

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD AT WILLOW FARM, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th  
1966, AT 7.30 p.m.

There were present:

Mr. D. Pearson, Chairman,  
Mr. L.M. Forbes, vice-Chairman; Mrs. D. Pearson, Messrs  
J.W.R. Lewis and E.J. Walking together with the Clerk.

1159 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received from Messrs J.S. Doggett and A.W. Wenham.

1160 MINUTES.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tues. July 12th., 1966 were read, confirmed by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

1161 Maintenance of Grassed Areas (1139) - As the Parish Council had heard nothing since enquiring in June from the R.D.C about their proposed Scheme, the Clerk had written again. They had replied that after their own Council meeting on 27th. September, Parish Councils would be informed that the estimated cost is 63/- an acre on the basis of a weekly cut and unlikely that they would take any further action because of the cost.

The Clerk had also written to the R.D.C. asking for clarification of responsibility for upkeep of grass verges at each end of Coles Road who had replied that they were checking with the County Council and would arrange for any grass to be cut which is the responsibility of the R.D.C.

The Clerk read a further letter from Mrs. Edmonds of Coles Road asking about the upkeep of grassed areas and waste land and had told her that the Council were dealing with them.

1162 War Memorial. (1140) - The Clerk was instructed to arrange a joint meeting of Council and British Legion representatives to discuss the action to be taken at this site.

1163 Speed of Traffic in Built-up Area (1142). - The Clerk read further correspondence: replies had now been received from Mr. Francis Pym M.P., the County Surveyor and the Divisional Engineer, Ministry of Transport. Mr. Pym said the Police seemed satisfied that traffic proceeded at a reasonable speed through Milton and that somehow we must bring home to the motorist that the responsibility for careful driving was his. Both the County Surveyor and Divisional Engineer regarded the Fen Road junction as relatively safe and refused the Parish Council's request for an island or traffic bollards or an extension of speed limit signs. The Surveyor maintains there is insufficient room for the construction of a roundabout.

1164 Disposal of Old School Premises (1143) - The Clerk reported on correspondence between the Bursar of King's and the Rector of Milton, copies of which the Parish Council had received by courtesy of the Bursar. While King's College had been awaiting for some time the pleasure of the Rector's ideas as to future use of the old school they had now, somewhat reluctantly, asked him for a firm reply to reach them within 10 days of the Rev. Franklin's return from holiday

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(which would bring it to the 16th. August). The Bursar explained to Mr. Franklin that the College Council would then have to discuss selling the property and are also bound by law to ask the Local Education Authority for directions as to what should be done with the money.

On the suggestion of Mr. Forbes the Clerk was instructed to write to the Bursar asking to be kept informed.

- 1165 Cambridge Road Entrance to the Recreation Ground (1144) - The Clerk had now received reply from the Deputy Clerk of the R.D.C. saying that the complete sealing of this entrance would cause some inconvenience and that bye-laws would be difficult to enforce. He asked for details of times when most cyclists crossed the ground in order to seek police co-operation. The Clerk had informed the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Committee of this reply and asked them to supply the details required. In reply the Committee stated they had reconsidered the matter and now proposed to erect a fence across the entrance with a stile-gate for pedestrians. This was approved by the Council.
- 1166 Telephone Kiosk (1145) - The Post Office Telephone Dept. had written, that the lower half of the kiosk door had been blacked out and hoping the problem of reflection of car headlights was now solved.
- 1167 Extra Pillar Box (1146) - The Clerk reported that after correspondence in which he had stressed the danger of having to cross the main road to post letters, a meeting took place on August 17th, at the request of the Post Office, between their two representatives, Messrs Lyall and Alsop, your Chairman and Clerk at which the Post Office offered one extra pillar box outside Willow Farm. They could not concede the two boxes originally requested by the Council for operational reasons but had waived their 'half-mile' rule in this case in the interests of road safety. The Chairman had instructed the Clerk to accept this and this action was confirmed by the Council. The Clerk had accepted immediately by letter.
- 1168 Waste Land, Coles Road (1147) - The Clerk reported considerable correspondence on this matter due to the loss by Messrs Grey, Connolly of records of their offer made a few years ago. Their request to the Clerk for copies of the original correspondence unfortunately could not be met by the Council. On 16th. September Messrs Grey, Connolly advised that they hoped to be able to give an answer by early October.
- 1169 Allotment Rent Increases (1150) - The Clerk reported that as instructed he had issued notices of increase to all tenants to operate as from Michaelmas, 1967.
- 1170 Village Hall (1157) - Mr. L.M. Forbes, Chairman of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Management Committee, reported that the Government Grant towards the new Hall was still expected.
- 1171 Landbeach Road Cemetery (1158) - The Clerk reported that, as instructed, he had written on July 23rd. to the Secy. of the Parochial Church Council drawing attention to its dilapidated state and asking if it could be tidied up but no acknowledgement or reply had ever been received.

He also reported that, as instructed, he had consulted various Statutes containing powers of Parish Councils over

burial grounds and had found extensive powers existing under the Open Spaces Act, 1906, allowing Parish Councils to take over burial grounds. He had prepared extracts from this Act for reference by the Council which would remain in the files for consultation if needed.

Mr. Walkling considered the Council should await reply from the Church Council before proceeding further and this was unanimously agreed by the Council.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ENQUIRIES.

1172 Circular letters from the ROYAL COMMISSION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT asking for evidence to be put before them, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS and the CAMBRIDGESHIRE and ISLE of ELY ASSOCIATION OF PARISH COUNCILS were put before the Council, the Clerk drawing their attention to the extension meeting of the County Association on September 22 at Cottenham.

1173 MINISTRY OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES -

(a) Allotments Enquiry - An extensive questionnaire had been received requiring information on all allotments in the parish covering 20 years. The Council agreed that the Chairman and Clerk should fill this in together.

1174 (b) Common Land - A supply of explanatory booklets on the Commons Registration Act, 1965, had been received, and owners and rights of Common must now be registered. The Clerk said he had been unable to find any records or knowledge of Common Land in or owned by the Parish.

1175 MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

A circular letter from this Ministry was read by the Clerk asking for publicity to be given to House Improvement Grants obtainable from the Ministry. The Clerk agreed to put typed notices on the Parish Notice Boards to this effect.

1176 ROAD SIGNS TO LANDBEACH.

The Clerk had written to the County Surveyor on the instructions of the Chairman for an explanation of the misleading signs in Milton which simply stated "LANDBEACH". The Surveyor apologised for the omission of arrows but did not think the signs misleading; he also said that they were soon to be replaced by the new 'Worboys' signs.

1177 ROAD DRAINAGE.

The Clerk reported that he had received complaints from householders about flooding across the pathways in the High Street and near 23, and 25, Butt Lane. He was instructed to complain to the County Surveyor and also mention similar occurrences in the Fen Road.

1178 IMPINGTON VILLAGE COLLEGE.

The Clerk reported he had given permission to the Adult Tutor of the College to use the Parish Notice Boards and the Council confirmed his action.

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1179 POULTRY INSPECTION.

A circular from the Public Health Dept., of the R.D.C. sought knowledge of any large-scale poultry processing units in the Parish, but none are known.

1180 BANK STATEMENT.

The Clerk reported the receipt of Lloyds Bank statement in the sum of £218 12 7d in their hands at 15 July, 1966.

1181 MAINTENANCE OF RECREATION GROUND DITCH.

After discussion the Council agreed that this ditch should be the responsibility of the Village Hall and Recreation Ground Management Committee.

1182 PROPOSED TOILETS ON RECREATION GROUND.

The V.H. and Rec. Ground Man. Committee had enquired of the Clerk, in view of the present restrictions on public expenditure, as to the likelihood of the proposed toilets being built now that the garages to be built in conjunction with them were definitely postponed. The Clerk had telephoned the R.D.C. who gave an opinion that it would be unlikely.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the R.D.C pointing out the essential importance of toilets in a developing village such as this was and urging that they still be constructed; if necessary also to contact the Public Health Dept. for their support in the matter.

1183 BILLS FOR PAYMENT.

It was proposed by Mr. E.J. Walkling and seconded by Mr. L.M. Forbes that the following Bills be authorised for payment:

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Eastern Electricity		15 3
Jarrolds - Headed Notepaper	£ 3	10 2
Tovey Transport		15 0
Aston Bldg. Co - Pavilion repairs	£54	14 0
Retiring Clerk's expenses to Aug. 18.	£ 4	6 7
One-quarter's salary to retiring Clerk for extended services during changeover	£10	0 0
Clerk's salary to Michaelmas, 1966	£7	10 0
	<u>£81</u>	<u>11 0</u>

It was unanimously agreed, in view of his 29 years exceptional service and his help to the new Clerk in smoothing the changeover, and also attending Audit, that the retiring Clerk be granted one-quarter's salary, as above.

1184 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The following had been considered by the Planning Sub-Comm.

Applicant: Mr. H.F. Barton.  
 Description: Erection of garage and access.  
 Location: Rear of 12/14 Fen Road, O.S.P. 96a & 97 MILTON.  
 Observations: Recommend approval.

Applicant: M.L.Kaye (Cambridge) Ltd., Factory Site  
Cambridge Road, Milton.  
Description: Erection of Workshops.  
Location: Cambridge Road Industrial Site, Milton.  
Observations: None: other than adequate parking space to  
be provided.

1185 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting was agreed to be held on Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1966.

This concluded the business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

Chairman.

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