

**Minutes of a Joint Meeting between Milton Parish Council and Milton Community Centre and Recreation Grounds Management Committee held in the Community Centre on Wednesday 11 February 1998 at 8.00pm.**

**Present:** RLE Waters (Chairman MPC in chair) IL Davis (Chairman MCC)  
 C Almond (representing cricket) F Chilton JE Coston John Coston  
 MG Daniels G Davies R Day RJ Farrington JFC Fisher  
 C Hallworth E Hallworth R Martin PK Oldham J Shaw G Sheen  
 LC Twinn RT Summerfield D Teeboon DT Wildman. and SJ Daniels.

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1. **Apologies for absence:** R Barham M Davis IF May Netball Club  
 CF Nunn J Sandford HM Smith EY Wakeling.
  2. **Minutes** of the meeting of 12 March 1997 having been circulated were confirmed and signed.
  3. **Matters Arising**  
Dog Fouling New Bye-laws not yet in existence.  
Sewer Negotiations for compensation with AWA were taking place.  
Watering System - Bowls Green The new system was working well.  
Bar Agreement A new Agreement was being negotiated for the coming financial year. ILD was going to write to the present bar staff about money outstanding.  
Colts Football GD was delighted to report that everything he had hoped for had occurred. He thanked the committee for their support.
  4. **Sheltered Housing** The (125 year) Lease was almost ready for signing. The public would have rights of access on the new road by foot or cycle. A gate would be erected at the entrance to the recreation ground if necessary. CHS and MPC would share equally the responsibility for the maintenance of the path between the tennis courts and the scheme. The land had been valued at £140,000 by the District Valuer. As MPC would not be able to spend this money for a year it would be invested. Constructive and positive ideas for spending this money would be sought. It was expected that the first residents would move in during 1999.
  5. **MCC**  
Constitution The solicitor had sent all the necessary information off to the Charity Commissioners and was waiting for their approval. MPC would voluntarily convey to MCC all the buildings and land on the two recreation grounds except the scout building (owned by the scouts) and the garage (already owned by MCC).  
Grant Would remain at £15,000 for 1998/99 but would have to be reviewed in light of the changes described above.  
Photocopy Room There was no problem with MPC making use of the photocopy room.

6. **MCC Staffing** Tony Byerley the new manager was taking time to settle in because living out of the village he would need to get to know all the local users. Two cleaner caretakers were employed. As one was off sick additional people were helping to open and close. ILD was looking to have a rota of people willing to help at weekends. It was felt that MCC should employ the staff and not MPC - to be discussed at MPC March meeting.  
DTW estimated salary costs for twelve months of £21,000 plus £1,700 NIER. The current financial year salary costs would amount to approximately £18,000. This figure includes costs for decorating and maintenance work done by the staff.
7. **Repairs and Maintenance**  
**Buildings** The Security Corporation of Colchester were due to take on the work of re-doing the roof. There were still some outstanding items to be done at The Sycamores pavilion. DT reported that the drains had now been repaired.  
**Play Areas** ILD proposed that at the time of the voluntary conveyance that MCC become responsible for play areas on the recreation grounds and that MPC be responsible for all other play areas in the village; also that two members of MCC be elected/co-opted on to a joint Play Committee.  
It was also proposed that MCC should be responsible for the grass cutting and maintenance of the recreation grounds although the contractor would charge his costs to MPC. Money spent on play areas and grass cutting would be offset against the (increased) grant. It was suggested also that members of MCC be co-opted on to the Joint Maintenance Committee.
8. **Cricket Club - Colts Development** The Cricket Club were trying to improve facilities for the youngsters of the village. They had raised £20,000 and had asked MCC for an interest free loan for the shortfall of £3000. Work on three all weather nets and one all weather pitch would start in March. The works would be completed ready for the beginning of the season.  
The question of ownership insurance and public liability was discussed.
9. **Roller/Hockey Court** ILD had discussed with Jane Thompson Sports Development Officer SCDC and proposed the following course of action:-  
**Roller Blading** The youngsters to be directed to the organised weekly club at IVC.  
**Roller Hockey** The youngsters to be directed to the weekly sessions held at CRC.  
**Basketball** Free basketball goals were still on offer. A tarmac area could be laid for approximately £6,000 at The Sycamores recreation ground.

10. **Millennium Project** JEC was looking for ideas. There were now six members on the committee. MPC had precepted for £6,000 and would probably precept for another £3,000 in 1999.

The meeting ended at 9.35pm.

Signed ..... *S. h. Waters* ..... Chairman ..... *14. 6. 99* ..... Date