

Minutes of a Special Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday
15 September 1982 at 7.30pm in Milton Primary School.

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson (in the chair), R. Day, K.P. Humphries, P. Kiddle, R.T. Summerfield, Mrs. G. Tonks, M. Waggett and the Clerk S.J. Daniels.

Apologies for absence received from: A.D.J. Bull, H.W.H. Easy and S.B. Poulter (both on holiday), G. Patten and Cllr. J. Brackenbury.

5316 B.C.W. thanked the members for attending this meeting and explained that it had been called following the outcome of the Special Parish meeting when a majority of those attending supported a different view from the Parish Council.

R.T.S. proposed under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded because of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, seconded P.K.

The following resolution for excluding the press and public was agreed:

"There would be insufficient freedom of discussion within the Council with regards to the delicate nature of the recent developments."

In favour 5, against 1. The Chairman explained that the Council would like to "Go into committee", thanked the public for attending and requested them to leave.

R.T.S. explained that both he and S.B.P. felt that they had let down the parish in supporting a view which was contrary to the majority view and that they were seriously considering resignation. He considered that, without wishing to criticise, the Chairman did not express the Parish Council's view forcibly enough at the S.P.M. and he would have hoped for the backing of the parish to go on fighting. He was concerned that the Chairman called upon a member of the parish to speak at a delicate stage which helped to sway the meeting. The Chairman explained that as this parishioner had attended numerous S.C.D.C. meetings he might be able to convey the impressions that he had formed from these S.C.D.C. meetings. R.D. considered that the Chairman put over the options as well as could be expected and he could see no way that the Parish Council proposal would now succeed.

The exact numbers of the increase of population were then discussed in detail at R.T.S.'s request. K.P.H. explained that as the Milton area was not defined in the Structure Plan he thought it wrong to put a definite figure on an indefinite area, and had stated this in writing at the time Whitehall had met the Planning Officers in July.

The County Council have proposed in the Structure Plan 1200 houses, 200 of which would be in Nuffield Road. In April 1982 the County Council asked for 300 more houses than the S.C.D.C. had put forward with an absolute maximum of 700 houses south of Butt Lane (52 acres at 12 to the acre = 624 houses; 700 houses = 13½ to the acre). At officer level there would be a recommendation of 150 houses north of Butt Lane making a total of 850 houses (as stated by Planning Officers J. Wilson and R. Meeks). K.P.H. felt these figures were possibly more favourable since 850 houses at 2.7 people per house gives a total of 2300 people. If Milton

however had a repetition of the population growth of 1961-71 2.7 per house would be too low a figure. M.W. reminded the meeting that in the Waterbeach Plan 4 people per house had been projected. R.T.S. concluded that the village may have been better off supporting Option B rather than C since after 1991 there could well be higher density development north of Butt Lane than the original Plan had proposed. The Chairman commented that the Planning Officer had agreed that this could well be the case. R.T.S. asked K.P.H. to use his endeavours to keep the building south of Butt Lane to 12 per acre and felt perhaps he could request 12 acres for recreation ground as originally proposed. He pointed out that the original Plan had proposed development of 46 acres south of Butt Lane plus 3 acres for play areas whereas the most recent proposal by the S.C.D.C. did not mention play areas, had reduced the recreation area from 12 to 9 acres and had proposed the developing of 52 acres.

K.P.H. felt that he could possibly press for a return to the 12 acres recreation area; this would be discussed after the B/C option had been voted upon by the S.C.D.C. K.P.H. explained that the high density development would be within the boundary of the Nurseries. The Drainage Scheme had been approved. K.P.H. would however check this.

R.D. then proposed G.T. seconded that the Clerk convey in writing to the Planning Officer and ask him to bring to his members' notice the following resolution:

"Milton Parish Council wishes to retract its views as stated in its letter of August 10 1982 so as not to conflict with the overwhelming support of the parish for Option C at the Special Parish Meeting of September 8th 1982, thereby allowing only one view to go forward from Milton parish to the S.C.D.C. meeting of 23 September 1982."

P.K. commented that he could not support a change of view from the Parish Council. There were in favour 5, against 1. At the request of R.T.S., it was recorded that P.K. voted against the motion.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Signed *Beryl C. Watson (Mrs.)*.....Chairman *4th October 1982*.....Dated