

A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th 1970 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: Mr.L.M.Forbes, vice-Chairman in the Chair; Mrs M.Jones; Messrs H.Easy, J.S.Doggett, P.Kiddle, J.W.R.Lewis M.J.D.Nurse, R.T.Summerfield and the Clerk.

Apology was received from the Chairman, Mr.D.Pearson who was on holiday.

MINUTES

The circulated Minutes of the ordinary Meeting and Special Meeting (the latter at the Old School Lane, proposed Housing Site) both on July 17th., were confirmed by the meeting and signed by the vice-Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING from those MINUTES.

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Tree-planting Scheme (1696) - The Clerk said Mr.Huddleston, was on holiday and unable to come to this meeting. He would invite him to the next meeting.

The Council agreed on the importance of an early meeting not to lose their chance of the grant from the County Council during European Conservation Year. Mr.Nurse suggested a special meeting for this item to suit Mr.Huddleston's convenience, to which the Council agreed.

The Clerk read reply from Messrs M.L.Kaye to the Council's request for contribution towards the scheme. Messrs Kaye said they did not feel obliged at this stage to make financial contribution, feeling that the appearance of a public highway should hardly fall on individuals or business houses.

No reply had been received to date from Messrs SGB & Initial Services.

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SCREEN OF TREES ON WINSHIP ESTATE (1697) - The Clerk had written to Gray, Swann & Cook without reply and would write again.

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Landscaping & Planting of trees by estate developers (1698)
The Clerk had written to the Planning Authorities with the Council's view that trees should be planted early in development. He had received acknowledgement.

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Car-parking outside Milton School (1699) - The Clerk had received reply from the Chief Education Officer who feared it was not possible to provide double-yellow lines outside the school but 'SCHOOL' would be marked on the roadway. He thought that parking problems were invariably created by parents themselves to whom one looked to act responsibly in the matter.

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Alleged nuisance from Messrs Warm-pak (1700) - The Clerk said he had consulted the Chief Public Health Inspector who thought that a joint meeting would not help further but was quite willing to attend one if the Council insisted.

He said the cracked wall was not one for his Department. The Clerk said that Messrs Mills & DeGlae claimed it was built according to building regulations and passed. At the Clerk's request Mr.Edmunds of the County Highway Dept had made a repeat inspection pronouncing it safe at present and approving Messrs Warm-pak's strengthening operations. He thought it was really too narrow for its height.

The Clerk had also consulted the Planning Office and there appeared no contravention of Town & Country Planning Acts, nor did they appear applicable to this business established several years before statutory controls operated.

After consulting the Chairman & vice-Chairman the Clerk had circulated a letter to all Hall End residents in reply to their petition explaining the regulations and enquiries he had made. He asked particularly to be told of any continuing dissatisfaction they may feel.

In reply to Mr. Kiddle the Clerk said he had received no replies to his circular.

The Council approved the action taken.

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Wayside Seats and 'Bus Shelter seats (1701)- On the proposition of Mr. Summerfield seconded by Mr. Kiddle it was agreed to accept Mr. D. Haird's tender for the renewal of bus shelter seats, £14 10s; repair of Fen rd. seats, £3 7s 6d; and erection of seat near War Memorial, £11; the work to be put in hand forthwith.

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Play Areas on Fen rd./Old Sch. Lane Housing estate (1703)- The Clerk reported he had written to the County Planning Office and Messrs Moss builders of the proposed estate, regretting the Council could not agree to take-over and maintain the proposed play areas. No reply had been received.

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Parish Insurances (1705)- The Clerk had acted on the District Auditors' suggestion and asked the Management Committee Insurers to endorse their Public Liability Policies to the effect that the Council would be informed if the Committee's premiums lapsed; the Insurer's (messrs Morice, Tezer, Beck & Oversby Ltd.) had confirmed the Committee's cover of £100,000 any one incident.

The Clerk also confirmed the Parish Council Public Liability policy with the Liverpool London & Globe Ins. Co. to be £50,000 for a premium of £1 10s. per annum and had been advised that this could be increased to £100,000 cover for a premium of £2.

On proposal of Mr. Summerfield, seconded by Mr. Nurse, the Clerk was instructed to increase the cover to £100,000.

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Fencing of Recreation Ground (1708) - The Clerk read a letter from the R.D.C. confirming this Council's agreement to pay £68 towards the cost of plastic-coated chain-link fencing on the eastern boundary of the Ground (adjoining the dangerous gravel pit), to be erected by the R.D.C.

They also said that their 'Committee declined to erect a fence on the western boundary unless your (Parish) Council meet 50% of the cost' and should the Parish Council wish to reconsider their decision not to so contribute they would be pleased to hear this.

The Council agreed unanimously that they felt no responsibility as the R.D.C. were the land owners on both sides of this boundary.

Mr. Kiddle pointed out that the Management Committee were concerned about safety on the Ground particularly for the young children of the Play Group about whom the Health Officer of Health (Dr. Tyser) had been consulting the Management Committee regarding certain fencing of play areas on the Ground, and that it would appear that such fencing may not be necessary if the R.D.C. fulfilled their legal obligation of fencing off the Council House Gardens (i.e. the western boundary of the Ground).

It was agreed not to pursue this matter for the time being.

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Grass-cutting in Fen rd. (1711) - The Clerk said the Highways Dept. regretted that some of this had been overlooked and would repair the omission next season.

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Overgrown pavement near Cherry Close (1712) - The Clerk said said that he had written to Mr. Lee of 45, High Street, seeking information about ownership of the adjoining piece of land from which elder trees were overgrowing the narrow path, without reply. Several calls at that address led him to believe the occupant may be on holiday.

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New Housing Development Fen rd/Old Sch. Lane (C/70/329,412)
-H.C. Mass Ltd. : Special Meeting on Site, July 17th (1714)

The Clerk reported receipt of a revised plan (C/70/412) from the Planning Office for this estate which he had confirmed had now been approved by the County Planning Committee. The plan indicated two access roads, one for Fen rd and one for Old School Lane, into cul-de-sacs preventing through traffic on the estate. The first phase was to be 20 houses.

The new plan was studied by the Council. General satisfaction as well as appreciation of the Planning Committee's acceptance of this Council's proposals was expressed.

MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM EARLIER MINUTES

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Request for car-parking facilities in Coles Road (1613b)- The Clerk read a letter from the R.D.C. who had now consulted the County Planning and Surveyor's Depts. who indicated that any extra parking space must be provided on the Recreation ground and no permission would be granted for using open space in Coles rd. for this purpose.

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Naming of Elderly Persons' Estate, Coles rd. (1670)- The Clerk had submitted the name of WALKLING WAY to the R.D.C.

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Footpath: Ben rd./Old Sch. Lane (1675) - The Clerk had again written to the Clerk of the County Council asking for early completion of this matter and the defining and making-up of the footpath, reminding him of the provisional agreement obtained by the Clerk to the Parish Council in June from the the two neighbouring residents. He had heard nothing from the County Council about this hopeful agreement. He had also repeated the Parish Council's request for a street lamp on the footpath and for safety posts at each end.

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Waste Land, Coles rd. - Messrs Gray Conoley in liquidation (1674)- The Clerk said he had received reply from Messrs Cooper Bros., the receivers, on July 16th., that they were making further enquiries about the extra parcel of land.

CORRESPONDENCE

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From Mrs. H. Tattersall, 46, High Street: alleged nuisance from youths - Mrs. Tattersall thanked the Council for their excellent choice of man to keep the 'bus shelter clean.

She complained of nuisance from youths climbing on the 'bus shelter and in the nearby chestnut tree from which her bedroom windows were overlooked.

The Clerk had passed this to the mid-Anglia Police whose patrols had verbally warned youths loitering in the shelter. The Police has also agreed to give periodic attention to both 'bus shelters where extensive damage had been done to seats.

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From Mrs. Blackmore, 79, Celesrd.:- complaint of uncut grass around Nerton & Thurlton Courts - Mrs. Blackmore complained of the 'tangled mass of weeds' which she could see from her windows around the flats opposite.

The Clerk had located the owners, a London property group who had given instructions for the grass to be cut immediately and regularly thereafter.

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From Committee of Management:: Playgroup Representation on the Committee & Change of sub-Committees: - they wrote requesting the Council's permission as Custodian Trustees to invite a Playgroup representative to serve on the Committee and also that they had decided to discontinue the two separate Entertainments and Developments Committees and replace them with one body of 9 members to be called 'The Sub-Committee'.

The Clerk had referred these to the Dept. of Education and Science for their observations and awaited reply.

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From Councillor J.S. Deggett: intention to resign from the Parish Council - Mr. Deggett had written the Clerk to say that as he was leaving the district shortly to take up another post with Eastern Gas, his employers, he intended to resign from the Council later.

This was received with regret and Mr. Forbes, from the Chair, regretted that the Council would be losing Mr. Deggett's services.

Mr. Deggett was elected to the Council in May, 1961.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following had been circulated to all members of the Council and comments passed to the Planning Office:

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CB/70/439, Use of part of Cambridge Sewage Fm. for implement sales area (although not in Milten parish sent by Planning Office to this Council, as a neighbouring interest, as a matter of courtesy).

3 replies received. Comments same as application in Sept. 1969 for re-location of Cambridge Cattle Mkt on same site i.e. - objection to use of valuable agric. land when waste land available opposite on old Milten Military Camp site. Emphasis also on retaining green belt.

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C/70/481, First floor extension to office block: Messrs Middleton, Winship Estate.

3 replies received. Objection to raising skyline causing lack of privacy for Cambridge rd. residents.

The Clerk had confirmed that the Planning Committee had subsequently passed this application on condition a proposed west window (facing Cambridge rd.) was deleted.

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C/70/477, Outside W.C. & hard-standing accommodation for parking, 81, Cambridge rd. (Doctor's surgery) H.B. Whitmore

3 replies. Approve as necessity for surgery but not to start a precedent. Owing to present overloading of sewer from adjoining houses suggest separate connection for 81, Cambridge rd.

1738

C/70/504, Edmund House (Mentally Handicapped Home), Extension of single-storey games room, lounge & sick-room

2 replies. No comment

1739 C/70/506, Messrs Stokes, Change of use to light industrial storage, OSP 220

2 replies. Approval provided storage does not mean dump

1740 C/70/509, Messrs Stokes, New access to storage areas OSP 220

This is extension to present industrial road. 3 replies
No comment.

1741 C/70/444/D, H. Clarke, 49, Fen rd. Extension for sun lounge

2 replies. No comment.

1742 C/70/478 I.L. Brown, 13, High Street. Bay window.

2 replies. No comment.

1743 C/70/476, G.F. Levitt Ltd. Garage & workshop

2 replies. Approval, subject to same limitations as to working hours, noise, dust etc., as Messrs Ready-Mix.

1744 BILLS FOR PAYMENT.

The following were passed for payment:

W. Heffer & Sons. 1 ream foolscap dupl. ppr.	18	3
K. P. Humphries. Cash for R. Buck for cleaning of 'bus shelter, Oct. Nov. Dec: 14 wks @ 10/-	7	-
Total	<u>7</u>	<u>18 3</u>

1745 DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING was confirmed as Fri. Nov 20th.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1746 Mr. Kiddle said the occupant of no. 36 Coles rd. had pointed out to him a short concrete post in the pavement near his house which he thought dangerous; with even planning it was not protected by a wall or fence.

1747 Street Nameplates

1747 Willow Crescent - Mr. Doggett said this nameplate had been removed and he had taken custody of it. The Clerk said he would inform the R.D.C.

1748 Geving Way - Mrs. Jones said that this nameplate was missing. The Clerk said he would inform the R.D.C. about this also.

1749 Ordnance Survey of Milton neighbourhood - Mr. Summerfield drew attention to the revision, now taking place, in the village of the 1925 Edition of the Ordnance Survey.

The Clerk said he had also met an officer of the Survey (unofficially) and discussed the many changes in the village.

This concluded the official business.

PRESENTATION DINNER TO HONOUR COUNCILLOR E. J. WALKLING'S
LONG SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE

It had previously been agreed that members of the Parish Council would give a presentation and a dinner for Mr. Walkling the costs of which would, of course, fall on members on not in any way on public funds.

The Clerk said arrangements were in hand.

It will be recalled that Councillor Walkling had retired, in March, last, from the Chesterton Rural District Council and the Parish Council after serving 39 years on the latter. He still continued as a Milton Parochial Charity Trustee on which body he had now served for 42 years. The present Council wished to honour him by holding a Dinner at the Royal Cambridge Hotel on October 2nd. next and to make a presentation to him.

The Clerk's suggestion was accepted that the Charity Trustees be invited to associate themselves and accordingly, the Rev. H.C. Franklin, Rector, and Mr. F. Carlton and their wives be invited. Together with the present Council and past members who had served with Mr. Walkling, Mr. S.A. Siggs, Mr. A.W. Wenham and the late Clerk, Mr. L.E. Coulson, some 30 guests would be attending.

Mr. Doggett thought a case of table wines would be a gift Mr. Walkling would most appreciate together with an illuminated script commemorating his 42 years service to the village. This was agreed.

It was also agreed unanimously, on Mr. Forbes' suggestion that the Chairman, Mr. D. Pearson, who had had many years of association with Mr. Walkling in this Council, was the most appropriate person to present these gifts, and also that he be asked to make suitable choice of a case of wines.

The vice-Chairman then closed the meeting.

Signed *D. Pearson* Chairman *Nov 20 70* Date.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE FARM SCHOOL, (by kind co-operation of Mr. Benfield, the Principal) ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 1970, at 7.p.m.

Present: Mr. D. Pearson, Chairman in the Chair; Mrs. M. Jones; Messrs H. Easy, P. Kiddle, J. W. R. Lewis, M. J. D. Nurse, R. T. Summerfield. Mr. R. Huddleston, the County Forestry Officer attended by invitation. The Clerk.

Apology from Mr. L. M. Forbes who was unable to attend owing to prior engagement.

The meeting was mainly concerned with further discussion on the proposed tree-planting scheme for the village and to take advantage of the advice offered by Mr. Huddleston

Mr. Huddleston explained that the County Council grants to parishes to encourage tree-planting in European Conservation year was to be made by allocating about 15/20 trees free of charge to Parish Councils. They had had big response to the offer. The grant may continue in future years.

He had looked round Milton and found possible sites for trees. He regretted, he thought for this year at least, it would not be possible to plant along the main road as certain verges carried the services, and also the necessary authorisation from the Ministry of Transport and County Highway Authority would be unlikely to be obtained in time for Autumn planting.

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