 3406 Conservation Area. - The Council received a letter from the County (3120) Planning Officer advising that following consultation with S.C.D.C. officers a careful assessment of Milton had been carried out. Although there are a number of historic buildings it was felt that the village lacks the concentration of historic character needed for designation. The principal objection would be that the scattered pockets of historic character contain an unacceptably high proportion of modern development and thus the village did not qualify for the distinction of a conservation area. K.P.H. felt that a conservation area had been provisionally agreed in the past and offered to check the situation and report at the next meeting.

4. New Applications

- 3407 S/1486/77 - M.V.H.M.C. - Recreation Ground car park extension - no comments.
 3408 S/1497/77 - D.L. Jones, 30 Coles Road - house alteration - no comments.
 3409 S/1535/77 - B. Beeton, 1 Wilson Way - house extension - no comments.
 3410 S/1543/77 - A. Barker, 72 Coles Road - house extension - no comments.
 3411 S/1582/77 - G. Cave, Chesterton Fen Road - outline permission requested for skateboard track. G.P. felt that we should support the application as it provides additional recreational facilities it will serve to tidy up the area and the site is ideally suited as far as population of children is concerned away from heavy traffic and main roads. It is also in accordance with the designated recreational area.
 3412 S/1583/77 - Cambs. C.C., Farm College, erection of building for pig breeding purposes - approved subject to the provision of a tank for effluent which is not shown on the drawings.

5. Decisions Received

- 3413 S/1200/77 - Benet Garage - erection of pole sign - application withdrawn. (3353)
 3414 S/1234/77 - Cambridge Consultants, Science Park - erection of offices and labs. - approved, subject to suitable landscaping being carried out with the approval of the L.P.A. and also subject to stringent conditions regarding the discharging of surface water particularly from the parking areas.
 3415 S/1254/77 - Trinity College, Science Park - erection of storage building (3355) - approved for temporary period of 5 years to expire December 31st 1982.
 3416 S/1770/77 - E.J. Nicholas, Old School Lane, erection of warden's house - (3186) appeal against refusal dismissed.
 3417 S/0959/77 - ASDA Store, Benet Farm, refused on the following grounds:
 (a) application is contrary to the LPA's current policies on new shopping development,
 (b) area lies within Cambridge green belt,
 (c) application is premature in advance of County Structure Plan,
 (d) traffic generated by the construction of this development would have an adverse effect on safety and the free flow of traffic on the existing traffic route,

- (e) the proposal is premature on highway grounds pending completion of the by-passes.

Signed.....*Blumenthal*.....Chairman.....*5/12/77*.....Date

- 3418 The Chairman then advised the meeting of the recent death of Mr. E.J. Walkling who had served on the Parish Council over the years 1928-1970. As a mark of respect the Parish Council observed one minute's silence. M.E.J. and H.E. attended the funeral as representatives of the Parish Council, and a floral tribute had been sent.

II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3419 The minutes of the Council Meeting of 3rd October had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

- 3420 Mrs. Wilson had contacted the Clerk by telephone confirming that no (3319(c)) objections would be made to infilling of the tree screen, but it was considered to be a possible waste of time and money since future development may take place, for example the ASDA Superstore application for which, although permission had been refused, an appeal has since been lodged. The Council would wait for Mrs. Wilson's written comments.

- 3421 The Clerk had written to the City Council, but no reply had been (3391(e)) received to date. D.J.C. commented that the land in question does in fact belong to the A.W.A. The Clerk would chase for a reply.

- 3422 The Clerk had received a reply from the Resident Engineer, E.R.C.U. (3391(d)) stating that turning areas are not in fact going to be provided. The possibility of moving the end of the stopped highway is being looked into and the Senior Landscaping Architect will be contacting the Council with draft proposals.

- 3423 Christmas Lighting. The Clerk reported that there had been no success (3400) in obtaining a tree through the Forestry Commission, but Mr. R. Stanley of Bouquet of Cambridge has undertaken to provide a suitable tree 20'-25' tall which will cost approximately £15-£20.

The Clerk had also obtained permission from the M.V.H.M.C. to borrow the coloured lights and cables, and although the village stores were unwilling to allow their electricity supply to be used, Mr. John Holder of Queen Anne Lodge had given his agreement for the power supply in his garage to be used.

It was suggested that S.B.P. be asked to organise the supply of a concreted tube as an anchorage for the tree, and a working party would be called by S.B.P. when necessary to instal. P.K. offered to contact Readymix for the supply of concrete. The work should be carried out before the end of November so that the tree could be delivered during the first or second weekend in December.

H.E. suggested that the Council should look into the possibility of providing a permanent tree for ensuing years to avoid an annual expense and P.K. offered to make enquiries accordingly.

- 3424 Proposed Closure of Milton Library. The Chairman had contacted (3396) Councillor Crossman and made him fully aware of the situation and the Council's feelings. Councillor Crossman reported that the topic was discussed last week at a policy committee meeting where following a vote of 8 in favour and 6 against the proposal to make a cut in book expenditure was favoured. Councillor Crossman was unable to attend this meeting because of illness.

The Chairman also reported that Mr. Dwyer had telephoned the day after the last meeting confirming that there had been a mistake in the figure for the running costs of Milton Library which are in fact only £216 p.a. The figure quoted of £635 included, in error, £459 which was attributable to Milton Road Library.

4. 3425 Tennis Hard Court on Recreation Ground. At the Chairman's request (3399) Mr. L. Sandford on behalf of the M.V.H.M.C. joined in the meeting and provided two formal quotations dated 18th October for various options of hard courts.

Quotation 1. En-tout-cas Ltd. (a) grey/green grit £3315 inclusive of posts and fencing,
(b) red macadam £3740 inclusive of posts and fencing - no drainage necessary.

Quotation 2. Doe. (a) grey/green grit £2997 inclusive of posts and fencing,
(b) black macadam £3681 inclusive of posts, fencing and drainage,
(c) red macadam £3846 inclusive of drainage and fencing etc.

In both cases the top soil, which has to be removed, would be stacked adjacent to the court and would have to be removed by M.V.H.M.C. - this was considered to be no problem since the soil could be used for surface repairs elsewhere.

Doe's quotation includes £167 for drainage which is necessary for the grey/green surface but may not be needed for the black macadam. Grey/green needs more maintenance and sweeping for which a special broom costing £20 would be required. The optimum location for a court is south to north inclined to west, but the only available area to satisfy this requirement is behind the rear of the hairdresser's and garage perimeter fence, and the court would then encroach on the football pitch necessitating the movement of the post sockets. The other option is adjacent to the car park, and this would involve movement of the old changing hut 10 feet towards the perimeter fence alongside Middleton's pit.

G.P. proposed acceptance of quotation 1(b) but this was not seconded.

P.K. proposed that the Council maintains its original ceiling allowance of £3560 and the tennis club should find the balance, but it was felt that the limit imposed had only been approximated and could therefore be increased.

M.E.J. proposed that quotation 2(b) from Doe be accepted less the £167 for drainage if this is possible at the time of construction. This was seconded by B.C.W. and carried following a vote of 7 in favour and 1 against, this being Mr. Easy who expressed his objection to the whole project.

Mr. Sandford advised the Council that when the contract is placed a 20% deposit will be required and the Clerk was therefore authorised to prepare the necessary cheque for payment.

G.P. proposed the recommendation that the site which would be decided upon finally by the Management Committee should be at the end of the car park on an East/West location. This was seconded by P.K. and carried with all in favour.

5. 3426 Milton By-pass Butt Lane Crossing. The Clerk reported that following (3397) the last meeting Mr. Pym had written to Mr. Lapham stating that he had been advised by the County Surveyor that a meeting had been agreed

to involving local residents. After a short time lapse without news of this possible meeting the Clerk again contacted the County Surveyor to be informed that no such meeting had been arranged.

The Clerk then contacted Mr. Pym with this information and immediately he telephoned the County Surveyor asking him to contact the RCU to fix a date for a meeting at once. The Chief Engineer of the ERCU HQ at Bedford advised the Clerk by letter on 26th October that a meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 8th November at the Resident Engineer's Office at Milton Road to which a representative from the Parish Council is invited. Representatives from the County Surveyor's Department and the RCU HQ would also attend.

The Clerk had discussed the situation with the Chairman and then contacted Bedford to seek permission for Councillor K.P.H. and also Mr. John Lapham to attend this meeting since the original hope was that the meeting would be a public one. Permission was given for K.P.H. and J.L. to attend and the Clerk had advised Mr. Pym of the situation and thanked him for his efforts on the Council's behalf. The Chairman offered to attend to act as the Council's representative which was agreed and the meeting was asked for comments on an acceptable outcome. G.P. felt that there was absolutely no chance of a bridge ever being approved, and his own feeling was that road widening with a large central refuge would be a possible solution. Mr. Lapham felt however that a bridge is the only acceptable solution and this should be pushed for without relent.

P.K. confirmed that at the recent Impington Governors meeting the matter had been discussed and the Secretary (Mr. Spreadbury) was asked to write to the Parish Council on behalf of the Governors to state that they would fully endorse Milton Parish Council's actions in attempting to procure a safe crossing. One other possible solution suggested was that a crossing attendant should be provided and the ERCU would pay the salary etc., but P.K. felt this was ludicrous in view of the speed which will be attained on the stretch of road.

6. 3427 Silver Jubilee Commemorative Seats. Mr. F. Burling, Secretary of (3308) the S.J.C. had advised the Clerk that the two seats have now been delivered and comments were requested from the Council on their suggestions as to possible locations for siting the seats. It was agreed that one seat would be most useful for the older residents situated in Walkling Way and the second seat could either be situated on the edge of Walkling Way overlooking the recreation ground, or alternatively on the grassed area opposite the baker's shop facing the present A10. It was felt there are sufficient seats on the memorial site.

The Clerk would write confirming these suggestions and P.K. offered to attend the S.J.C.'s meeting on the 10th November to represent the Council at the discussions.

7. 3428 Lease for Recreation Grounds. A final draft lease had been received (3364) from S.C.D.C. and this had been given the approval of the Local Councils Association. It was proposed by P.K., seconded by G.P. that this be accepted and the Clerk would write and confirm.

8. 3429 Bills for Payment. It was proposed by P.K., seconded by G.P. and agreed that the following bills be paid:

1. Eastern Electricity - Bus Shelter Lighting for quarter ending 30/9/77		£3.75
2. Cambs. County Council - Rent for Allotment Holdings due Michaelmas 1977		£60.00
3. Bouquet of Cambridge - funeral spray for Mr. Walkling		£6.40
4. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary for October		£37.50
5. Mrs. J.R. Connor - Secretarial expenses		
16 hrs @ £1.00	£16.00	
posts, telephone for Oct.	3.32	£19.32
6. S-Print - Photocopying minutes October		£2.49

The Clerk reported that all allotment rents due at Michaelmas have been received and £73.65 credited to the current account.

9. Any Other Business

3430 Litter. M.E.J. reported that a considerable amount of litter and rubbish has collected in the front hedge of no.3 Fen Road. The Clerk was asked to check with the shops that the Council's litter bins are being emptied regularly and the situation should also be brought to Mr. Buck's notice.

3431 Drainage. The Chairman raised the question of the progress on the (3258) drainage situation following the site meeting held on 29th March. Since no actions seem to have been taken the Clerk was asked to chase the ERCU for a report on the situation.

3432 Teenager Problems. The Clerk had received a letter from Mrs. Warren of 83 Coles Road complaining of the foul language and bad behaviour from young boys who tend to congregate at the entrance to the Village Hall car park. The Clerk reported that there is a new young policeman in the village, P.C. Cracknell, who had in a short space of time since moving into Milton established a good relationship and understanding with the youngsters. The Clerk was asked to forward a copy of Mrs. Warren's letter to P.C. Cracknell for his attention.

3433 County Structure Plan Draft Written Statement. The consultative document (3381) is now available for circulation to councillors and the next Council meeting would be centred on discussing proposals and formal comments. The Clerk was asked to write to the County Planning Officer regarding the possibility of a public meeting in Milton, since a major part of the industrial and domestic development would be centred on our village.

3434 Complaint from Farm College. The Clerk had received a letter from the Principal Mr. Benfield regarding the sudden influx of rats into the pig folds sited near the boundary with the allotment land. The Clerk had forwarded a copy of this letter to all allotment tenants and advised Mr. Benfield accordingly.

Signed.....*Blunnie*.....Chairman.....*5/12/77*.....Date