

.MINUTES OF A MEETING OF MILTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL, MILTON, ON TUESDAY, JULY, 25th., 1967 at 7.30pm.

There were present: Mr. D. Pearson, in the Chair; Mrs. M. Jones; Messrs J. S. Doggett, R. T. Summerfield and E. J. Walkling, together with the Clerk.

An apology for his absence had been given to the Clerk by Mr. L. M. Forbes.

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MINUTES (1272)

The circulated minutes of the Council meeting held on May 30th., 1967, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

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Road Safety and Traffic conditions in Milton (1273) -

(i) - Correspondence with the Ministry of Transport -
The Clerk read a letter (written June 10th) to the Divisional Engineer, Ministry of Transport sent on the suggestion of, and in collaboration with, Mr. J. S. Doggett.

The Ministry were told that the Council maintained the A.10 split the village population effectively into two parts. The junction with the Fen Road being unsafe they therefore considered a pedestrian refuge essential there.

No acknowledgement had yet been received.

(ii) - Correspondence with the Mid-Anglia Constabulary -
The Clerk read a reply (dated June 5th., 1967) from the Chief Constable to a letter sent on the suggestion of Mr. A. W. Wenham at a recent Council meeting. The Chief Constable reported 7 accidents in Milton in 1966 of which one was fatal. Speeding offenders between 31st., May, 1966 and 31st., May, 1967: 29 persons reported and 31 given verbal warning.

(iii) - Mid-Anglia Road Accident Report - The Clerk submitted a Report received from the Accident Prevention Officer.

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Waste Land Coles Road (1274) - The Clerk reported he had written (on June 10th.) to Messrs Theodore Goddard and Co acting for Messrs Gray, Connelley, that the Council would be pleased to put their views regarding Messrs Gray, Connelley proposed housing development (of about 10 to the acre) at the end of Old School Lane, in the normal course of Messrs Gray, Connelley's application for planning permission. The Clerk had received acknowledgement.

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'Bus Shelter Lighting Agreement (1276) - The Clerk reported receipt of the signed and sealed contract between the Council and Eastern Electricity for maintenance of the lighting in the two 'bus shelters. The cost of this was to be £2.9.8 per annum for the services of Eastern Electricity in cleaning fittings twice yearly; replacing faulty bulbs and minor repairs to wiring.

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Path across War Memorial Green (1279) - The Clerk read a reply from the County Surveyor in which, although he expressed the opinion that the footpath along both sides of Coles Road into Fen Road should be sufficient, nevertheless he would see what could be done when he next had labour in the area.

The Council agreed with his feelings to some extent but considered that a well-worn path had, in fact, been created across this green by pedestrians and was permanent.

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1298 Parish Council Notice Board (1258) - The Clerk was instructed to send to send a letter of thanks to Mr. G. Russell for providing and erecting the notice board on the Green.

1299 Erection of seat on War Memorial Green - While the Green was under discussion Mr. J.S. Doggett proposed and Mrs M. Jones seconded that the seat already purchased by the Council be put in position on the Green. It was generally agreed that this this would be pleasantly situated under the tree.

1300 Development at Milton Hall (1280) - The Clerk read a reply from the County Planning Office to the Council's complaint that they had not been consulted about the extensive development now taking place at Eastern Electricity Headquarters involving new roads and increase in traffic.

The reply regretted the 'oversight' in not consulting the Council. The letter contained details of the 5 conditions under which Eastern Electricity were granted approval. The Clerk pointed out that the letter contained no particular reference to traffic routes entering or leaving the Eastern Electricity premises at Milton Hall.

Mr. J.S. Doggett declared his strong feeling of the Council being 'by-passed' completely in this matter. He voiced concern, with which the Council fully agreed, about the only access road, viz: Church Lane, which was not constructed to carry the increased weights and numbers of vehicles now already using it as a result of the reorganisation by Eastern Electricity.

The Clerk was instructed to write to the County Planning Officer to this effect and also to point out that certain new roads on the Eastern Electricity premises had already been laid without any consultation whatever with the Council.

1301 Old School and Schoolhouse (1284) - The Clerk read a reply from Messrs W.J. and J.G. Taylor (acting for King's College) in which they stated they could not, at this stage, name any sum which would be available for the Council from the sale of the old school. Further, they wished to make it quite clear that no definite promise could be given by King's College that any gift at all can be made; the College being subject to the direction of the Charity Commission. They would let the Council know of any decision.

1302 Parking of Caravans (1291) - The Clerk read a reply to his letter of 10th. June enquiring as to the regulations governing the parking of caravans in private gardens in Milton.

The County Planning Office say that permission is not required if the caravan is in use as an extra 'room' by the owners/occupiers of the dwelling house, or for an unoccupied caravan which is not for sale or hire.

303 SALE OF OLD VILLAGE HALL SITE (1277) -

Considerable discussion took place on this matter. The Clerk reported on conversations and correspondence he had had with the District Valuer, The Ministry of Housing and Local Government, the Clerk to Chesterton Rural District Council and the Manager of Lloyd's Bank (who was also the (Parish) Council's Treasurer.

Two offers the Clerk had received in writing for the purchase of the old Hall were considered by the meeting but

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