

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 18 February 1985 at 7.30pm in Milton Primary School.

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson (in the chair), R. Day, W.D. Booth, H.A. Capitain, P. Harrold, Mrs. L.M. Lock, G. Patten, P.D. Rice and clerk S.J. Daniels  
Mr. S.B. Poulter  
Messrs. D. Jones, M. Gray, R. Norman of the Village Hall Management Committee

Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Brackenbury, Mrs. J. Westwood, K.P. Humphries and A.D.J. Bull.

Min. 6271      Community Centre

B.C.W. welcomed everyone to the meeting by announcing that two cheques totalling £400 had been received as donations towards the Centre.

1. Siting. Having taken test bores Johnson & Bailey discovered that the site in the north eastern corner was unsuitable. The cost of underpinning the building with piles would be approximately 10% of the overall cost.

M. Gray reported that the S.C.D.C. Planning Department felt the present car park site to be the most satisfactory alternative. S. Poulter as a result of visiting Soham sports centre prepared a report on the comparison of the costs. The figures appeared to support the Sports Council view that the Milton project was expensive.

After considerable discussion it was proposed L.M.L. seconded R.D. and agreed unanimously to ask Johnson & Bailey to look again at their figures with a view to building the Centre at the figure of £185,000 on the north eastern corner (as proposed in their report of September 1984) subject to the cost of additional groundworks.

2. Projected Budget. Mr. Jones summarised the present village hall's accounts for the year 1983/4.  
Income was £3050 (c. £60 per week) expenditure £4000 (c. £80 per week including cleaner & manager's fees)

It was felt that the new Centre would probably take in £200 in addition to the present £60 making £260 per week. Expenditure would depend on the type of management structure chosen.

If a full time manager/caretaker/groundsman was envisaged then total expenditure would probably be approximately £200 per week.

3. Management Structure. It was felt that the new Centre gave the village an excellent opportunity to make a break from the present voluntary structure of the Village Hall Management Committee.

All agreed that Council would therefore wind up the constitution of the present Village Hall Management Committee and employ a "professional" manager for the Centre who would be responsible for lettings, keeping it clean, collecting monies and handing them over to the clerk. The Centre therefore would be under the auspices of the Parish Council.

There was some disagreement as to whether the manager's role would include that of groundsman also.

Council would need to budget between £5000 and £7000 per year as salary for the manager.

Two further points emerged.

Council did not envisage a full time bar or club. The commercial activities would help subsidise the youth activities such as cubs, brownies etc.

4. Grant Aid. It was proposed R.D. seconded P.H. and unanimously agreed that Council ask for further grant aid from S.C.D.C. towards the

cost of the following:

Car park	£6000
Kitchen	£6000
Furnishing ) chairs	£700
) tables	£400
Approach road	£2340
Miscellaneous fittings including staging, partition, audio equipment, fire extinguishers, extra lighting	£2000

Total	£17440
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B.C.W. thanked all for attending and especially S.B.P., D.J., R.N. and M.G. for their help.

The meeting ended at 10.23pm.

Signed *Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs)*.....Chairman *4<sup>th</sup> March 1985*.....Date