

Minutes of a Special Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20 January 1986 at 7.30pm in Milton Primary School.

Present: Mrs. B.C. Waterson (in the chair), R. Day; W.D. Booth, A.D.J. Bull, H.A. Capitain, K.P. Humphries, Mrs. L.M. Lock, G. Patten, P.D. Rice, Mrs. J. Westwood and the clerk S.J. Daniels. K. Moore - Catlings; Messrs. Hardwick and Woods - MWT Architects; B. Sheppard - Dorther Properties; Mr. Thomas - Hillson & Twigden Ltd; N. Rees - Tesco; R. Jones - G. Hearn Architects; S. Sillery - S.C.D.C.

Apologies were received from P. Harrold.

Min. 6645. "Milton Park"

a) Play. The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting explaining that council were concerned about the provision of play areas throughout the "Milton Park" development.

Mr. Hardwick in consultation with S.C.D.C. had prepared a scheme which included a two acre play area for older children on the "nursery site" and small areas for young children throughout the high density part - amounting to one acre.

A view was expressed that two acres seemed rather large and that perhaps it would be more beneficial for the whole 3 acres to be divided into 4 or 5 play areas.

It was felt that a large 1½ acre play space plus smaller areas in relation to the housing density, with no cycle ways through the middle might be acceptable.

S. Sillery felt that M.P.C. should reflect on the number of small play spaces and their siting. The balance of the 3 acres could then be used as one play area. Mr. Sillery would be prepared to ask M.P.C. for their thoughts.

Mr. Hardwick agreed to send an overall plan of the site.

Min. 6646

b) Tesco Supermarket (Application 00/12/86). Mr. Hardwick put forward a plan by Tesco, Dorther Properties, Hillson & Twigden to build a Tesco supermarket adjacent to the slip road.

If this application received M.P.C.'s support and there was no need of an appeal Tesco would be willing to provide sports facilities and a pavilion on the new recreation ground to the value of £200,000.

In the event of an appeal Tesco would need to review this offer, which would be put in writing.

The proposal comprised a 47,000 sq. feet food supermarket, 6 retail units and petrol forecourt. Car parking spaces for 430 cars would be provided. The car park would be screened from Cambridge Road and The Rowans. There would be employment for 320 people with approximately 90% being recruited locally. About two-thirds would be full-time.

S. Sillery bearing in mind the Structure Plan would advise the planning committee to refuse the application. Speaking personally he was doubtful that Cambridge could support another supermarket.

R. Jones suggested that the type of shopping envisaged in the Milton Plan was not economic and could be easily transferred to the units adjacent to Tesco. The vast bulk of the population using the supermarket lived south of the village and therefore less traffic would come through the village than if shops were built according to the Milton Plan.

The chairman summarised the concerns as expressed by council members:

1. The needs of the village.
2. The existing shops and their future.
3. The people who have bought houses adjacent to the site.
4. The types of people living in Milton e.g. older less mobile residents.

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In her view these considerations should be uppermost with the question of any financial gain the least consideration.

N. Rees for Tesco offered to arrange a visit for the council to a similar store in Epping.

The chairman thanked the developers etc., for attending the meeting.

L.M.L. proposed J.W. seconded and all agreed that a public meeting be held on Thursday 6 February. The possibility of a referendum could be discussed at the public meeting.

It was also agreed to hold a Special Parish Council Meeting on Monday 27 January to discuss the application.

Other New Applications

- 6647 S/1982/85 Mr. K. Barker, 47 Old School Lane - new kitchen and 4th bedroom - no comments.
- 6648 S/0042/86 D. Haird. Use for builders business at Half Acre, Cambridge Road (extension of period consent S/2069/80). - no comments.
- 6649 S/0047/86 R.P. Kent, 15 Landbeach Road - ground and first floor extensions - no comments.
- 6650 S/0061/86 Anglia Redevelopments Ltd - 2 storey detached dwellings - plots 2 to 7 Orchard Site, Butt Lane. Council considered that the boundary fence needed to be moved to the western edge of the tree belt and that the tree belt at the southern end should be tapered towards the original boundary. Concerns were also expressed about the maintenance of the mound and the rubbish being used to build up the mound.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 10.11pm.

Signed Beryl C. Waterson (Mrs) ..Chairman .. 3rd February 1986 ..Date