

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, ON FRIDAY, MARCH 19th., 1970

**Present:** Mr.D.Pearson, Chairman, in the Chair; Mrs.M.Jones Messrs J.S.Doggett, J.W.R.Lewis, R.T.Summerfield and E.J. Walkling, together with the Clerk.

An apology for absence was received from Mr.L.M.Forbes.

MINUTES

The circulated minutes of the meeting of January, 16th., 1970, were confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

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Proposed Public Toilets (1592) - The R.D.C. had informed the the Clerk that plans for these were in preparation; unfortunately they could not be built in conjunction with the Old People's Flats now about to be begun.

1623 (a)

Proposed Garages (1605) - The R.D.C. regretted no decision on these could yet be made owing to spending restrictions. They fully appreciated the dangers and loss of amenity from verge and roadside parking and were making efforts to get restrictions relaxed where dangers existed; their Engineer was reviewing the whole problem of car-parking in the villages of the Chesterton District.

1613 (b)

*Facilities for Car-parking in Coles Road.*

The Parish Council shared Mr. Walkling's view that this was an acute problem near the Recreation Ground and a resolution proposed by Mr. Walkling and seconded by Mr. R.T. Summerfield "that the R.D.C. be asked to make facilities for car-parking in Coles Road as an urgent necessity" was agreed unanimously.

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Proposed Tree-planting Scheme (1594)- The Clerk reported further correspondence with Mr. Garwood, advisor to 'Men of the Trees', through the City Surveyor, advising on smaller trees as requested by the Parish Council.

Mr. Doggett said he thought that while opinions may differ as to suitable trees, Mr. Garwood was an acknowledged expert advising professionally.

The Council agreed that while car-parking on the verges persisted, which may lead to damage of trees, the matter should be left in abeyance.

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White Horse Traffic and Entrance (1595) - The County Planning Office said that they had little powers to institute road alterations here and referred the Council to the County Surveyor and the Brewery.

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Winship Industrial Estate (1543) and Ready-Mix Site (1596)  
Screen of Trees: the Clerk reported complaints by residents of the failure to plant trees on this estate as was agreed after negotiations between the County Planning Office and the Estate following the nuisance arising from the Ready-Mix Site.

The County Planning Office advised that Messrs Ready-Mix had now planted some trees and that the boundary belt of trees to be planted by the Estate behind residents' gardens was still being negotiated.

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- 1617 Naming of Old Peoples Flats (1604) - The Council agreed to leave the consideration of a name (requested by the R.D.C.) for the time being, as building had only just begun.
- 1618 Morning Buses to Cambridge (1611) - The Clerk reported on correspondence with the E.C.O.C. They proposed to put the 8.26 a.m. forward to 8.21 a.m. to try to achieve earlier arrival in Cambridge by avoiding traffic congestion. They regretted they could not, at the moment, increase accommodation at 8.0 a.m. when sometimes passengers were not accepted at Bene't Close. They pointed out there was a 7.21 a.m.
- 1619 Buses picking-up on Main Road - Arising from the preceding Mr. Doggett observed that the 124 bus in the mornings picked up on the Main road (near Fen road) when a large number of passengers, mostly children, had to cross the busy road to their great danger. The Council agreed that this was a dangerous practice and the Clerk was instructed to ask the Bus Company that buses should use the recognised stop.
- 1620 Piping of Recreation Ground Ditch (1559) - The Clerk read a letter from the Secretary of the Committee of Management enquiring the position regarding the financial assistance promised towards this. They regretted that costs had been higher than first estimated largely due to complying with R.D.C.'s requirements about manholes; it would now be about £200. They appreciated that since the Council's promise of a 'high degree of financial support (Min: 1491) a further rate product had been granted them for upkeep of the Hall and Ground.
- The Council debated this matter at some length and then agreed, on the proposition of Mr. J.S. Doggett, seconded by Mr. J.W.R. Lewis, that they were prepared to bear 50% of the total cost (including cost of pipes) and the Secretary be informed accordingly.
- 1621 PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS FOR y.e. MARCH 31st., 1969.
- The Clerk presented a summary of the audited accounts. They showed income of £78 17 3d and expenditure of £415 1 10d (roughly a 1½d rate product): This included £243 spent on the Recreation Ground and Village Hall made up of ½d rate product (£118) and special grants. Balance in hand was £690 0 8d.
- It was proposed by Mr. R.T. Summerfield, seconded by Mr. J.W.R. Lewis that the accounts be adopted.
- 1622 PROVISIONAL PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO PRESENT DATE.
- The Clerk presented a provisional summary of income and expenditure, as requested at the 1969 Annual Parish Meeting. Including bills to be paid at this meeting this showed an income of £328 15 0d, expenditure of £544 11 10d (roughly a 4½d rate product) and balance of £474 3 10d to date.
- 1623 MILTON PAROCHIAL CHARITY ACCOUNTS
- The Clerk presented a summary of these audited accounts for the y.e. December 31st., 1969, by courtesy of the Trustees. Funds totalling £151 had been distributed and balance in hand was £16 3 5d.

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BILLS FOR PAYMENT

On the proposal of Mr. Deggett, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the following bills were passed for payment:

W. Heffer: 1 doz. dup. stencils	£	s	d
1 ream dup. paper	1	2	0
Eastern Elec.: Bus shelter light, Dec. 69 cur	1	10	2
Jarrelas: 2 reams 1/2-to Note pap. heads	6	11	9
Liverpool Lond. & Globe Ins.: Pub. Liab. Prem.	1	10	0
Total:	£10	13	11

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'BUS SHELTER LIGHTING ACCOUNT

The Council agreed with the Clerk's suggestion that Eastern Electricity be asked if this account could be settled annually. It would then be £6 0 8d p.a.

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CHANGES IN TELEPHONE SERVICE

The Clerk reported advance notice from the Post Office of conversion of telephones on the Waterbeach exchange to S.T.D. which would include timing of all calls and asked how provision could be made for recording his official calls; he had made preliminary enquiries about the fitting of a meter.

Mr. Deggett thought that the rental of a meter quoted (15/-) would be far greater than the cost of the few telephone calls made privately by the Clerk and on the proposition of Mr. Summerfield, seconded by Mr. Walking, the Council unanimously agreed to pay the cost of all calls made by the Clerk from his telephone.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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EXTRA STREET LAMP NEAR RECREATION GROUND ENTRANCE (Requested by the Committee of Management in Spring, 1969). Mr. Lewis and Mr. Summerfield inquired about the progress of the lamp near the Recreation Ground entrance promised by the County Surveyor.

The Clerk said the Surveyor had agreed to erect this in July, 1969. He would remind him of the urgency.

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FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC (1591) - Mrs. Jones said she was pleased to report that the Clinic was due to start in the Village Hall on a 6-months trial period.

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CAR-PARKING DANGER OUTSIDE MILTON SCHOOL - Mrs. Jones said she had had complaints from parents of the dangers from cars parking directly in front of the school when young children ran between them straight on to the road. The Council agreed this was a serious danger and instructed the Clerk to write to the Education Officer to see if parking here could be prevented.

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This completed the business. The Chairman said this was the completion of the 3-year term of office for the Council and thanked all members for their co-operation and support. It was generally agreed that it had been a successful 3 years. He also thanked the Clerk for his helpful services. Mr. Walking proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the very genial and efficient way he had always presided which was endorsed unanimously. The Chairman then closed the meeting.

Signed *J. Pearson* ..... Chairman ..... *May 22 1970* ..... Date.