

**Minutes of the Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 7 December 1998 at 7pm in the Community Centre**

Present: RLE Waters (chair) RJ Farrington (vice chair) JE Coston DJ Lee  
CF Nunn PK Oldham J Sandford HM Smith SJ Snaith RT Summerfield  
LC Twinn and the clerk SJ Daniels.

**1. Apologies for absence** R Day IF May J Shaw EY Wakeling

550/98  
(508/98)

**2. MCC Financial Arrangements**

DT Wildman (treasurer MCC) and IL Davis (chairman) attended to give a presentation of their plans and financial requirements.

In 1998/99 MCC had broken even. With no grant from MPC the general fund would drop from £34800 in March 1999 to £13700 by March 2000.

General expenses were running at about £34000 per year. EU legislation regarding part time staff plus recreation grounds maintenance would result in extra costs for MCC.

DTW would bid for a £21000 grant for 1999/2000.

ILD gave a resume of tasks facing MCC Committee and invited representatives of MPC to address a meeting of the MCC.

Thanks to ILD and DTW for an excellent presentation.

From the chair RLEW proposed that

**MPC rescind minute 508/98 as proposed at the Finance Committee meeting of 19 October (min 493/98) and that MPC do not deduct the bills of £923.02 relating to the barrier at The Sycamores Recreation Ground from the grant to MCC (as this work was carried out without consultation).**

Seconded HMS.

PKO said that while he understood why this resolution was being proposed he was unhappy that Council were going to rescind minute 508/98 having been given no notice that of intention on the agenda. He felt that a decision should be deferred till January so that proper notice could be given.

The motion was then carried 7 votes in favour  
4 abstentions.

The financial agreement including alterations proposed by MCC to be discussed at January meeting.

551/98

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 2 November 1998 had been circulated. The accuracy of minute 512/98 was debated. PKO proposed and HMS seconded that

**the minute be amended to read " A request to buy and restore the seat....."**

Carried 5 votes in favour 4 against and 2 abstentions.

The minutes were then confirmed and signed as a true record.

**3. Matters Arising**

552/98

(443/98)

Draft Regional Planning Guidance

Public Examination to take place in February 1999. MPC's submission would be taken into account.

Noted that CALC had been invited to make verbal submissions on two of the items.

553/98

(503/98)

Parking on Verge

Response from Ed Thornton. Verge appeared to be public highway verge. It could not therefore be claimed by an individual in his/her ownership.

554/98

(504/98)

Emergency Plan

A meeting with the Emergency Planning Officer had taken place. Further discussions with Tony Leadley needed. Report to be circulated in due course.

555/98

(505/98)

AWA Sewer

D Ward has reached agreement with AWA for compensation of £4426.65 + interest due to MPC. (Note that D Ward's fees and £484 already received would be taken out of this figure)

MPC had previously agreed to arrange replanting trees - letter 3 February 1998.

RJF proposed JS seconded that

**Herald Contract Services be asked to plant replacement whips** 05:45 PM

Carried 9 votes in favour

2 abstentions.

MCC to be advised.

556/98

(511/98)

TPO 1 Bene't Close

The resident was happy for a TPO to be put on the hornbeam.

Clerk to action.

557/98

(533/98)

Daffodils

JEC thanked the volunteers for planting daffodils.

558/98

(536/98)

Northern Fringe

Minutes of the Villages Action Group meeting held on 20 October were received.

559/98 Central Refuges  
(537/98) Letter dated 11 November circulated. County Council were now fully aware of MPC's concerns. Any defects to be reported through clerk or direct to J Pinder at Shire Hall.

### **5. Planning**

560/98 Minutes of Planning Committee meeting of 23 November were received.

#### Decisions received:

561/98 Mrs Gaskin Lomas Farm Chesterton Fen - appeal against an  
(394/98) enforcement notice to remove caravans for residential purposes together with associated levelling, laying of hardcore and drainage works - **refused**.

562/98 Bioscience Innovation Centre - signboards **approved**.

(522/98)

563/98 Mr & Mrs Maltby 27 Bene't Close - extension **refused**.  
(523/98) Overbearing and oppressive when viewed from 28A Cambridge Road. Unacceptable loss of privacy to 28A Cambridge Road.

564/98 Mr & Mrs Hill 28 Bene't Close - extension **refused**.

(524/98)

Overbearing and oppressive when viewed from 28A Cambridge Road

565/98 Mr Smith 111 The Sycamores - conservatory **approved**.

(527/98)

566/98 Mr & Mrs Coston 67 Coles Road - replacement conservatory &  
(528/98) workshop **approved**.

#### New applications:

567/98 S/1933/98 Christian Blind Mission Park House Winship Road - change  
of use to B1 office/light industrial. **No comments.**

568/98 S/1943/98 D Edwards 12 Fen Road - rear extension. **No comments.**

569/98 S/1950/98 K Stopher plot adjacent Silver Acre High Street - erection  
of dwelling and garage. **No comments.**

570/98 C/11/40/72 J Holder Queen Anne Lodge - to fell sycamore tree. **No  
objections - would support Trees Officer's views.**

### **6. Farm College Proposals**

RLEW, RTS, JEC and the clerk attended a presentation given by the principal of the College of West Anglia together with other representatives on their proposals for development which were to:

sell some land for housing  
remove temporary buildings and build a teaching block plus increased car parking

move large livestock and associated buildings to field on eastern side of the old A10 plus erection of a stockman's bungalow.

Possible benefits to the village:

community access to new library / I.T. Centre  
affordable non executive housing (RTS - ref SCDC survey)  
traffic calming at entrance to village - north of 30MPH signs.

Noted that the college was buying the land off Fen Road for agricultural purposes ( item 12 below).

JEC had already spoken to head of libraries about the proposals.

(460/98) In view of the above it was agreed to put "on hold" the stopping up of Landbeach Road. Noted that MPC would be expected to meet costs of advertising stopping up - approximately £700 - £1000 plus costs of having a path laid.

572/98 **7. Land by War Memorial**  
A request to acquire part of this land by a resident was received. Agreed to confirm Council would not be allowed to pass on "open space" land to individuals.

573/98 **8. Community Care**  
Report of the Community Care meeting of 13 October 1998 was received and noted.  
RJF proposed JS seconded and all agreed to pay the Community Care warden 34.9 pence per mile travelling expenses backdated to 1 November 1998.

574/98 **9. Maintenance**  
The maintenance committee report of 16 November was received.  
a) Bins  
HMS proposed RJF seconded and all agreed that Council spend up to £5000 to purchase up to 11 dog "poop-scoop" bins and 16 waste bins from Glasdon to be sited on the recreation grounds and throughout the village, the bulk of the money to come from the interest on the "sheltered housing land" sale and commuted sums.  
[Note: The cost of 5 dog bins and one waste bin would have to be met from the general fund - clerk.]

b) Cemetery Seat  
RTS proposed CFN seconded and all agreed to purchase a seat for the cemetery.  
Maintenance Committee to agree details.

c) Village Sign  
A quotation of £500 + materials for restoring the sign was received. Agreed to ask Mr Waterson for a firm quote.  
RJF would arrange for the sign to be taken down.

**d) Maintenance - Quotations**

HMS proposed CFN seconded and all agreed to accept the following quotations from Herald Contract Services to:  
 remove stakes and ties from trees on bund and cut back trees/shrubs on bund footpath - £367 + VAT  
 prune three sections of old hedge on The Rowans £398 + VAT  
 prepare and plant border adjacent The Rowans open space £220 + VAT.

575/98  
 (470/98)

**10. Cycle Scheme**

RTS and JEC expressed disappointment at the Area Joint Committee that the cycle scheme had been put back to 1999/2000. The scheme had dropped from first to third in precedence. Council was disappointed at slow consultation process. Agreed to invite J Richards to January meeting.

576/98

**11. War Memorial**

JEC proposed PKO seconded and all agreed not to have the memorial cleaned.

The County Council intervention level for relaying slabs was 20mm. RLEW proposed and all agreed to give HMS the discretion to arrange for work to be done if necessary.

577/98

**12. Millennium Woodland/Recreation Land**

Noted that the land off Fen Road had been sold (min 572/98). HMS felt that Council should continue looking for recreation land for two reasons:

1. Possible loss of part of The Sycamores Recreation Ground to road improvements
2. Sports Council requirement.

In addition Council should seek possible sites for a millennium woodland.

In RTS' view the proximity of the Country Park would not preclude Milton from applying for a millennium woodland grant.

The "landfill site" condition concerning restoration of the land would be checked.

578/98

**13. Audit Report**

There were no major accounting issues. The auditors were seeking independent confirmation of Council's balances before issuing an audit certificate. (Lloyds Bank charged £25 and C & G £20 for this service).

579/98  
 (529/98)

**14. Sheltered Housing Update**

Tenders were due to be received by CHS on 18 December. It was hoped that work would start in mid February 1999.

The Steering Group would need to meet in the new year.

580/98

**15. NALC Consultative Document**

CALC were seeking Council's views on a NALC proposal that a "dedicated Larger (and Active) Local Councils' Officer" be appointed to enhance NALC's servicing of larger local councils.

PKO advised that there would be no value in subscribing to an officer who would be serving over 250 councils.

PKO hoped to put recommendations before Council for improving CALC's service.

581/98  
(532/98)**16. Community Transport**

JEC gave a summary of her report. The Milton Charities supported in principle a scheme to provide a minibus for regular shopping trips and occasional outings for the elderly. MPC also supported a scheme in principle.

JEC to present Council with a proposal including how the scheme should be administered.

582/98

**17. Christmas Arrangements**

RJF reported that the lights were due to be put up on 12 December and taken down on 9 January.

RJF proposed JEC seconded and all agreed that in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the 1972 Local Government Act

Council should pay £30 towards putting up the lights.

583/98

**18. Youth Provision**

The report of the Youth Working Party meeting held on 2 December was received and noted.

[Noted that RJF had sent his apologies].

DJL proposed and JS seconded that

Council contribute £290 + cost of venue towards the Girl's Group for another 5 weeks through January and February.

Carried 10 votes in favour and one abstention.

JS reported that the bus was being transferred to Cottenham for the next term. Council expressed disappointment that this decision was made without consultation. The clerk to make Council's strong feelings known to the Bus Project. DJL would raise issue at 'Bus' AGM.

584/98

**19. Millennium Report**

Report of the meeting held on 9 November was received. JEC gave an update. The Green had failed in the first application for funding from the Countryside Commission.

JEC proposed PKO seconded and all agreed that

Council spend no more than £100 to subsidise a party for all village groups and societies to discuss "millennium" events.

585/98

**20. Crime Update**

Figures for November were received and noted.

586/98

**21. Money received and bills for payment**

Proposed DJL seconded RJF and agreed by all that cheques 1405 to 1436 and cheques 38 to 42 current a/c no'2' be authorised for payment.

(See attached)

Noted with thanks that Milton Charities had donated £600 towards the purchase of Memorial Green.

587/98

**22. County Councillor's report**

The County Councillor reported on the following:

new bus timetable

mud on Fen Road

plans for Research park on A10 - 3000 car parking spaces to be provided

detrunking of the A10

developing of Dickerson's site A10 - meeting with Parish Councils to be arranged

Waterbeach Barracks proposals - public meeting to be held in January - Milton PC to be invited

Rowing lake - no new development - Rowing Trust were close to an agreement with the County Archaeologist - were still fund raising

Cycle bridge - Planning Committee (Milton PC) had noticed application by Bridehall Developments (min 544/98) would cause problems for the bridge. The Feasibility Study had been sent back to look at the 'bus' option.

588/98

**23. District Councillor's report**

The Housing Needs Survey - 38% of the village had responded - there was strong support for housing to meet local needs.

589/98

**24. Correspondence**

CALC Bulletins and associated literature

A14 commercial vehicles survey

(382/98) Highways Agency - unauthorised access into field by A14 and tree planting on northern side of slip road

Friends of the Unit for the Elderly Addenbrooke's

Sainsbury's application - decision

SCDC - Citizen's Charter & Milton Housing Needs Survey.

The meeting ended at 10.10pm

Signed.....*L.H. Waters*.....Chairman.....*4.1.99*.....Date

## Bills / Money Received Nov - Dec

03/11/98 Through 07/12/98 (in Pounds)

Date	Acct	Num	Description	Memo	Amount
09/11/98	Current		Cemetery	Interment D7	100.00
10/11/98	Premier		Interest		129.17
05/11/98	Current	1405	Herald Contract Services	Final payment	-100.00
16/11/98	Current No '2'	38	Herald Contract Services	Final payment	-140.00
23/11/98	Current	1407	Dudley	Photocopying September	-23.90
01/12/98	Current No '2'		Bank Charges	Audit Details	-29.37
02/12/98	Current		Milton Charities	Land by War Memorial	600.00
07/12/98	Current	1410	Club 24 Ltd	Stationery/Copier Paper	-35.76
07/12/98	Current	1411	ESPO	Clips for bins	-5.64
07/12/98	Current	1412	A Ellwood	C Care December	-439.70
07/12/98	Current	1413	A Ellwood	C Care Expenses	-30.25
07/12/98	Current	1414	RCT Adams	Village Cleaning November	-87.16
07/12/98	Current	1415	SJ Daniels	Clerk November	-263.99
07/12/98	Current	1416	J Daniels	Secretarial November	-149.70
07/12/98	Current	1417	J Scott	Bus Pass 28/10/99	-5.50
07/12/98	Current	1418	CM Millard	Bus Pass Oct 99	-5.50
07/12/98	Current	1419	El Felton	Bus Pass 27/10/99	-5.50
07/12/98	Current	1420	B Atkin	Bus Pass 27/10/99	-5.50
07/12/98	Current	1421	J Fordham	Bus Pass 30/10/99	-5.50
07/12/98	Current	1422	M Daniels	Bus Pass 6/11/99	-5.50
07/12/98	Current	1423	JA Hull	Bus Pass 5/11/99	-5.50
07/12/98	Current	1424	C Moule	Bus Pass 10/11/99	-5.50
07/12/98	Current	1425	Mrs Meikus	Bus Pass 10/11/99	-5.50
07/12/98	Current	1426	MR Bant	Bus Pass 30/7/99	-5.50
07/12/98	Current	1427	HK Wright	Bus Pass 20/11/99	-5.50
07/12/98	Current	1428	HM Smith	Pruning Saw	-16.99
07/12/98	Current	1429	S Lewis	Bus Pass 1/12/99	-5.50
07/12/98	Current	1430	C & G (Channel Islands)	Audit Details	-20.00
07/12/98	Current	1431	ESPO	Storage/Copy Paper	-40.83
07/12/98	Current	1432	Club 24 Ltd	Fax Rolls	-8.51
07/12/98	Current	1433	Herald Contract Services	Re-seeding	-47.00
07/12/98	Current	1434	Dudley	Photocopying October Invoice	-33.29
07/12/98	Current	1435	MCC	Balnace Grant 2nd Quarter	-923.02
07/12/98	Current	1436	P Whiterod	Bus Shelter/map - repairs	-453.00
07/12/98	Current	1437	D Collins	Christmas Lights 582/98	-30.00
07/12/98	Current	1408	Taylor Vinters	War Memorial site	-667.93
07/12/98	Current	1406	Herald Contract Services	Weed Spray Play Area	-70.50
07/12/98	Current	1409	GJ Sheldrick	Retention car park lights	-94.74
07/12/98	Current No '2'	40	Cambridge City Services	New Seat Froment Way	-560.48
07/12/98	Current No '2'	41	SJ Snaith	Trees/Shrubs	-22.07
07/12/98	Current No '2'	42	SJ Snaith	Tree ties/travelling	-12.76
07/12/98	Current No '2'	39	Herald Contract Services	Staking trees	-56.40

TOTAL 03/11/98 - 07/12/98

**-3,599.82**

TOTAL INFLOWS

829.17

TOTAL OUTFLOWS

-4,428.99

**NET TOTAL****-3,599.82**