

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 12 March 1997 at 7.30pm.

Present: RLE Waters (Chairman MPC in chair) IL Davis (Chairman MCC)
 HA Capitain I Chilton JE Coston John Coston MG Daniels M Davis
 G Davies (by invitation) C Day R Day RJ Farrington C Hallworth
 E Hallworth R Martin IF May L Sandford J Sandford G Sheen
 RT Summerfield (part) D Teeboon DT Wildman.
 Jo Sollars and SJ Daniels.

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RLE Waters presented K Green with a gift to mark his retirement as caretaker/cleaner of the Community Centre in recognition of over 25 years service by Ken and Joy to the Village Hall and Community Centre.

1. **Apologies for absence:** C Johnston, CF Nunn and M Sandford.
2. **Minutes** of the meeting of 27 September 1995 having been circulated were confirmed and signed.
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 DTW circulated summaries of accounts comparing 1996 with the present day.
 At 31.3.97 there would be approximately £34000 in hand and £17000 in the hardcourts fund.
 JEC thanked DTW for his "graphic" presentation.
4. **MCC Constitution**
 MPC and MCC were both working to bring the constitution up to date with current legislation and to provide the residents of Milton facilities for both leisure and sport.
 To comply with the request of the Charity Commissioners MPC must voluntarily convey all the land and buildings to MCC to be run and managed by MCC excluding that land being negotiated for sheltered housing.
 ILD RLEW and DTW had proposed to send the relevant documentation to the Charity Commissioners in order to form a new charity. The new constitution would have to be formally adopted at an AGM then registered.
 Thanks to DTW for filling in the necessary forms.
 Management of play areas within the village could be added to the constitution at a later stage.

5. **Sheltered Housing**

A questionnaire drafted by members of MPC for distribution with the Village View was circulated. It was hoped that the Cambridge Housing Society and SCDC would attend the Annual Parish Meeting to discuss the issues.

Len S was concerned about the style and contents of the questionnaire. He pointed out that the needs of the future should be catered for and that therefore a Sheltered Housing scheme was a necessity. He asked why a similar exercise was not carried out for the doctors' surgery.

RLEW looked forward to a constructive and meaningful discussion at the APM.

6. **Play Areas**

MCC manage the play areas on the two recreation grounds. Other areas were monitored by MPC's play committee. These areas could possibly be managed by MCC.

It was proposed that signs be fixed to all play areas "If you find faulty equipment please report to the clerk."

7. **Sycamores Recreation Ground and Pavilion**

The football and cricket clubs and ILD John C and DTW had inspected the site.

The quality of the surface of the recreation ground needed improving. A quote from Herald Contract Services had been received. RLEW to follow up.

The pavilion was showing signs of a lack of maintenance and was in need of a professional clean, re-decoration and repairs.

ILD proposed that the next MCC meeting(s) take place at the pavilion.

8. **Dog Fouling**

MPC had asked SCDC to designate all open spaces including recreation grounds under the "Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996."

By the Autumn it will be an offence not to clear up after a dog with a fine of £1000 for not doing so. Residents would need to be vigilant and report offenders to the district's dog warden.

9. **Sewer**

AWA had proposed taking a sewer along the edge of The Sycamores recreation ground.

MPC's Land Agent had negotiated with AWA to alter the route to minimise damage to the recreation ground. Contractors' lorries would access the site via Tesco's service road.

Thanks to the Land Agent (his fees to be met by AWA).

10. **Maintenance of Community Centre**
 Len S had obtained three quotes for a thorough maintenance check of the building.
 The manager was authorised to ask Wilmott & Dixon in conjunction with the steel frame system's agents to proceed with the inspection.
11. **Path to Country Park**
 Quotes had been received for laying a path of similar construction to those in the Country Park from the rear of the Community Centre to the Country Park. Costs would be in the region of £2000.
 It was highly unlikely that the Country Park would help with finance though the Rangers might be able to help with the work to save costs.
12. **Lighting MCC**
 A grant for CCTV had been turned down by the Home Office. MPC were now considering improving the lighting of the car park areas and the outside of the buildings in order to reduce vandalism and to make people using the premises feel safer.
 The lighting would be white and bright enough to allow the use of CCTV.
 A quotation had been accepted. Quotations for the civil engineering work (trenching etc) were being sought.
13. **Bowls Club**
 RLEW as current president of the bowls club declared an interest.
 A water irrigation system had been bought for approximately £3600 to be installed by the club. MPC had granted an interest free loan of £2500 to be repaid within five years.
 The bowls club agreed that permission should have been sought from MCC before proceeding with the installation of the watering system.
 Len S produced a drawing showing the position of the system.
 Noted that the Farm College were helping with maintenance work on the bowls green and cricket square using a machine that would cost in the region of £3000. The Farm College had offered to repair the football goal mouths at no charge. RLEW to liaise with Farm College about fertilising recreation grounds.
 MCC had paid for the plumbing repairs to the bowls pavilion. Repairs to the ceiling and wall were in hand. MCC would cover that expense.
14. **Staffing**
 Ken Green had retired. Interviews were due to be held on Friday 14 March after which an appointment would be made.

15. **Bar Agreement**

The committee had asked the village publicans and private individuals to bid to organise the bars for twelve months from 1 April. The publicans were not interested though two were prepared to hold a licence on behalf of MCC.

Mr Carter had agreed to pay MCC £50 per bar. It was now even more in MCC's interests to encourage use of the Community Centre for functions.

16. **Any Other Business**

Colts Football

G Davies explained that there was need of a pitch for under 10's and 12's and that there was difficulty in finding enough room at the Sycamores Recreation Ground.

He wished to use a pitch to the rear of the Community Centre and the changing facilities in the Community Centre.

A quote for bringing the pitch up to standard had been received. RLEW to pursue.

Basketball Initiative

A basketball goal and post was available from the Basketball Association. A tarmac area 9m x 9m would have to be laid. It was considered a worthwhile project for MCC to pursue. Agreed that quotations be obtained before making a decision.

RLEW concluded the meeting by thanking those in attendance.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm.

Signed *R.H. Waters* Chairman *11-2-98* Date

Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting held on 17 March 1997 at 7pm in the Community Centre.

Present: RLE Waters (chair) RJ Farrington JE Coston R Day IF May J Sandford J Shaw HM Smith RT Summerfield DT Wildman and the clerk SJ Daniels.

Apologies received from: CF Nunn.

129/97 Appointment of Auditor

(113/97) A letter from the Audit Commission setting out the rationale behind the appointment of Robson Rhodes as auditor had been circulated.

RTS expressed disappointment at Council's apparent change of mind. He thoroughly supported the appointment of Robson Rhodes. He proposed that Council confirm the decision of 3 February 1997 minute 80/97 to appoint Robson Rhodes as auditor.

RJF explained that Council members at the meeting of 3 March felt they had not been consulted properly.


DTW seconded the motion and it was carried by 10 votes with one abstention.

RTS offered to give support to the clerk. Jenny Walker of CALC was also available for advice.

The meeting ended at 7.10pm.

Signed R. L. Waters Chairman..... 7.4.97.....Date

Minutes of a Planning Sub Committee Meeting held on Monday 17 March 1997 at 7.15pm in the Community Centre

Present: RJ Farrington (chair) JE Coston R Day IF May J Sandford J Shaw HM Smith RT Summerfield RLE Waters DT Wildman and the clerk SJ Daniels. 

Apologies received from CF Nunn.

1. Matters Arising

130/97 Thames Valley Eggs - Appeal

(94/97) Noted that the appeal was set to continue on 18 March 10.00am.

131/97 Extension 1 Peter Goodin Close

(90/97) Noted that this application had now been withdrawn.

RTS was disappointed that committee had not followed its usual policy of supporting neighbours' objections.