

Minutes of the Meetings of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 18th July 1977 in Milton Primary School at 7.30 p.m.

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

Apologies for absence were received from D.J. Cook.

1. PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. 3325 The minutes of the Planning Committee of 13th June had been circulated and were confirmed and signed.

2. Matters Arising

- 3326 Frontal Extensions. Mr. Sillery of the Planning Department S.C.D.C. replied (3286) to the Council's query giving dimension details of porches which can be erected without planning permission. Mr. Sillery wanted the Council to get away from the idea of "building lines" since this concept was out of date and led to monotony in village development. In cases where two semi-detached houses wished to extend to the front at the same time he felt that this could improve the development.

Councillor K.P. Humphries confirmed that a site meeting had been held at the properties in question, 17 and 19 Coles Road, with members of the Planning Committee and the feelings were mixed. A decision on the application would not be made until August.

- 3327 Refusal of permission for housing development in Milton Hall by Eastern Electricity. (3296) M.W. asked for qualification of the meaning of the words "development area" in the Planning Officer's reasons for refusal. K.P.H. would investigate this and advise.

3. 3328 Removal of Sewage Embargo. Official notification was received from the Planning Officer, S.C.D.C., confirming that from 1st July 1977 no objection to development within Milton will be made by the Anglian Water Authority regarding drainage to the Cambridge Sewage Works, but consultation would be required for any substantial residential or industrial development.

4. New Applications

- 3329 S/0968/77 - D. Clark, Chesterton Fen Road, request for established use certificate for a caravan - no comments.
- 3330 S/0959/77 - Associated Dairies Ltd., Benet Farm, Cambridge Road - outline planning permission for a superstore - H.E. declared an interest since he currently farms the site in question. The Chairman read to the meeting a letter from Mr. F. Bates of Milton Post Office/Stores stating his objections to the proposal on traffic grounds, business grounds and also on the possible loss of the general provision of facilities for the many senior citizens within the village. Mrs. H. Nutter and Mr. & Mrs. F. Bates were present.

Also in attendance at this stage of the meeting were Mr. H. Swales the site investigator for ASDA, Mr. Strachan on behalf of the architects and Mr. R. Arnold acting as agent who joined in the discussions at the Chairman's invitation covering the points raised by Mr. Bates. P.K. proposed that the Council should adhere to its original decision of waiting until the roadworks are completed and a village development plan has been prepared before commenting on such applications. P.K. felt very strongly that the P.C. owe it to the village to stand by this decision. The proposal was seconded by M.W. and agreed unanimously.

5. Decisions Received

- 3331 S/0438/77/0 - C. Boake, New Field, Fen Road, Chesterton - erection of (3216) agricultural dwelling and garage - refused on the grounds

that the site lies within the green belt and that there were insufficient reasons on agricultural and other grounds to justify an exception from the policy in this case.

Signed..... B. H. H. H. H. H. Chairman..... 5th September 1977 Date

11. COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. 3332 The minutes of the Council meeting of 13th June had been circulated and P.K. asked for minute 3310 to be amended in that the word approx. should be inserted in front of the figure £3560 in G.P.'s proposal. The Chairman carried out the amendment and the minutes were then approved and signed.

2. Matters Arising

3333 Street Lighting - Milton. The Clerk had received copies of correspondence (3304) from Mr. Rose of 22 Butt Lane giving his observations on the new lighting system. The County Surveyor had replied confirming that after a period of two full years the real economies of the new system would begin to provide substantial savings in real terms to the County Council and thus to the rate payer.

3334 Street Lighting - Goding Way. The County Surveyor was not willing to (3305) reconnect lamp no. 4 as requested by the Clerk on 17th June. G.P. felt that this matter should be pursued in view of the danger aspect involving the 11 houses which would be served by this lamp and as a compromise the Clerk should suggest that no. 1 lamp could be disconnected in exchange for the reconnection of no. 4. This was seconded by H.E. and agreed.

3335 Silver Jubilee Committee. The S.J.C. decided to purchase one or two (3308) commemorative seats with plaques and requested the Council's permission to site these on the village green near the War Memorial, together with a tree if costs allow this. Any residue finance would be donated to the Queen's Silver Jubilee Appeal. M.W. asked how much had been raised and M.E.J. replied £196-26. P.K. felt that the Council should seek advice from Mr. Martindale on the legality of the S.J.C.'s action since the original notes on guidance received from the Hon. Secretary of the Appeal specified that organisers should clearly state the object of fund raising when collecting money since it is an offence to collect money for one purpose and then to divide the proceeds among two or more objects.

G.P. proposed that the Council should accept the S.J.C.'s letter and this was seconded by M.W. and carried following a vote of 5 in favour with one against and one abstention. The Clerk would confirm acceptance in writing to the Committee but express doubts on the suitability of the proposed siting for the seats which should be reviewed when the items are actually delivered.

3336 Compensation for Loss of Allotments. Following the reply received from (3315) Mr. Legge of George Comins explaining the terms of the proposed compensation it was proposed by P.K., seconded by G.P. and agreed that the Council would accept the terms as recommended by Mr. Legge.

S.B.P. agreed to obtain quotations for the provision of hard standing for car parking on the allotment site.

3337 Closing of the Milton By-pass at Butt Lane. Following the representations (3316) made in the Clerk's letter of 17th June the County Surveyor forwarded an acknowledgement confirming that the Road Construction Unit would be contacted with a request that a meeting should be arranged to which the Parish Council and petitioners would be invited.

Councillor Crossman, who also received a copy of Mr. Lapham's petition, had written to the County Surveyor and as a result of this a census on traffic flow at the crossing was carried out providing some drastically different

figures to those originally specified by the Chief Engineer of the E.R.C.U.

The Clerk was asked to chase for a reply on progress from the County Surveyor two weeks before the next Council meeting.

3. 3338 Caretaking the Council's Land. Mr. R. Day joined this section of the meeting and circulated copies of a site plan of the area prepared by (3303) Mr. Graham Easy. P.K. commented that the initial work party which included Mr. Day and Mr. Easy and Councillor K.P. Humphries, had done a really marvellous job and the Council should give as much support as possible to the project.

Mr. Day briefly explained the major recommendations in the notes which had been circulated and felt that work should commence on the major clearing operations in the autumn. The Council would finance the hire of sawing equipment if necessary to remove some of the larger trees particularly the diseased dutch elms. The footpath situation would be left in abeyance for the present time and Mr. Day was asked to report back to the Council in early 1978 with details of progress.

It was proposed by H.E. that the working party should be offered thanks and given approval to go ahead with their recommendations, the area would in future be known as Tomkins Mead. The proposal was seconded by P.K. and agreed unanimously, and the Clerk was asked to write to Mr. Day to confirm this.

4. 3339 Proposed Tennis Courts on the Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that (3310) the Chairman of M.V.H.M.C. has received only one quotation to date and the other two are to be chased. The situation will be reviewed at the next meeting.

5. 3340 Loss of Hand Pump on the Allotments. The Clerk advised the meeting that the water pump head had been removed from its location and since investigations with the E.R.C.U. and also Bovis offered no further information the matter had been reported to the police.

The contract for sinking two bore holes for the new pump heads had been placed by Bovis with G.W. Lack of Cottenham and the Clerk had established that the components are available and in a conversation by telephone with Mr. Page on 12th July work should be completed before the end of July.

The loss of the pump had also been reported to Mr. Legge of George Comins whose advice was that liability rested with the Department of Transport since the loss had occurred after the official date of entry. The Clerk would confirm by letter to G.W. Lack that the increase in cost due to the replacement of the old pump head should be invoiced to Bovis who in turn could negotiate with the Department of Transport.

6. 3341 Request to Surrender Allotment Land at Manor Farm. H.E. declared an (2840) interest since he currently farms the area in question. The County Land Agent requested the surrender of the Council's tenancy of an area of approximately 4.44 acres, presently drilled with corn, since this is required to be re-let to the Farm College who need to expand their grazing facilities.

It was proposed by P.K. and seconded by G.P. that this request should be resisted in accordance with advice sought from Mr. Legge of George Comins on this occasion and also the previous request in December of 1975.

7. 3342 Draft Lease for Recreation Grounds. The Secretary of S.C.D.C. provided a (2655) revised draft lease copy for the Council to comment upon. There were no queries and the Clerk was asked to check with Mr. Martindale of the L.C.A. to seek his feelings on the proposals. If Mr. Martindale has no objections the Clerk would confirm the Council's agreement.

8. 3343 Bills for Payment. It was proposed by P.K. and seconded by H.E. that the following bills should be paid:-

- 1. Scitech Publications - photocopying agenda and minutes June/July £7-99
- 2. Mrs. J.R. Connor - secretarial expenses £17-50
 17½ hrs @ £1
 Postages & telephone £3-06
 June/July £20-56
- 3. Mr. B.K. Connor - Clerk's salary for June £37-50
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 (chèque postdated 8/8/77)
- 5. Eastern Electricity - Bus shelter lighting for quarter ending 30/6/77 £3-70

9. 3344 Cambs. Association of Local Councils Circular. Notice of Annual Meeting Saturday October 8th 1977, Technical College, Huntingdon at 2.30 p.m. Agenda to be circulated. Also included a summary of arrangements prepared by the County Emergency Planning Officer for peacetime major emergency situations.

10. 3345 Request from County Councillor G. Woollard for details of local problems caused by public spending cuts by the Government - no action to be taken.

11. Any Other Business

- 3346 (a) Press Coverage M.E.J. was disgusted that P.C. meetings were not covered in the local edition of the C.E.N. - details of the last meeting appeared in a late issue not delivered in the village.
- 3347 (b) Christmas Lighting M.E.J. asked for this matter to be reviewed at an early stage so that arrangements could be put in hand in good time.
- 3348 (c) Infilling of Winship Pit The Chairman raised the query regarding the possible movement of the fish in the pit as it is rapidly being infilled. P.K. suggested that the Clerk should contact Mr. L. Mansfield of Anglian Water Authority for his advice.

Signed... ThamesfieldChairman..... 5th September 1977Date