

A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN MILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL ON
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 1974, at 7.30 p.m.

Councillors present: Mr.D.Pearson, in the Chair; Mrs.J.G.Chinnick and Mrs B.C.Watson; Messrs M.J.D.Nurse, R.T.Summerfield and the Clerk.

Apologies from Mrs.M.E.Jones, Messrs H.W.H.Easy, L.M.Forbes and P.Kiddle.

2381 - The Clerk regretted the postponement of this meeting owing to his being ill.

2382 - CIRCULATED MINUTES OF MEETING OF APRIL 2: these were confirmed and approved.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

2383 - CHANGING ROOMS In the absence of Mr. Kiddle the Clerk reported on PROJECT (2380) the setting-up of a joint Parish Council/Village Hall Committee Working Party consisting of Messrs L.M.Forbes, P.Kiddle (Chairman) & K.P.Humphries - all of the Parish Council, with Messrs A.C.Daniels, Overall, M.Gray (Sec. to the Working Party) & Mr.Douglas Jones - all of the Village Hall Committee and Sports Clubs.

The Working Party met on Saturday morning, 27 April when Mr.Humphries (convenor) reviewed the considerable negotiations which he had made and advised on immediate priorities; the administrative work of the Working Party was then accepted by Mr. Gray. The Working Party completed the application form which had to be submitted urgently (by May 1) to the South Cambs. D.C for grant; they agreed to meet frequently and to keep in touch with the architect.

This evening (at this Parish Council meeting) Mr. Humphries was pleased to report, as S.C.D.C. representative, that he had been successful in persuading the General Purposes Committee that morning to grant the Village Hall Committee, the sum of £1,000 towards the project which they would be prepared to re-consider for further grant when the overall grant position for this project became clearer. Mr. Humphries said he had pressed this because of information he obtained only an hour or so before the G.P.Comm. met from the County Council that their DES grants were severely cut (to some third of the requested amount) and the prospects of a DES grant were now less hopeful, with which was coupled the C.C's 'promised' £1442, still not yet finally approved.

The Council discussed the best building procedure under present conditions noting that the labour position was now more favourable. The Clerk was asked to commend to the Chairman of the Working Party (Mr.Kiddle) the use of sub-contracting which members favoured from their own experiences and could effect considerable saving in building costs.

The Chairman reported that the Football Club had presented him with a note of Deposit of £500 at their recent Annual Dinner which was their contribution towards the changing rooms project and which awaited the Parish Council's instructions. The Clerk was instructed to send thanks to the Football Club and confirm with them that the interest would also be available towards the project.

2384 - LITTER BINS The Clerk reported that the original order of Litter bins (2358) from Metalliform Ltd. had now arrived and as the arrangement with the Public Health Inspector was that he should supply only in the event of non-delivery by Metalliform the Clerk had therefore cancelled those offered by the P.H.Inspector.

Agreed the Clerk instruct a builder to erect bins outside Messrs Nutter & Bates, and Messrs Farrow's (who had previously agreed) and Messrs Kybird's if agreeable. If possible the interior bin should be chained and padlocked.

Agreed also to ask the V.H.Comm. to deal with the problem of litter on the recreation ground.

2385 -LITTER NEAR LAY-BY on A.10 (2337) Reply had been received from the County Surveyor to the Council's letter of April 3, complaining of

litter in the ditch behind the lay-by opposite the factory site. The Surveyor said the lay-by was intended as a bus bay (not for general use) and he would remove the parking signs from there and the lay-by opposite. He thought the litter came from building workers opposite and he would provide a litter basket if considered necessary.

2386 - SEWAGE As SCDC representative Mr. Humphries reported that the environmental health Committee had recently passed a resolution expressing the need for planning relaxation of the Milton Sewage embargo in cases of hardship. Confirmation of this and the views of the Anglian Water Authority who now control the City Sewage Farm, were awaited.

2387 - ROAD SAFETY SPATE OF ACCIDENTS - Following the report of this
SPEED LIMIT (2313); IN HIGH STREET(2247) Council to the APM in which
it was stated that the Mid-Anglia Police still had the matter of the accidents in hand - the Clerk had heard from Inspector Meggeson explaining the long delay and lack of reply to us. He also said they had now had joint inspection with the County and were to paint SLOW in two places on the A.10 approaching the danger spot near corner of Butt Lane; to fix reflectors for a length of the bend to indicate its severity and renew the centre line marking. He thought that a chevron board, erected near 11/13 High Street was not applicable as the bend was not a sharp one. He asked for the Council's views however on a chevron board.

The Council instructed the Clerk to thank the Mid-Anglia Police for their attention and would reserve comment until they had been able to observe the effects of the measures proposed.

Reply had been received from Councillor Crossman enclosing a reply to him from the County Surveyor on our behalf. The latter expressed mystification at the spate of High Street accidents and conjectures whether they were due to increase in the strength of beer.

He could not recommend moving the speed limit signs at the northern end of the village. Mr. Crossman asked for the Council's comments on this. The DOE have agreed to extend the limit at the south end towards Cambridge to include the 3 factory entrances. The DOE draft order to raise the speed limit from 30 to 40 m.p.h. had been published in 1973.

2388 - SHIRLEY LODGE Mrs. Chinnick raised the question of the status of the
ESTATE (2249) footpath between Old School Lane and Shirley Close
(2213). The Clerk reminded the Council that Messrs Moss's reply to the Council's query (2249) had indicated they were waiting to hear from the planners regarding the future of the Estate and the status of its roads and paths.

The Clerk was asked to write to Messrs Moss and the Highways authority pointing out the dangers from cyclists and motorcyclists using this path.

The Clerk passed round copies of the following letters:

2389 - DR. HARTLEY Dr. Hartley was apologising for his absence from the
Annual Parish Meeting and complimenting the Clerk on
HIS WORK on the Northern & Milton By-pass representations, and effecting
savings in costs.

2390 - MRS. ZARRATINNI A letter of thanks for the appreciation shown by the
Council for her help in producing the APM brochures.

2391 - IMPINGTON COLLEGE From Mr. Kiddle, Chairman of the Milton Parents'
TRANSPORT (2310) Transport Committee, to the Chief Education Officer pointing out the dangers to schoolchildren from the change of circumstances, and asking the Education Committee for further consideration of transport from Milton to Impington for schoolchildren.

2392 - VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Items (i) & (ii) on the Agenda : Grant to Committee and date of joint meeting were agreed to be deferred until next meeting.

Item (iii) Complaint against the Committee: the Clerk said that the Chairman of the Committee had complained to him that the Hall was not cleared up after the Annual Parish Meeting. In the ensuing discussion on this it emerged that a member of the Committee was employed as Caretaker (at £7 a week) and the Honorary Auditor of the Committee's accounts (Mr. Summerfield) had already pointed out to the Committee that this was a breach of the Committee's Constitution which expressly forbids any member of the Committee or his or her spouse, to receive payment for work done for the Committee. The Auditor had, nevertheless, approved the Accounts. The Clerk said he had also received a complaint from a member earlier and had checked on this breach by the Committee. The Clause was read out and the Clerk advised that it appeared the Committee were in serious contravention of their Constitution with which the Council agreed unanimously. The Clerk also advised that he felt it the duty of the Council, as Custodian Trustees, to point out the seriousness of the error without delay now that it had come to the Council's notice from two sources.

He pointed out that whereas the District Auditors kept very close scrutiny on Parish Council spending it appeared that the public money granted to the Committee by the Council was exempt from such scrutiny unless the Parish Council closely scrutinised Committee spending and in this particular case it was clear that public money was being used and seriously mis-spent by the Committee and therefore the responsibility of the Parish Council of discharging their duties as Custodian Trustees was all the greater.

While agreeing the Council decided to take no action at present.

The Clerk reported receipt of the Audited Village Hall Committee accounts. He had not examined them in detail. It was agreed, in view of the circumstances to defer consideration and not acknowledge at present.

2393 -MILTON PAROCHIAL SCHOOL MANAGERS The Senior Area Education Officer, D. Spreadbury M.A. asked for nomination of 2 representatives to take Office as from September 1, 1974 and to receive them before the 1 May.

The following nominations were agreed.

	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Mr. L.M. Forbes	Mrs. J.G. Chinnick	Mr. R.T. Summerfield
Mr. R.T. Summerfield	Mrs. B.C. Waterson	Mrs. J.G. Chinnick

2394 - IMPINGTON COLLEGE GOVERNORS Similarly requested was one nomination (from Sept. 1 also) Agreed as follows:

	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
Mr. P. Kiddle	Mr. M.J.D. Nurse	Mrs. J.G. Chinnick

2395 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The Planning Committee (composition see 2363) had considered the foll:

S/0106/74 R.G. Russell - bungalow rear 14 Butt Lane - Objection on grounds of undesirable 'backland' development.

S/0063/74 Trinity Coll. Science Pk. - temp. permission (5 yrs) pre-fab. caretaker's hse. - Approved.

S/0097/74 B. Pearson, Fen frm. Milton - farmhouse - strongly support on gds. of hardship that sewage embargo be relaxed or alternatively allow septic tank (provided in plans)

The Planning Comm. referred the foll. apps. to full Council with strong recommendations for refusal:

S/0145/74 ~~Pioneer Concrete Co. on Rear of Levitts Washing Estate - (Ch 69 Parish)~~ Council very concerned in view of existing RMC plant which generates heavy traffic (est. 14/hr.); consider Pioneer Co. "28 mvts/day" considerably underestimated; feel that traffic would double and existing access hardly adequate. P.C object strongly.

The Council considered the foll. apps. recently received.

S/0173/74 - Silverman, Chesterton Fen. - extension to existing storage (0.997 ac.) - no comment

S/0185/74 - Bates F. Milton P.O. Stores - extns. for living accom. and re-tail area - Approval and suggest parking lay-by be provided.

2396 - BILLS The following were approved for payment on the proposal of FOR PAYMENT Mr. Summerfield, seconded by Mr. Nurse.

C.E. News: Advts. of APM; 3 insertions @ £4		£ 12.00
W. Heffer & Sons: stencils (for APM brochure)	2.82	
Files & Carbons	3.90	6.72
Few & Kester: sale of Gray, Conoley land to P.C.		
Few & Kester	22.51	
Theodore Goddard & Co.	38.50	
Stafford Clark & Co	22.00	83.01
Metalliform: litter baskets 4 @ £24 +VAT		105.60
Assoc. of Local Councils: Ann. sub:	26.00	
Reviews	3.00	29.00
K.P. Humphries: Sal. etc. for April	37.50	
Post. o/p. exp. "	13.14	
TEL. calls to 4 April	15.04	68.68
C Cornhill Ins: comprehensive psh. ins. annual prem.		23.20
P.H. Allin: 2 reams dup. paper (APM brochure)		2.64
		<u>£327.85</u>

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

2397 Messrs WARM-PAK Mrs. Waterson said she had had complaints that this FEN ROAD, MILTON business had now, apparently, ceased as a coal yard (about which complainants were pleased) and had now changed to 'Mini Haul' hire service. The Clerk confirmed that no planning application for such change had been received. The Clerk was instructed to investigate.

2398 - Messrs STOKES Mr. Nurse pointed out that development was still going OSP 220 () on although enforcement was supposed to be under way. The Clerk was asked to draw the attention of the Planning Authority to this.

2399 RATE Mr. Nurse was very concerned at the rural rate increases and INCREASES thought this Council should protest in some way. Agreed the Parish Councils Asscn. be asked if representations were being made.

2400- NEXT MEETING - this was agreed for TUESDAY, JUNE 4.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

SIGNED..... *S. Pearson*Chairman *4-6-74*Date.