

- 4037 Increase in Parish Council Members. K.P.H. reminded the Council that the total number of members could be 11. The Clerk was therefore asked to enquire as to when and how it was possible to increase the number if agreed.
- 4038 Dates for Next Meetings. It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue to meet on the first Monday in each month with the exception of August, and the date for the next meeting would be 3rd September.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 11.17 p.m.

Signed.....*R. Summerfield*.....Chairman.....*3rd September 1979*.....Date

Minutes of Special Meeting held to discuss the Milton District Plan with the Joint Planning Team in Milton Primary School at 8 p.m. on Monday 9th July.

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), P. Kiddle, K.P. Humphries, H.W.H. Easy, R. Day, Mrs. B.C. Waterson and the Clerk's Assistant Mrs. J.R. Connor
Mr. D. Turner, Mr. R. Meek, Mr. M. Monk of the Joint Planning Team.

Apologies were received from Mrs. G.F. Tonks.

The Chairman outlined the reasons for the meeting and introduced the members of the Planning Team and then asked Mr. Turner to address the Parish Council.

- 4039 Mr. David Turner said that he was grateful for the opportunity to talk to the Parish Council on an informal basis. The M.D.P. would be a lengthy exercise which would take 18 months to 2 years to complete. A Joint Team of 5 members was set up - 2 from the City Council, 2 from S.C.D.C. and 1 from the County Council. First job of the Team was to prepare a working brief. This brief would follow the terms of reference as stated in the Structure Plan but would be very flexible. The Local Plan area cuts across two local council boundaries which does make things more difficult. The Structure Plan says that work should begin in the middle 1980's. Mr. Turner then went on to discuss the Brief which has been prepared and which will be circulated to all members of the Council later.

The Team are also intending to produce a Newsletter to inform people of what is going on, and hope to produce information at all key stages within the preparation of the Plan and distribute this throughout the Plan Area. They hope to produce something interesting giving basic information about the actual population levels, size of households and facts about the area as it stands.

Mr. Monk stressed that the Structure Plan is not approved. The Examination in Public is to be held at the end of September and there was still a long way to go before approval is reached. Approval was not expected until the end of 1980 and the Local Plan would be needed soon afterwards. After the result of the Examination in Public they will have some idea of what will happen and if any problems arise in carrying on with the Local Plan it will be known fairly quickly.

R.T.S. asked if sufficient land could not be found can the Plan be changed. D.T. assured the Council that if the land was unavailable then the Plan would be changed. The Structure Plan proposals are 12-18 months old and obviously things can change. Cost involved may be a major factor which the Structure Plan could not have anticipated.

P.K. asked if the Team could answer any specific questions i.e. could they say what the division between private and council dwellings would be. D.T. felt that they must strive for a mix but could not say what mix. Mr. Meek said that Milton was an important area of growth and there would be a proportion of Council housing. It was impossible to put a percentage figure on it. There was a commitment to provide housing for rent.

D.T. Would like to see smaller parcels of land developed. P.K. felt that not enough thought has gone into where people are going to find employment. Had the Team employed business consultants to look into the problem? D.T. said they had not considered doing so, and was not sure that even if they did they would produce the information required as certain factors cannot be gauged. P.K. expressed concern that Milton should not become another Haverhill.

R.D. asked what type of industry was envisaged. D.T. thought that small scale semi and unskilled types would be encouraged. Up to now there had been a strict policy on the sort of industry allowed into the area, and thought the Structure Plan would change this drastically by trying to relax these restrictions.

The question of the green belt was raised by R.D. Mr. Meek's own opinion was that the area between the City and by-pass will be developed in one form or another. D.T. felt it would depend on the interpretation of 'green belt'. He felt there should be more advice available on this since there had been no official statement since 1955.

R.D. felt that development on the scale envisaged would destroy Milton as a village. The Team agreed there would be change but that the village was capable of remaining a village. They hoped to accommodate the extra population in the best possible way.

B.C.W. asked about residential development in the area north of Cam Causeway. D.T. said that some of the land was suitable for development, but whether some of the 3,000 will be located there he could not answer at the moment. The City Council is looking at it as a high priority site over the next 5 years. Mr. Meek said that the Milton area is not finally defined. The Structure Plan is sufficiently flexible to be reviewed.

R.T.S. raised the question of secondary education. D.T. stated that there was not going to be sufficient population catchment to provide a new secondary school. Therefore children from the new development will have to be spread around, depending on places. A new primary school will have to be provided. B.C.W. asked if it would be possible that one could be a junior school and one an infant school. The Team agreed that this was an excellent idea and would do all they could to see that this was put through.

P.K. told the team that the Council was proud of the village and would fight to keep it and therefore asked that they be kept informed of all moves that are taken. The Team would endeavour to do this and suggested that the Council could use space in the newsletter if they would like.

The Team will be making a tour of the entire Study Area on Friday 13th July so that members of the Steering Group will know what the area is like. K.P.H. is the local representative on the Steering Group, but the Joint Team felt that it would be better for the Parish Council to have contact with them rather than the Steering Committee.

The Chairman thanked the Team for coming along, and looked forward to having more meetings with them.

The meeting was closed at 10.15 p.m.

4040 Allotments Situation. The Clerk had contacted Mr. Legge about the tenancy agreement. He confirmed that a 1 year tenancy is normal and that there is no chance of change. He agrees with the 'personal' aspect of signatory section, but suggests that "for and on behalf of" should be added and then signed by the Chairman and Clerk. R.T.S. was not satisfied with this and asked members for their views. After discussion it was felt that Mr. Martindale should be contacted to check whether the one year tenancy agreement should be accepted. If he does agree then the Council will have no option but to sign. H.W.H.E. felt that a one year tenancy was unfair to tenants. It was agreed that the agreement should be retyped before signature with the amendments made by the Chairman.

Signed [Signature] Chairman 3rd September 1979 Date