

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ON FRIDAY, JULY 17th, 1970 at 7.30pm.

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Present: Mr.D.Pearson, Chairman, in the Chair; Mrs. M. Jones; Messrs J.S.Doggett, H.Easy, L.M.Forbes P.Kiddle, M.J.D.Nurse & R.T.Summerfield with the Clerk.

An apology for unavoidable absence was received from Mr.J.W.R.Lewis.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAY 22nd., 1970 and SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 3rd., 1970

All members were provided with copies of both these sets of Minutes which were then read out by the Clerk and matters arising therefrom considered (as follows). They were then approved and signed by the Chairman.

MEETING OF MAY 22nd.

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Impington College Governing Body (1662) - The Clerk reported that Mr.D.Haird had accepted nomination with thanks as the Council's representative .

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Parish Council in Committee on Planning (1665) - Mr. Doggett and Mr.Kiddle each drew attention to the difficulty of the Clerk's necessary task in summarising comments of Council members returned to him on Planning Consultations often representing widely diverging views. This had been encountered recently. This was generally agreed.

On the proposition of Mr.Doggett seconded by Mr.Summerfield, it was agreed that should the Clerk find that opinions on Planning Applications show wide divergence he was to call a meeting of the Council in Committee giving maximum possible notice, and further, that return of Planning Consultation Notices to the Clerk should be within three days instead of the seven days allowed in Min. 1665.

Minute 1665, therefore, to stand thus amended in these two respects only.

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Tree-planting Scheme (1668)- The Clerk regretted he had been unable to invite Mr.Huddlestons to this meeting. On the proposition of Mr.Forbes seconded by Mr.Doggett, the Clerk was instructed to invite him to the September meeting.

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Screen of Trees on Winship Estate (1669) - The Clerk was instructed to write to the Agents, Messrs Gray, Swann & Cook asking for information as to when they were to be planted.

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Landscaping and planting of trees by estate developers

The Chairman thought that tree-screens should be planted early in developments rather than after building completed.

On the proposal of Mr.Nurse seconded by Mr.Doggett, the Council resolved that the Planning Authority should be acquainted of this view.

1699 Car-parking outside Milton School (1673) - On the suggestion of
tion of Mr. Forbes the Clerk was instructed to write to the
Chief Education Officer proposing that, as a further precau-
tion double-yellow lines should be marked on the roadway out-
side the school.

1700 Alleged Nuisance from Messrs Warm-Pak Fuels (1685)- The
Clerk explained that on investigation he had found that the
Public Health Dept. had, in fact, inspected the site earlier
in the year following complaints then from Hall End residents
They had stipulated certain precautions and approved the acti-
vities in February last.

In consultation with the Chairman he had left any further action
in abeyance. The Council approved this but Mr. Kiddle and
Mrs. Jones supported by other members urged the setting up
of a joint meeting with the Company, the Public Health Inspect-
or and the Parish Council.

In view of likely serious danger from the cracked wall the
Clerk was instructed to take this up with Messrs Mills and
Douglas and the Health Inspector.

1701 Wayside Seats & 'Bus Shelter Seats (1686) - The Clerk was
instructed to obtain further estimates and put the work in
hand.

1702 Suggested Photocopier (1689) - The Clerk had consulted the
Secretary of the Management Committee and they had jointly
concluded that the expense entailed would not at this stage
be justified.

The Clerk said that a shilling-in-the-slot photocopier re-
cently installed in the Cambridge Public Library was fairly
convenient. Planning Consultation notices sent in duplicate
could be re-duplicated at 6d. a copy.

The Council decided not to proceed with the purchase of a
photocopier at the present time.

MINUTES OF JULY 3rd.

1703 Proposed Play Areas on planned Housing Estate, Fen Rd./O.S.
Lane, Milton: C/70/329 - Messrs Mess (1691 A (i))

Mr. Deggett proposed, Mr. Forbes seconded, the resolution that
this Council do not take over and maintain the play areas.
This was agreed by the Council, and the Clerk instructed to
convey this to the Planning Dept. and Messrs Mess.

The Council felt that not only did they see objection to
increasing the rate burden for recreational facilities in
Milton, but that they would rather see larger gardens and
houses further apart, than open public play areas the value of
which for children's playgrounds was doubtful.

1704 PROPOSED PUBLIC TOILETS (1652)

The Clerk read letters from the Clerk of the R.D.C. reg-
retting that work on specification for toilets would be un-
likely to commence before early 1971 due mainly to the large
amount of work necessary on the R.D.C. housing programmes.

1705 PARISH INSURANCES

The Clerk reported that the District Auditor had pointed out
that the Council's public liability cover should be at least
£50,000 and that, the Council being a perpetrate body in per-
petuity, they could in some circumstances become liable for
any public liability claim against the Management Committee.
They suggest, therefore, that the latter's insurance company
should be asked to endorse the Committee's policies to the
effect that the Council be informed of any lapse of payment of

the Committee's premiums.

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Complaint about the Waggon & Horses 'Bus Shelter

The Clerk read a letter from Messrs Few & Kester, Solicitors, acting on behalf of Mrs. H. Tattersall, complaining of the dirty condition of the shelter.

In consultation with the Chairman the Clerk had taken immediate steps to have the shelter cleaned and engaged Mr. R. Buck to keep both 'bus shelters clean for 10/- per week, and informed Messrs Few & Kester who had replied that this satisfied their client.

The Council approved this action.

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Danger from Gravel Pit near Recreation Ground

The Clerk read a letter from Dr. H. Hartley, Chairman of the County Council's Road Safety and Accident Prevention Committee, pointing out the danger arising from children bathing in this pit during recent hot weather.

In consultation with the Chairman the Clerk had obtained agreement from the Pit owners to erect notices pointing out the dangers. He had also consulted Mr. Whitten, headmaster of Milton School, who had kindly agreed to distribute to every parent having children at the school a warning notice on behalf of the Council signed by the Chairman.

The Council approved this action. They also agreed with Dr. Hartley and the pit owners that the pit was a welcome amenity in hot summer weather for adults and they would not like to see bathing completely prohibited. They confirmed a previous statement (Min: 1375) that they considered liability to be the owners.

1708

Fencing of the Recreation Ground

The Clerk read correspondence with the R.D.C. which had arisen out of the previous matter. The R.D.C., while considering they had no liability for the safety of children bathing in the pit, were anxious to do all possible towards their safety. They suggested re-fencing the gravel pit/Recreation ground boundary and asked the Parish to contribute half the cost of the difference between the cost of replacement of the present 4-strand fence (which they had covenanted to maintain) and replacement by a 4 feet 6 inch plastic-coated chain-link fence. This half difference would amount to £68.

On the proposal of Mr. Doggett seconded by Mr. Kiddle it was agreed to pay this, and further that the Management Committee be asked to contribute half this amount (£34).

Planning Applications

The following had been circulated to all members:

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C/70/293 Camlab (Glass) Ltd. Plot 4 Indust. Est. - Approved, provided conditions observed as regards working hours etc., as imposed on other developers.-

C/70/293 Trinity College: Indust. Bldgs. Trinity Fa. Milton rd. 13.5 acres ('Science Block') - Approved, provided adequate screen of trees provided alongside main road.

C/70/345 Milton V.H. Mangmt. Comm. Extension to V.H. on Milton
Rec. Grd. - Approved.

C/70/359 G.R.Cave. Road and parking area for proposed indust. de
Chesterton Fen rd. - not approved: destroying riverside amenit;

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BILLS FOR PAYMENT

On the proposition of Mr.Doggett, seconded by Mr.Summerfield the following bills were passed for payment:

	£	s	d
C.R.D.C: Annual grd. rent of Village Hall	1	0	0
Clerk's salary to Midsummer, 1970	18	15	0
Drawn by Clerk to pay R.Buck for cleaning 'bus shelter (Min:1705) for period from June 1st to Sept.30th: 17 weeks @ 10/-wk.	8	10	0
Clerk's postage etc: May 1st-June30th.	7	14	4
Total:	£35	19	4

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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GRASS CUTTING

Mr.Kiddle pointed out that the 30 m.p.h. sign in Fen rd.
had been obscured by uncut grass.

Mr.Easy said that this year the grass beyond the railway
in Fen road had not been cut as it usually was.

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OVERGROWN PAVEMENT NEAR CHERRY CLOSE

Mr. Doggett pointed out that the very narrow pavement be-
tween the second arm of Willew Crescent and Cherry Close was
overhung by shrub growth. The Clerk was instructed to
ask the owner to cut this back.

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CLERK'S SALARY

The Clerk left the meeting and on his return he was in-
formed that on the proposal of Mr.Doggett, seconded by Mr.
Kiddle the Council had agreed to increase his salary to
£100 p.a. for the next 9 months i.e to March 31st. 1971,
to £175 p.a. as from 1st. April, 1971.

He expressed his thanks for the Council's appreciation
of his services shown in this way.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the
meeting.

Signed L. M. Fisher Chairman 18-9-70 Date