

Minutes of the Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 13th June 1977 in Milton Primary School at 8.05 p.m.

Present: R.T. Summerfield (in the Chair), P. Kiddle, H. Easy, G. Patten, Mrs. M.E. Jones, Mrs. B.C. Waterson, S.B. Poulter, D.J. Cook, Councillor K.P. Humphries (part-time), and the Clerk B.K. Connor.

Apologies received from M. Waggett.

1. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3283 The minutes of the Planning Committee of 2nd May 1977 had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3284 (3277) Conservation Area. In response to the Clerk's letter requesting a map showing the conservation area for Milton, the Planning Officer advised that the C.C. is about to embark upon the preliminary appraisal of Milton, and if this indicates that the designation of a Conservation Area is justified a draft map will be forwarded to the Council for comments.

3285 (3278) Unauthorised Felling of Horsechestnut Tree. Mr. Hellingsworth had written to confirm that he has asked Mr. Hubbard of 2 Knights Way to carry out the Council's request to seal the wounds of the tree and to arrange to plant a replacement in the forthcoming season.

Also as requested plans and schedules relating to Tree Preservation Order coverage within Milton Parish were provided.

3. New Applications

- 3286 S/0716/77) numbers 17 and 19 Coles Road - house extensions. The Council
S/0717/77) object to piecemeal frontal extensions of this nature. The Clerk was asked to write to the Planning Officer to seek advice with regard to building lines since it appears that small porches have been approved, but it would be helpful to know what limits exist.
- 3287 S/0758/77 - D. KITCHING, 16 Cambridge Road - hard standing for private car - no comments.
- 3288 S/0786/77 - A. SYLVESTER, 14 Old School Lane - addition of bedroom and porch - no comments.
- 3289 S/0782/77 - McGLINCHEY, BARRY & CO - outline planning permission for industrial development on land at rear of Cambridge Road Industrial Estate (Stokes land). This application was held back from this stage of the meeting to await later attendance of K.P.H. who then advised the Council that the Planning Committee would be negotiating in conjunction with C.C. and D.C. officers with a view to a compromise on the use of the land for part industrial development and part recreational development. The Council were encouraged by this attempt to review the development by negotiations and raised no objections to the application other than to repeat earlier objections to the illegal activities in the area.

4. Decisions Received

- 3290 (3172) S/0064/77/0 - Pioneer Concrete - erection of batching plant on Winship Estate - outline permission granted subject to the fact that no development shall be commenced until full details of external appearance etc. of buildings, details of materials to be used, provision of satisfactory parking facilities and also substantial landscaping requirements have been submitted for further approval.
- 3291 (3215) S/0398/77/F - D. Freeman, 39 Old School Lane - house extension - approved.

- 3292 S/0341/77/F - Starcote Ltd., 127/31 Cambridge Road - light industrial use.
(3213) - granted subject to conditions regarding no outside storage of materials, strict control of effluent to safeguard against pollution of water courses.
- 3293 S/0353/77/F - D. Clark, Chesterton Fen Road - siting of 2 caravans - refused
(3214) as being against the policy of the Planning Authority which is to resist the sporadic siting of caravans unless considered essential.
- 3294 S/0134/77/F - E.C.A. Bonded Assemblies - erection of storage building -
(3187) granted for a temporary period expiring 30 June 1980 for the benefit of the present applicant only.
- 3295 S/0458/77/F - Old Road Securities - erection of 11 industrial units -
(3240) granted subject to conditions regarding the industrial firms eligible to occupy the premises when built - subject also to the approval of a landscaping scheme within 3 years including tree planting along the southern boundary, accompanied with the retention of existing willow trees on the northern boundary. No external storage to be permitted other than waste retained in bins for removal periodically.
- 3296 S/0494/77/0 - Eastern Electricity, Milton Hall - outline permission for 20
(3241) dwellings - refused on the grounds that the site is outside the development area, the proposal is premature in advance of improvements to the mains drainage system, and also that the development of the site is premature in advance of the Cambridgeshire Structure Plan.
- 3297 S/0508/77/F - Office extension for Cambridge Consultants - approved.
(3245)
- 3298 S/0504/77/F - D. Waterson, 'Haytor', Cambridge Road - house alteration and
(3246) addition - approved.
- 3299 S/0340/77 - Starcote Ltd., 127/31 Cambridge Road - application for
(3212) certificate of established use - withdrawn by agent.
- 3300 S/0534/77 - Trinity College, Cambridge - Science Park - Mr. Sillery
(3244) from the Planning Department had written to clarify the intentions behind this application in that its purpose is to establish a basis for compensation to be paid to the landowners. The Council felt that compensation should not be inflated for land that would never have been used for industrial purposes, and were fully aware of the situation when the original objection to the application was lodged. The Clerk would confirm this in writing to Mr. Sillery.

Signed B. J. Sillery Chairman 18th July 1977 Date

II. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3301 The minutes of the Council Meeting of 2nd May had been circulated and were approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising

- 3302 Election of Planning Sub-Committee. D.J.C. confirmed that he would be
(3254) willing to continue serving as a member of the Planning Sub-Committee for a further year.
- 3303 Parish Council Land. A site meeting was held at 7 p.m. and was attended
(3256) by R.T.S., P.K., K.P.H. and B.K.C., also in attendance Miss Joy Greenall of the Naturalists Trust, and 8 interested residents. The meeting was held to discuss in broad terms proposals by those residents interested in preserving wild life and plant life in the area with the help and advice from Miss Greenall on the method of caretaking. It was felt that the boundary paths should be opened out if possible and certain limited clearing operations within the more overgrown areas where preservation work would be necessary.

After an examination of the area Mr. R. Day undertook to come back to the Council at the September meeting with a map to discuss the proposals and to request the Council's permission to carry out the preservation work by means of an organised team of residents..

3304 Street Lighting in Butt Lane. It was confirmed that all operative lamps (3260) within the village have now been converted to the new photocell method of operation so that the complaint made by Mr. Rose of no.22 should now be satisfied.

3305 Street Lighting in Fen Road. G.P. confirmed that the street lamps are now (3261) controlled by the County Surveyor at Gloucester Court, Shire Hall, and action had been taken following the complaint by Mr. Harvey to empty the lamp covers which were filled with water.

G.P. felt that lamp no.4 in Goding Way which covers the cul-de-sac of 11 houses should be illuminated since the area was very dark and potentially dangerous. The Clerk would make the necessary request in writing.

3306 Repair of Footpath outside Baptist Chapel. The Clerk reported that the (3262) repairs have been carried out and Mrs. Edwards passed on her thanks for the prompt action.

Unfortunately, however, the requested repair work to the potholes at the Coles Road/Fen Road junction have not been carried out, only one hole having been filled.

3307 Danger from Heavy Contractors Traffic in Butt Lane. G.P. reported that (3263) the situation has improved considerably.

3308 Silver Jubilee Committee. The Chairman advised the meeting that the (3269) Parish Council 'Wheel-of-Fortune' had been successful in making a profit of £18.31. M.E.J. reported that there were no fixed plans on allocation of the profit raised by the celebrations. The Chairman had however stated at the Annual Parish Meeting that any surplus from the celebrations would be committed to the Appeal Fund. H.E. felt that the SJC should have the final say since they were responsible for the organisation of the activities. P.K. stated that the matter should be left for consideration at the final meeting of the SJC and that they should be asked to report back to the P.C. with their recommendations for the disposal of the profit. H.E. proposed that a formal letter of request for this action should be sent to the Secretary of the SJC and this was seconded by G.P. and agreed. The Chairman requested that thanks should be extended to the Committee for all their efforts.

The Chairman advised the meeting that the list of senior citizens who were to receive a presentation tray of fruit numbered only 3 as prepared by B.C.W., and in view of this it was decided to purchase the fruit through a local retailer and the presentations were made to Mrs. Page at Cottenham, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Coulson at the Tower Hospital.

M.E.J. reported that a further 20 mugs were purchased by the SJC and given to the residents of Edmund House who were very grateful.

3. 3309 M.V.H.M.C. Accounts. Copies of the annual accounts of the Village Hall (3264) Management Committee for the year 1976/77 had been prepared by the Treasurer Mr. D. Jones and were circulated and received by the Council.

4. 3310 Proposed Tennis Courts on the Recreation Ground. The Hall Management (3265) Committee, following a meeting held on 31 May, had written to the Council requesting full financial support for the provision of 2 tennis hard courts on the recreation ground. The Committee Chairman, Mr. L. Sandford, attended this section of the meeting and provided specimen quotation copies for the Council to consider. The proposed location for the courts would be in the far corner backing on to Bene't Garage.

Mr. Sandford felt very strongly about the fact that the Committee had provided all the amenities by fund raising activities, and that there was a severe danger of overloading those people who have been

willing to carry out this work over recent years. Furthermore, the Hall being a temporary structure, is in ever increasing need of repair, and further efforts will be needed in this direction in the near future. S.B.P. felt that if a tennis club is formed it should provide money somehow as a contribution to the project, but after discussion it was felt that it would not be possible to obtain finance in advance of the courts actually being provided. Mr. Sandford then suggested a compromise of the provision of one court to launch the project.

H.E. then proposed that a club be formed first to prove themselves and then the approach should be made to the Parish Council for finance later - this was seconded by D.J.C.

G.P. proposed that the P.C. should provide the finance out of funds for one court to the value of £3,560 as per quotation and the proposed Tennis Club should be responsible for maintenance - this was seconded by M.E.J.

S.B.P. proposed an amendment to either of these two proposals in that the P.C. should pay £2,500, hopefully a successful grant application to the SCDC might provide approximately £1,000 and then the tennis club should be asked to repay £500 when they are formed as a contribution to the project. Neither of the original proposers however would accept this amendment.

The matter was then put to the vote - firstly H.E.'s proposal, which was rejected following a vote of 6 against with 2 in favour. G.P.'s proposal was then carried following a vote of 4 in favour with 4 against by the Chairman's casting vote to make 5 in favour.

Mr. Sandford undertook to provide 3 competitive quotations for the Council to consider at the next meeting.

5. 3311 Investment of the Council's Balances. The Clerk received details of possible methods of investment of the Council's balances from Mr. Martindale. In view however of the impending expenditure G.P. proposed that no action be taken. This was seconded by B.C.W. and agreed.

6. 3312 Change of Allotment Tenants. The Clerk reported that the following plots have been vacated and re-allocated to residents already on the waiting list (ref. minute 2945c):

<u>Plots vacated</u>	<u>Re-allocation</u>
132A - E. Duller (left village)	132A - C. Fletcher (sharing A. Page)
132B - J. Senior (leaving village)	132B - C. Tabor (sharing K. Atkin)
133B - J. Tonge (working abroad)	133B - E. Belcher

The waiting list now stands as follows:

- 10-3-77 - J. Mason, 28 Shirley Close.
19-3-77 - B. Cullum, 12 Shirley Close.

7. 3313 Notices from the County Surveyor. In view of increasing work loads combined with staff shortages there would be considerable delays involved in dealing with traffic problems and minor improvements to highways.

Parish Councils are therefore asked to decide on the relative importance of any matters and actual dangers that may be involved before they request action.

8. 3314 Bills for Payment. It was proposed by G.P., seconded by S.B.P. and agreed that the following bills be paid:-

1. Cash for R. Buck (cleaning duties 20/3/77-11/6/77)	£13.00
2. Mrs. J.R. Connor a) Flower Spray - Mrs. Townsend's funeral	£5.20

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	b) Secretarial expenses for May - 15 hrs @ £1	£15.00	
	c) Postages, Stationery & Telephone for May	£ 7.22	£27.42
3.	Frank Sharp & Company 450 Silver Jubilee Mugs		£243.00
4.	Cambs. C.C. - Education Department. hiring of School for P.C. meetings (Oct., Nov., Dec. 1976)		£5.25
5.	Scitech Publications photocopying of agenda and minutes		£4.16
6.	Mr. B.K. Connor Salary for May	£37.50	
	Heating, Lighting Rental Allowance April-June	£62.50	£100.00
7.	Treasurer SCDC - 1976/77 Annual lease for Recreation Ground		£1.00
8.	Cambs. C.C. - Education Department Hiring of School for P.C. meetings (Jan., Feb., Mar. 1977)		£7.60
9.	Bouquet of Cambridge - fruit donations to senior citizens		£6.00

9. Any Other Business

3315 Compensation for Loss of Allotments. K.P.H. provided a letter from the Council's Land Agent Mr. Legge which indicated a figure of £407 will be paid as compensation for the loss of allotments and for the future liability in respect of the maintenance of the road-side fence. Approximately 2 acres were taken for the bypass. The Clerk was asked to take over the matter and reply to our agent raising the following queries. 1. How was the £407 calculated? 2. If it is based on a 5-year rental is this due to all tenants and if not why not, and what is the residual manure value? 3. Is acceptance recommended? 4. Has interest been included from the day that the Notice to Treat was served? 5. Does the £674 for the 2 bore holes include new pumps?

3316 Closure of Butt Lane - Petition. Mr. J. Lapham of 23 Coles Road has organised a petition which has been signed by 350 residents to date to express dissatisfaction at the arrangements for pedestrians crossing the Milton By-Pass as it bisects Butt Lane. Mr. Lapham attended the meeting to explain his actions to the Council who have already raised the matter in earlier negotiations with the County Surveyor. S.B.P. proposed that the letter and petition should be sent to the County Surveyor with the Council's full endorsement adding the fact that the petitioners would like a meeting to discuss the situation.

10. 3317 It was decided to change the date for the next meeting to 18th July in view of the lateness of the June meeting necessitated by the Bank Holiday and also the fact that there would be no meeting in August.

The Chairman then closed the meeting at 11.10 p.m.

Signed: Quinn Chairman 18th July 1977 Date