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A SPECIAL MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY, APRIL 23
1976, IN MILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, 8.00p.m.

I PLANNING COMMITTEE Present: BKC, HWHE, MEJ, RTS (in Chair) MW & Clerk. /& Ptnrs.
Mr. David Cook by invitation. Mr. Hodge (Arnold)
Apologies: JGC, PK, GEP, BCW; Mr. S. Poulter (invited)

APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

2919 S/0465/76 Mr. & Mrs. J. Wilson, Old Rectory, Oxborough, Nfk. for:
extraction of fill to be used in construction of new
Northern By-pass - about 40 acres

S/0466/76 ditto - about 26 acres

HWHE declared an interest and his intention not to vote.

The Applicants' agent had written offering to help the Council and the Chairman had invited Mr. Hodge (of R. Arnold & Ptnrs.). Mr. Hodge said that about 800,000 cu.m. of embankment fill was required for this section of the By-pass scheme. If imported the necessary movement of vehicles wd. mean about 1 every 17 seconds; this app., if granted, would not involve using the village roads. Asked about back-filling he cd. not be committal about the length of time it would take to restore to agricultural use. Borings indicated this was a source of at least 30 feet of dry clay - ideal for the purpose. He agreed the site would be fenced during extraction work.

Members discussed the application at length. They agreed it would relieve the village of lorry traffic (although the suggested rail transport from a distance wd. do the same); it wd. be well away from the village 'envelope' and pits here would have less visual impact on village life than, for instance, pits dug in Milton Fen.

On the other hand it represented a degree of detriment to the environment which would be visible from the new by-pass; an open pit would be left - probably for a very long time which could become a refuse tip or an opportunity for local rubbish dumping.

Each member expressed his individual view.

On prop: MEJ; sec: MW it was AGREED to approve extraction from the 26-acre proposal (S/0466/76) with conditions and to oppose firmly the 40-acre proposal (S/0465/76) on the grounds that the extra 14 acres - which would be all on the village side of the Milton By-pass - would be too close to residential property and was the better farmland. On the vote being taken it resulted 4/0 in favour of the motion. The view of an absent member, GEP, was then mentioned by the Chairman: this was in favour of the 26-acre proposal.

The conditions to be returned to the Planning Office were agreed as follows:

- (i) adequate screening during excavation with tree-planting in the long-term if possible.
- (ii) If possible every effort to be made to avoid use of the pit as local authority refuse tip; and also indiscriminate rubbish dumping.
- (iii) Back-filling to be expedited as much as possible.

2920 S/0440/76 Cambs. Mentally Handicapped Home, Edmund House, Milton for removal of existing WC and addition of laundry room
- no objections

DECISIONS RECEIVED.....

2921 S/0105/76/0 Mrs. E. Goodin. 1, High St: bungalow replacing existing
- granted with condns. as to access, siting and external appearance; proposed dwelling not to be set further back from road than existing dwelling; trunk road access (Regional Controller)

(Decisions Received - contd.)

2922 S/0127/76/F L.Smith, 7, OSLane for addition of a porch - granted

This concluded the Planning Committee business

Signed *R. Sumner*Chairman *10th May 1976*Date

2923 RESIGNATION OF CLERK (2911) The Clerk advised that under s 116 of the Local Government Act, 1972, a person is disqualified from being appointed to a paid office of the Council so long as he remains a member of the Council or for 12 months after he ceases to be a member. He had taken advice from the Chief Executive Officer of SCDC, & Mr. Martindale and (on the latter's advice) from the District Auditor and it would appear that the suggestion (see MIN: 2911) of offering Mr. B. Connor the post of Clerk would have to be carefully re-considered. AGREED to do this.

Meanwhile, also AGREED, the present Clerk be asked to put back his resignation. The Clerk was very happy to do so and again expressed his willingness to continue for an indefinite period - several months if necessary.

AGREED, the situation be reviewed at the next meeting, May 10th.

2924 STREET LIGHTING ECONOMIES - NOT - ICE OF SWITCHING OFF LAMPS The County Council had sent a schedule of lamps in the parish to be switched off as economy measure amounting to about 50%. The Clerk had made inquiries from which it appeared this was now adopted County Council Policy under Govt. directive the aim of which was to save both energy and costs; he also understood all white tungsten lamps were to be eventually replaced by sodium vapour lamps which gave equal light output at about one-third energy consumption.

The Council carefully considered the schedule and members agreed to check this in their own area and to let the Clerk know by Monday, 26th. April if they disagreed with the schedule.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2925 STATE OF FOOT-PATH IN FEN RD. The Chairman had recd. a letter from Miss Hidson, 58, Fen rd. drawing attention to the repairs to footpaths which had been done in Fen rd. down as far as Shirley Close but that nothing had been done in the remaining residential part of Fen rd. The paths were very rough and large puddles after rain. AGREED, Clerk write to County Highways and also inform Councillor Crossman.

This concluded the business and the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed *R. Sumner*Chairman *10th May 1976*Date.