

Minutes of the Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday
7th December 1981 at 7.30pm in Milton Primary School.

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), Mrs. B.C. Waterson, A.D.J. Bull, R. Day, H.W.H. Easy, K.P. Humphries, P. Kiddle, G. Patten, S.B. Poulter, Mrs. G.F. Tonks, M. Waggett retiring Clerk B.K. Connor and the Clerk S.J. Daniels and (by invitation) Mrs. Brown, N.J. Crisp and Police Constable Howe.

Apologies received from Councillor J. Brackenbury.

I. COUNCIL BUSINESS

4. 4944 Youth Motorcycle Trials Training Scheme. The Chairman asked for and received the Council's permission to discuss item 4 on the Agenda first. He introduced Mrs. Brown (Chairman of the Community Council), Mr. N.J. Crisp (Secretary of the Community Council) and Police Constable Howe. Mrs. Brown explained that the Community Council would like to use the site bounded by the A1309, the old A10 and the A45 for a Motorcycle Training Scheme. Explaining that during 1980 on average 22 motorcyclists were killed per week and 414 seriously injured per week she stated that the Community Council would like to see adults help young people develop their leisure time and interests constructively:
- i) by harnessing their craze for motor cycles to a scheme whereby they can meet the Police on a friendly and informal basis; and
 - ii) by teaching them to drive their machines skilfully and well.

After questions from members of the Council the following issues were resolved:-

- a) The scheme would consist of two competitive elements. Three-quarters of the 11 acre site would be an obstacle course situated on the concrete area and the remainder of the ground, leading up to the A45, would be for rough riding.
- b) A similar scheme developed in Huntingdon (named Galeforce) had proved successful.
- c) The Trials would take place on two evenings per week and each Sunday morning.
- d) Initial membership to the club would be by invitation only through the Police. It is envisaged that approximately 20 youngsters aged about 13-21 would take part during each session. As soon as finances allow, these numbers will be increased.
- e) The organisers of the Scheme would hope to acquire a portable building for the site.
- f) The Community Council would only proceed with the full support of Milton Parish Council. Their first aim would be to seek to obtain planning permission for use of the site.

B.C.W. expressed concern about the possible noise level on Sunday mornings. It was agreed that an on site meeting with all interested parties would be held on a Sunday morning before Christmas to determine noise levels. P.C. Howe to arrange.

The Parish Council supported the Scheme with slight reservations about the noise.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Brown, Mr. Crisp and P.C. Howe for explaining details of the Scheme. At which point the three left the meeting.

1. 4945 The minutes of the meetings held on 2nd and 5th November 1981 had been circulated prior to the meeting. Line 17 of minute 4924 was amended from 'K.P.H.' to 'P.K.'. Line 3 of minute 4929 was amended from 'will be' to 'was' and minute 4931 was amended from '6' to '7' votes. The minutes were then confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

4946 Milton Plan - Declaration of Interest. The Clerk stated that (4924) he had received a phone call from Mr. Smith of S.C.D.C. explaining that whilst A.D.J.B. and H.W.H.E. had a pecuniary interest in the land proposed for development they could take no part in the discussion on the Milton Plan. P.K. was still concerned at losing 2 votes out of 11 and felt that perhaps the Parish Council had been at fault for claiming dispensation from S.C.D.C. K.P.H. stated that the M.P.C. had no right of appeal but could take advice from the ~~Association of County Councils~~ London Barrister to see if the S.C.D.C. had misdirected itself in relation to the interpretation of the law. It was decided however to take the matter no further. P.K. asked for a copy of Section 95 and 96 of the Local Government Act 1972 to be circulated.

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4947 Allotments. It was reported that Mr. Wagstaff had ploughed (4926) the uncultivated land and the Clerk stated that he would be advertising new vacant plots which would be staked out on this land. The Clerk also reported that the allotments in the middle had been relet. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr. C. Taylor asking him to withdraw within his boundary.

4948 Footbridge - Milton By-Pass. The Clerk reported that he (4927) had received no reply from the County Surveyor although work appeared to be well in hand. The Chairman explained that H.W.H.E. had noticed the gate at the end of Butt Lane had been left open and had therefore asked the Clerk to contact the Surveyor. The Clerk explained that he had phoned The Surveyor's Department but unfortunately the vehicular access to the By-Pass was still not securely locked. The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Surveyor expressing the Council's concern.

4949 Parish Clerk's Expenses. P.K. asked for clarification that (4930) the Clerk's expenses should read "fixed expenses". All agreed.

4950 State of Path in Butt Lane. The Clerk read out his letter (4935) to the Highways Authority. As yet no reply had been received. Action deferred until the next meeting.

4951 Bus Passes. P.K. explained that the senior citizen had been (4936) unable to cash his cheque because of an administrative error by the Bank. He had therefore paid the Bus Pass holder himself and requested reimbursement.

3. 4952 Milton Plan Progress Report. K.P.H. as District Councillor (4931) had prepared a written statement which was circulated prior to the meeting. He then presented a verbal statement in support of this. He stressed the following points:-

- i) M.P.C. had contradicted earlier minutes by proposing a corridor of undeveloped land along the perimeter of the A10 By-Pass. In order therefore to present a credible appearance M.P.C. had no alternative but to rescind one of these minutes.

- ii) M.P.C. had thrown its own housing policy into confusion by making the late U-turn, not having previously withdrawn its former housing policy statements.
- iii) M.P.C. by making their proposals of 5th November 1981 was opposing the wishes of the Annual Parish Meeting and therefore there was no alternative to removing Area 3 (north of Butt Lane) to satisfy the wishes of the Parish Meeting.
- iv) M.P.C. had three choices:-
 - a) to leave matters as they were with the two contradictory statements;
 - b) to stay with the recent decision thus opting out of the Parish view;
 - c) to remain with the earlier decision thus supporting the S.C.D.C. on Area 3.

The Chairman with full support of the remainder of the Council replied that:-

- i) K.P.H.'s report was wholly misleading since M.P.C. at the time of August 1980 were discussing total areas of land, not just Area 3, and that K.P.H. had therefore taken statements out of context when referring back to earlier minutes, since the proposals were only leading up to the Plan not the Plan itself.
- ii) The resolution at the Annual Parish Meeting which stated that 46 acres of land were to be removed from housing development aimed for a reduction in numbers and did not specify the areas of housing development, for deletion.
- iii) By November 1981 M.P.C. had new facts before it, necessitating fresh discussion and therefore did not make a U-turn. It was now the first time that M.P.C. had been asked to put down precise areas on the map and not general areas; it was not the case that M.P.C. had rescinded its earlier policy.
- iv) It was felt that the District Councillor had not put forward the Parish Council's views strongly enough and in the correct manner at the S.C.D.C. Planning Committee meeting of November 12th.

It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk be asked to write to J. Wilson the Planning Officer explaining that there was absolute disagreement on the interpretation of the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting between K.P.H. on the one hand and the Parish Council on the other. An invitation would be extended to Mr. Wilson either to reply in writing or to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

- 5. 4953 Damage to village seat. G.P. reported that the Police could do no more to trace the culprit since the vehicle registration number was not known. The Clerk stated that he was awaiting a claim form from the Insurance Company and that repairs were in hand.
- 6. 4954 Rate Precept for 1982/1983. The Clerk reported that approximately £4000 had been spent since March 1981 and that no items of major expenditure were foreseen. It was proposed by P.K. seconded by G.P. and agreed that a figure of £3000 should be precepted.
- 7. 4955 Christmas Tree/Carol Service. The arrangements as agreed (4874) in minute 4874 were put in hand - working party to meet on the green at 9.30am Saturday December 12th. S.B.P. confirmed

that he had bought more lights. The Clerk was asked to write and thank Mrs. Hubbard and the schoolchildren for preparing posters.

8. 4956 Applications for Licences. An application for an off licence at the Crane Industrial Estate by T. & A. Jones and an application for the transfer of the licence of the Jolly Brewers from R. Woodgate to J.D. Sanderson were duly received and noted.

9. 4957 Bills for Payment. It was proposed by G.T. , seconded by M.W. and agreed that the following bills be paid.

1.	S-Print - letterheads	£28.53	
	stationery	£8.32	
	photocopying	£3.50	
	copying agenda, minutes	£16.58	£56.93 -
2.	S. Symonds - Repairs to:		
	litter bin	£16.40	
	seat	£39.32	£55.72 -
3.	<u>Bus Passes</u>		
	Miss M. Course - 20 Walkling Way		£4.20 -
	Mr. M.F. Baldry - 14 Walkling Way		£4.20 -
	Mrs. J. King - 2 Willow Crescent		£4.20 -
	Mrs. O. Parker - 22 Walkling Way		£4.20 -
	Mrs. V. Price - 46 Coles Road		£4.20 -
	Mrs. N. Halls - 17 Fen Road		£4.20 -
4.	Mr. B.K. Connor - retiring clerk's salary for November		£58.33 -
5.	Mr. S.J. Daniels - clerk's salary for November (including secretarial expenses)	£75.00	
	- postage and telephone	£8.14	£83.14 -
6.	Mr. S.B. Poulter - purchase of new bulbs and lamp string for Christmas tree (settlement of City Electrical Factors - invoice C1860)		£38.12 -
7.	Mr. P. Kiddle - repayment for 'cashing' bus pass cheque for Mr. E.B. Waterson no. 905478		£4.20 -

10. 4958 Dates for Future Meetings. These were agreed as follows:
January 4th, February 1st, March 1st, April 5th, May 10th,
June 7th, July 5th.

11. Any Other Business

4959 Eastern Gas Piping. R.D. reported that the Eastern Gas workmen had left the area outside Boulton and Paul in an untidy state. It was felt best to wait until the work has been completed.

4960 Clearways. The Clerk read out a letter from the Department of Transportation which proposes designating the A10 Milton By-Pass and the A45 Northern By-Pass as clearways. There were no objections.

4961 Trees. M.W. asked permission to buy a reasonably sized horse chestnut tree to be planted on the small green north of Mr. Hubbard's house in Knights Way and opposite North Lodge. This was approved subject to M.W. and H.W.H.E. confirming, after an inspection of the site, that the tree would cause no obstruction.

- 4962 Retirement of Clerk. The Chairman thanked B.K. Connor on behalf of the whole Council for his invaluable help and the support that he had given over the past 5 years and wished him well for the future. B.K.C. thanked the Chairman for his kind comments.

Signed ... B.C. Watson (Mrs.) ... Chairman ... 4th Jan. 1982 ... Date

II. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 4963 The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 1981 had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

- 4964 Boulton and Paul Premises. The Clerk stated that he had (4938) received no communication on this matter. It was agreed to defer it until January 4th meeting.

- 4965 Gas Main Reinforcement. The Clerk read out a letter from (4940) Eastern Gas stating that a leylandii conifer screen would be provided at the first suitable time weatherwise.

- 4966 Milton Pits - Proposed Country Park. The Clerk read out a (4941) letter from the Chief Estates Officer confirming that he is happy to proceed with the planning application for Plan C.

3. New Applications

- (a) 4967 S/1699/81 - Milton Laundry - erection of garage - no comments
 (b) 4968 S/1716/81 - Mr. C. Silverman - replacement storage building, Fen Road, Chesterton - no comments
 (c) 4969 S/1753/81 - Hunting Gate Developments Ltd - proposed industrial units on land adjoining Cambridge Road A10 and Northern By-Pass - The Council decided to object since the area is destined for green belt - premature in advance of the District Plan and Country Park access road would be in close proximity making a dangerous junction - it would also prejudice the required footbridge over the A45
 (d) 4970 S/1773/81 - Mr. C. Boak - demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement, Fen Road, Chesterton - no comments
 (e) 4971 S/1796/81 - Anglia Business Computers - use of offices, Winship Industrial Estate - no comments
 (f) 4972 S/1810/81 - Mr. F.P. Butcher - 3 Pryor Close - erection of new porch - no comments

4. Minor amendments to applications

- (a) 4973 S/0660/81 - Eastern Electricity - (i) increased floor area (4746) within store (ii) covered annexe reduced in size
 (b) 4974 S/0774/81 - Trinity College - Science Park - landscaping (4748) details, changes to elevations and external materials.

5. Decisions Received

- (a) 4975 Lambert Constructions Ltd - erection of dwelling Butt Lane (4916) - approved subject to certain conditions.
 (b) 4976 Mr. J. Westwood - extension at 9 Landbeach Road (4917) - approved
 (c) 4977 All Saints Church - extension to Church refused on the (4918) grounds that the general design and elevations of the hall is considered unsympathetic to the Church building.

6. 4978 Library. R.D. asked about the position of the Library.
(4859) S.B.P. agreed to pursue the matter.

4979 Concrete Crusher - Industrial Site. M.W. reported extra
(4807) work appeared to be taking place on the above site. The
Clerk was asked to contact Mr. Sillery about it.

The meeting was closed at 10.31pm.

Signed ... B.C. Waterson (Pns) Chairman ... 4th Jan 1982 ... Date